

TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Give Me Peace on Earth
Live in Peace with Others
Colossians 3:15

PRELUDE: Setting the tone for the experience

See the **Getting Ready** pages at the end of this document for a detailed description of what you'll need for today. In the **Prelude** folder of your curriculum, you'll find a variety of other resources to help you prepare.

TODAY'S KEY QUESTION

Who do you need to make peace with?

SMALL GROUP

15
MIN

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

We can make peace with others.

LARGE GROUP

35
MIN

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- MONTHLY CHALLENGE - PEACE
- Each grade share stories every week with your leaders of YOU showing patience
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- **LOVE WORKS SUNDAY - bring items next week**
- *****PRETEEN TEASER: Superstart Event May1 - registration OPEN NOW - video announcement?**

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

So let us do all we can to live in peace. And let us work hard to build up one another.
Romans 14:19, NlrV

WORSHIP:

- THROUGH IT ALL
- THERE'S NOTHING THAT OUR GOD CAN'T DO

MONTHLY LIFE APP

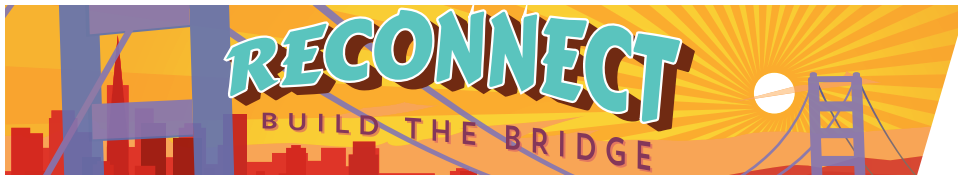
Peace—Proving you care more about each other than winning an argument

SMALL GROUP

25
MIN

BASIC TRUTH

I should treat others the way I want to be treated.



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K-6

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ENGAGE KIDS' HEARTS THROUGH A DYNAMIC AND INTERACTIVE BIBLE STORY, WORSHIP, AND PRAYER EXPERIENCE IN A LARGE GROUP SETTING.

AUDIO: PLAY HIGH-ENERGY MUSIC AS STUDENTS ENTER.

SLIDE: THEME

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP

Host enters . . .

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): COUNTDOWN (30- OR 60-SECOND VERSION)

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME

OPENER

HOST: "Hey, everybody! Let me tell you something. Today is a great day! My name is [your name], and I'm so glad you're here!"

"This month we're talking about peace.

SLIDE: LIFE APP

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME TRANSITION TO LIFE APP

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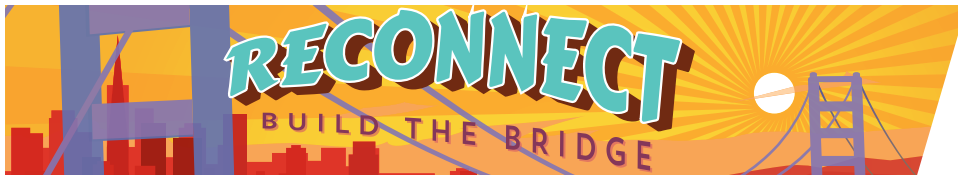
SLIDE: THEME

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): LIFE APP TRANSITION TO THEME

"When you make peace with someone, it's like you're building a bridge. You won't let ANYTHING come between you. You find a way to make it across the gap (*demonstrate with your hands*) so you can make things right and be friends again.

We have a fun game to get started today . . . one that will really STRETCH you. I need six participants. Who wants to play?"

Host brings up six kids and introduces them to the audience.



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“Okay, you’ll work in teams of two to build a bridge using 20 plastic cups. The goal is to create the longest cup-bridge you can between the two chairs. Here’s how it works. You’ll turn the stack of cups sideways and do your best to stretch them out between these two chairs. You may move the chairs as far apart as you think you can span, but keep in mind, you only have one minute to stretch the longest bridge you can. One person on each end can hold the cups to the chair. Your bridge must stay suspended without falling to the ground for a count of three. Make sense? Any questions? *(Pause for response.)* Great! Remember, your goal is not only to get your bridge to stay but to make sure it is longer than the other teams around you. Ready, set, go!”

SLIDE: 60 SECOND TIMER

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): COUNTDOWN (60-SECOND VERSION)

AUDIO: UPBEAT GAME MUSIC

When the time is up, measure the chair distance for each successful bridge. Declare a winner. Have more teams try if time allows.

“*(After the game)* Our winners really STACKED up well against the competition! Get it—because it was a game with plastic cups. OKAY THEN! Stand up and let’s worship God together!”

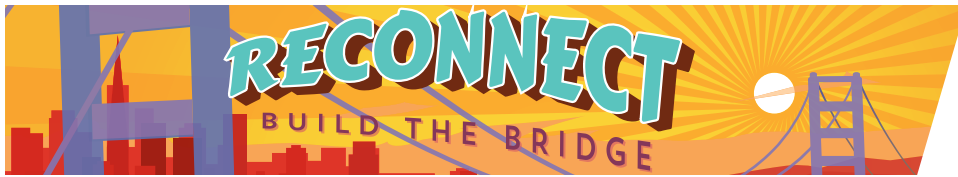
WORSHIP

Worship Leaders enter as Host exits.

WORSHIP LEADER: “Hey, everyone! Jesus is a Friend like no other. He is always faithful and true. Let’s kick off our time of praise as we celebrate Him together. Come on!”

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APPLICATION

COMMUNICATOR: "I'm sure we can all think of a time when we built a wall when we should have built a bridge. And the thing is, it probably takes even more energy to build a wall . . . because then we have to keep it up and stay upset and stay guarded against the person we are upset with. Building a bridge to make peace with someone is tough, but it is not impossible. How do I know? Because Jesus set the example for us. We love because He loved us first. We forgive because He forgave us first. God doesn't ask us to do what He hasn't already done for us."

SLIDE: BOTTOM LINE

"We can make peace with others."

"Every day, we have a choice to make. Are we going to try to have everything OUR way? Or are we willing to put that aside so we can make peace with others? Let's choose to **[Basic Truth] treat others the way we want to be treated.** Let's live like one body. Let's live in peace."

"Let's talk to God and ask him to help us build bridges not walls"

SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND

PRAY

STORYTELLER: "God, thank You for making peace with us by sending Your Son, Jesus. It can be hard for us to get along when we feel frustrated or annoyed with each other . . . or when we want things to go OUR way. When that happens, help us remember what You've done for us. Help us follow Your example and do everything we can to make peace with others. We love You, and we ask these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

LANDING

COMMUNICATOR: "Today as you go to groups, I want you to talk about this question:

SLIDE: KEY QUESTION

"Who do you need to make peace with?" In other words, could you find yourself in one of these scenarios? Do you have any walls up right now? And if so, what would it look like to build a bridge instead? You'll get the chance to talk more about this with your Small Group. Before we head out, let's pray and ask God to help us with the courage it might take to make peace. Let's pray."