

WEEK
TWO
APRIL 2021

SMALL GROUP
PRETEEN

PRELUDE SOCIAL STORY WORSHIP GROUPS HOME

**PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION
15 MINUTES**

MADE TO MOVE

an activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body



OPENING ACTIVITY

WHAT YOU NEED: Two beach balls

WHAT YOU DO:

- Divide the group into two teams.
- Instruct teams to sit together in a line, each team facing the other, about six feet apart.
- Teams will race to pass a ball from start to finish. The first team to pass the ball to the end of the line wins.
- The catch is that for each round, kids must pass the ball using a different part of their bodies.
- For example:
 - Round 1: Pass the ball using only your left hand.
 - Round 2: Pass the ball while sitting using only your feet.
 - Round 3: Pass the ball using only your head.
 - Round 4: Pass the ball using only your knees.

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

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

TODAY'S KEY QUESTION

Who do you need to make peace with?

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

We can make peace with others.

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, NIV

MONTHLY LIFE APP

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

BASIC TRUTH

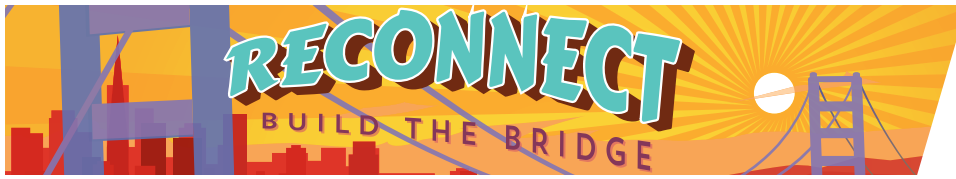
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WHAT YOU SAY:

"You did a great job using different parts of your body to move the ball to your teammate. I wonder what using your hands, feet, head and knees has to do with learning about peace. **[Transition] Let's head to Large Group to find out.**"

Lead your group to the Large Group area.





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**CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES**

MADE TO PLAY

an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and/or working as a group



**TAKE A SNAPSHOT
[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]**

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:

- Ask kids to get into pairs to play "Rock, Paper, Scissors."
 - Kids make a fist and pound it into the other hand as they say, "Rock, Paper, Scissors, Peace."
 - As they say "Peace," they make a rock (a fist), paper (an open hand with palm facing the ground), or scissors (make a "v" or a "scissor" with their index and middle finger).
 - Rock beats scissors, scissors beats paper, paper beats rock.
- After a few rounds, tell kids to switch partners.
- Ask kids to keep track of the number of games they win.
- Whoever wins the most games, declare them the overall winner.
- Ask:
 - Do you think the game "Rock, Paper, Scissors, Peace" could help you live in peace with someone?
 - Encourage kids to give an example.
 - If needed, prompt by asking: Two friends disagree about whose turn it is to go first. How could a game of Rock, Paper, Scissors help them to live in peace?
- Ask kids to give an example of people we need to live in peace with. (*parents, brothers, sisters, teachers, etc.*)
- Challenge kids to dig deeper by asking: What about someone who disagrees with you? Would they be an example of someone we need to live in peace with? Why or why not?
- Consider asking:
 - What are things kids disagree about? (*This question could provide opportunities for conversations to help your group deal with situations they could be facing with trying to show peace.*)
 - Two friends disagree about what movie to go see. What are some things they can do to live in peace with each other? (*skip the movie and do something else, play rock, paper, scissors to pick, etc.*)
 - Your mom asked you to walk the dog and you know it is your brother's turn to do it. What is something you can do to live in peace? How does our attitude affect whether we live in peace with others?
 - Are you living in peace if you decide to walk the dog but you stomp out of the house while yelling "This isn't fair"? Why or why not?

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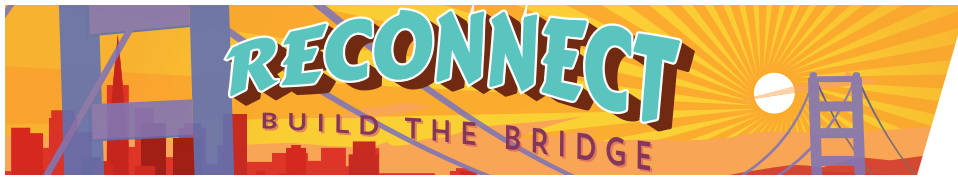
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an activity that invites kids to share and collaborate with others while growing their understanding



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS
[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:

Ask:

- When is it hard to live in peace? What are things that can keep us from showing peace to others?
- How can the peace God gives you help you live in peace to others?
- What does it look like to live in peace with others?
- What can you do when you are struggling to show peace to others? Who can you talk to when you need help figuring out how to show peace?

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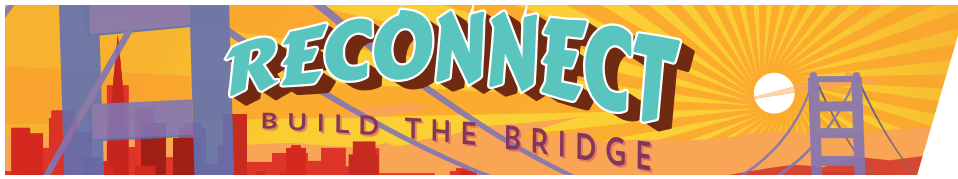
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MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that creates space for personal processing and application



MAKE IT PERSONAL WITH PRAYER

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Colossians Cards" from the Bible Story Extension Activity, Bibles

WHAT YOU DO:

- Ask: Is there someone in your life you need to make peace with? Maybe it is someone who disagrees with you about something, or maybe it is someone who frustrates you.
- Give kids time to reflect. Allow kids to share their thoughts if they want to.
- Read the "Colossians Card" or ask kids to look up Colossians 3:15 in the Bible to read.
- Ask: What do you think being thankful has to do with peace? How can remembering to be thankful to God help you show peace to others?
- Ask kids to think of one thing they are thankful for about the person they need to make peace with.
- Close in prayer.

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"God, Thank You so much for Your peace, for showing us how much You care for us by sending Jesus so we can be with You now and forever. God, we know there are times when it's difficult for us to live in peace with others. There are people in our lives who frustrate us or annoy us. Help us to show peace, especially to *(Pause and prompt kids to silently fill in the name of the person they need to make peace with)*. God, we know that You will help us make peace with the people we just thought of. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen."

