

Jump Ball: Finding Peace in the Madness

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GRADES
2-3

SMALL GROUP

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

STORY

WORSHIP

GROUPS

HOME

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BIBLE STORY

Let there be Peace on Earth
God Made Peace with Us
Colossians 3:15

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, NIRV

LIFE APP

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

BOTTOM LINE

We can make peace with others because God made peace with us.

BASIC TRUTH

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

PRELUDE: Setting the tone for the experience

For Leaders Only
Create the Environment
Monthly Overview

15
MIN

SOCIAL: Providing time for fun interaction

Early Arrivers
Total Concentration

25
MIN

STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

Opener
Bible Story
Worship
Prayer
Closer

10
MIN

WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God

"Never Gonna Be" from *At the Top of My Lungs*
"Good Good Father" from *Kidmin Worship Vol. 4*

25
MIN

GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect

Verse Pairs
A Way for Peace
Peace in Pieces
Prayer

HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

GodTime
Parent Cue

GETTING READY

SOCIAL: PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION

CHOOSE ONE OR BOTH OF THESE ACTIVITIES.

EARLY ARRIVER IDEA*Made to Connect:* an activity that invites kids to share with others and build on their understanding**WHAT YOU NEED:**

- Offering container

TOTAL CONCENTRATION*Made to Play:* an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and working as a group**WHAT YOU NEED:**

- Operation® or Jenga® game
- Timer (can use one on a phone)

GROUPS: CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT

CHOOSE AS MANY OF THESE ACTIVITIES AS YOU LIKE.

** If you don't have time to do all these activities, be sure to do activity #2.***1. VERSE PAIRS****[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]***Made to Reflect:* an activity that creates space for personal understanding and application**WHAT YOU NEED:**

- Print the "Paired Up Verse Cards" Activity Page and cut apart; one set for each small group
- Bibles
- Timer

*** 2. A WAY FOR PEACE****[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]***Made to Create:* an activity that explores spiritual ideas through the process of drawing, building, and designing**WHAT YOU NEED:**

- White copy paper; one piece per child
- Print the "Folding Instructions" Activity Page; two for each small group
- Scissors
- Markers
- Pencils

3. PEACE IN PIECES**[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]***Made to Reflect:* an activity that creates space for personal understanding and application**WHAT YOU NEED:**

- Print the "Memory Verse Puzzles" Activity Page on cardstock; one for each kid
- Bibles
- Scissors
- Zip-top bags; one for each kid

PRAYER**[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]***Made to Reflect:* an activity that creates space for personal understanding and application**WHAT YOU NEED:**

- Crosses kids made in the "A Way for Peace" Activity

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

- Make copies on cardstock or email this week's GodTime and Parent Cue cards.
- Tell parents about our additional family resources: **Studio252.tv** and the **Parent Cue** app.

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CONNECT

an activity that invites kids to share with others and build on their understanding

Welcome kids and spend time engaging in conversation and catching up. Get ready to experience today's story.

Before kids arrive, take a few moments to pray for them. Thank God for first making peace with us by sending His only Son to pay the consequences for our sin. Ask God to guide you as you unpack the reasons behind why we should work toward peace with others. Pray that God would open kids' hearts to receive what He has for them today.

1. EARLY ARRIVER IDEA

WHAT YOU NEED: Offering container

WHAT YOU DO:

- Greet kids as they arrive and encourage them to place their offerings in the offering container.
- Ask:
 - What is one way you chose to "keep the peace" at home this past week? At school? In your neighborhood?
 - What happened when you chose to do whatever you could to bring peace to the situation? How did the people around you respond? Did they notice??

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PLAY

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2. TOTAL CONCENTRATION

WHAT YOU NEED: Operation® or Jenga® game, timer

WHAT YOU DO:

- Gather the kids around the game provided.
- Play the game as per instructions BUT use the timer so that each player only has 15 seconds to complete his/her turn. (Start the timer as soon as the game moves to the next player, so kids feel the effects of the time limit by having less time to think about their moves.)

WHAT YOU SAY:

"How did it feel knowing you had only a certain amount of time to complete your turn? Would it have made a difference if we'd played this game without a time limit? (*Pause for responses.*) [Operation or Jenga] is hard enough without adding the extra pressure of a time limit! That time limit pressure made you feel stressed and anxious. **[Transition] It's hard to have peace when we're anxious or worried, isn't it? But real peace IS possible, no matter what is happening around us. Let's go find out how to have real peace in our Bible story today.**"

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

**TALK
ABOUT GOD**
BIBLE STORY
REVIEW



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1. VERSE PAIRS

WHAT YOU NEED: “Paired Up Verse Cards” Activity Page, Bibles, timer

WHAT YOU DO:

- Pair kids up and give each pair a Bible and one verse card.
- Explain that you would like each pair to use the table of contents at the front of their Bibles to look up the verse, read it together, and answer the questions below. (These questions are written on the card along with their scripture reference too):
 - What is this verse saying?
 - How can knowing this truth help me this week?
- Before they start, give each group a different amount of time to complete the task.
 - For instance, assign the first pair closest to you three minutes, another pair five minutes, another two minutes, another NO time limit, etc.)
- Time the groups and let them know when their time is up, based on the allotted times you’ve assigned.
- Gather everyone together and let them share their verse and quick answers to the two questions.

WHAT YOU SAY:

“For those groups that had less time than others, how did that make you feel? (Pause for responses) There’s a tension there—almost like the pressure you felt to finish this task quickly. And in life, we all know what it feels like when we don’t have peace, right? There’s a sort of tension that’s there that can lead to fighting or conflict. Well, God knows all about that. And He doesn’t want that for us. So He made a way for us to have peace—real peace—through Jesus. You see, **we can make peace with others because God made peace with us.** I’ll show you how in our next activity!”

LIVE FOR GOD APPLICATION ACTIVITY



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* 2. A WAY FOR PEACE

WHAT YOU NEED: White paper, Two "Folding Instructions" Activity Page, pencils, markers

WHAT YOU DO:

- Hand out a piece of white copy paper to each kid.
- Look up and read Colossians 3:15. Explain that these verses remind us that **we can make peace with others because God made peace with us.**
- Use the instructions and pictures on the "Folding Instructions" page to guide the kids to fold and make one cut to their pages to create a cross.
- If time allows, let the kids write out Colossians 3:15 in the center of their crosses.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"What is the ultimate reason we can have peace? Because God made peace with us. How? Through Jesus! God sent Jesus to take the punishment for the wrong things we do by dying on the cross for us. But He didn't stay dead. Through Jesus, God brought peace to our hearts because Jesus rose from the dead three days later. We'll celebrate that amazing event NEXT week on Easter! Let's take these crosses home as a reminder that **we can make peace with others because God made peace with us.**"

HEAR FROM GOD MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY



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3. PEACE IN PIECES

WHAT YOU NEED: "Memory Verse Puzzles" Activity Page, Bibles, scissors, zip-top bags; one for each kid

WHAT YOU DO:

- Select one volunteer to look up Romans 14:19 and another volunteer to read it aloud.
- Pass out the "Memory Verse Puzzle" pages and instruct the kids to cut them apart.
- Once they've cut out the puzzle pieces, encourage the kids to put the puzzle together and then read the verse aloud.
- When finished, encourage the kids to place their puzzle pieces in a zip-top bag to take home.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"This has been an awesome month learning all about peace. And I've loved learning this memory verse too. We should do all we can to live in peace. After all, Jesus made the greatest sacrifice—giving up His own life—to bring peace between God and us. Because of what He did, our sins no longer separate us from our heavenly Father. And that is amazing! When you face a situation this week where you want to push for your own way, or you want to be right, or you just want to put up a fight, think about the peace that God has offered to you.

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PRAY TO GOD PRAYER ACTIVITY



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PRAY AND DISMISS

WHAT YOU NEED: Crosses from the "A Way for Peace" activity

WHAT YOU DO:

- Encourage the kids to hold their crosses from earlier as you pray.
- **[Make It Personal] Talk to the kids about how knowing Jesus and having a personal relationship with him has helped you be a peacemaker in your relationships with others.**
- Ask if anyone would like to pray aloud.
- If no one volunteers, be prepared to close out with the prayer below.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Heavenly Father, thank You for sending Jesus and for the cross and what it means. Help us to remember this week that we can make peace with others because You made peace with us. In Jesus' name we pray, amen."

As adults arrive to pick up, encourage the kids to show their folded cross to their parents and talk about how the cross brings us peace.