

PEACE means proving you care more about each other than winning an argument.



DAY 1

Read Colossians 1:20 (NIV)

This month is all about peace. Peace is proving you care more about each other than winning an argument. If you think about it, that's what Easter is all about. God sent Jesus, His one and only Son, for us.

Jesus came to make things right between us and God. He took the punishment we deserved by dying on the cross. And then He rose again—He came back to life—to prove that nothing could ever separate us from God when we put our trust in Jesus. Easter matters because God made peace with us.

Find a trusted adult and read the following statements below. **Do you have any questions? If so, talk about them together.**

- God made us.
- Our friendship with God was broken by sin.
- God loved us so much that He sent Jesus to fix that broken relationship.
- When we put our trust in Jesus, we can experience peace with God.

Pray with your trusted adult and ask God to help you understand His big plans to bring peace to the world and peace to you.

DAY 2

Read John 14:27 (NIV)

When Jesus came to earth, many hoped that He would be a leader who would rule and bring peace. And Jesus did come to bring peace, but not in the way they expected. Jesus came to bring us peace in our hearts.

When you have done something wrong, there is usually a consequence for that wrong choice. Our sin comes with consequences and punishment - but God sent Jesus to take the ultimate consequence for our sin. By taking our punishment, Jesus brings us peace. When we put our trust in Jesus and what He has done for us, we can have peace.

Draw a gift box on a separate piece of paper. Write "PEACE" on the side of your box and draw a great big bow.

Thank God for sending Jesus to bring the gift of PEACE to you in a way that only He could.

DAY 3

Read Isaiah 54:10 (NirV)

In the space below, write down some words that describe a mountain.

Did you include words like strong, majestic, or big in your list? When you think about mountains, you might not be picturing them the way today's verse describes. Even if the mountains were to shake or the hills disappear, God's love for us never changes. And we can know that for sure because God is bigger and stronger than any majestic mountain range. He's the one who created them in the first place.

God's covenant or promise to us is peace. It's a peace that can never be shaken or removed. God made a promise to give us peace and He kept that promise by sending Jesus.

Tell God you love Him. Then, thank Him for loving you so much that He chose to send Jesus.

God made peace with us.

DAY 4

Read Romans 5:1 (NirV)

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$5-0=$

Were any of those problems hard for you to solve? Even if you needed a little help, those problems were probably easy to solve.

Peace isn't quite so easy. When you have a conflict with someone, it's hard to see things from the other person's point of view. It's hard to stop and think, "How can we solve this problem?" in the middle of an argument. We're more interested in pointing out how the other person is wrong.

Thankfully, God doesn't do that.

God made people and people sinned. Instead of listening to God, we decided to do things our own way. But again, because God loves us, He sent Jesus to fix that problem. God had a solution to the sin problem even while people were still messing up. God sent Jesus to pay for our sin so we could be forgiven. We can have peace with God because of what Jesus has done.

Thank God today for loving you so much that He sent Jesus to bring peace so that you can have a relationship with Him forever.