

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

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DAY 1

Read 2 Corinthians 13:11

Think about the last argument or disagreement you had with someone. What was it about?

Peace takes work. It's easy to get angry. It's much harder to work towards peace. Paul included these words at the end of his letter to the church in Corinth.. Paul tells us to work, to help, to agree, and to live in peace.

So, what was your last argument about and who was it with? Do you need to apologize for something you said or did when you argued? **Ask God to help you do the right thing, to say what you need to say so you can work towards peace.**

DAY 2

Read Ephesians 4:3

Raise your hand if you love building with LEGO® blocks?

LEGO blocks are awesome but they aren't indestructible. In fact, the bigger the set, the more careful you have to be to protect it. Because if it gets knocked over, it's super frustrating to go back through all those instructions to put it back together. But with time and work, it can be fixed.

When Paul wrote these words, there were Jewish believers and Gentile believers and now they were all worshipping together. Each side had their own ideas and sometimes they clashed. So, keeping the peace took work. Paul wrote to remind them that because of Jesus, they really were one.

Peace is possible but we need the Holy Spirit to help us. Thankfully, we don't have to do it alone. When you trust in Jesus, you have help to live the way He wants you to live.

Carefully grab your favorite Lego creation or something else that's breakable and important to you. **Ask God to help you protect your relationships with others (just like you work to protect your favorite things) so you can keep the peace.**

DAY 3

Read Colossians 3:15

Ask an adult to help you find some recyclable materials to build a bridge. Here are a few ideas:

- ➔ Toilet paper or paper towel tubes
- ➔ Cardboard / Paper
- ➔ Empty cereal or other small boxes

Set a timer for ten minutes and build a bridge using only the materials you've gathered.

When you have an argument or disagreement, peace can help you rebuild that relationship. **Peace is like bridge.** And the good news is, we don't have to keep the peace alone. We have help!

Go grab some tape or glue. Use it to connect the parts of your bridge to make it stronger. Once it's finished, grab a car or something else that rolls and see if your bridge holds up.

Remember, Christ gives us His peace to rule in our hearts. That means we can't really have peace without His help. He's like the glue holding everything together. Leave your bridge up this week as a reminder to "live in peace" with others.

DAY 4

Read Numbers 6:24-26

God spoke these words to Moses as a message to give to the Israelites. It was a blessing He wanted Aaron (Moses' brother) and Aaron's sons to pray over the people. It was a reminder of God's goodness, His love and care for them and His promise to bring them peace.

Who are you having a hard time getting along with? Do you have the courage to pray these words over that person? Do you need to ask God to help you?

Pray and tell God you're sorry for your part of the argument. Ask Him to help you keep the peace. Then, write in the name of the person you're fighting with in all the blanks below and repeat the verse aloud. (Go into your closet or the bathroom if you want to be on your own as you pray.)

"May the Lord bless _____ and take good care of _____.

May the Lord smile on _____ and be gracious to _____.

May the Lord look on _____ with favor and give _____ peace."

*We can make
peace with others.*