

PARENT CORNER

weekly

TODAY: APRIL 2-4

Bible Story: Alive (Easter) *Colossians 1:20 and John 20:1-18*

Big Idea: God made peace with us through Jesus.

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

Bible Story Summary:

In the beginning, Adam and Eve decided that their way was better than God’s way and broke God’s rule, they changed the relationship between God and His creation. When once everything and everyone could be in the presence of God, now we were at odds with God. God could have done anything He wanted, including wiping us out and starting over. But instead, God decided to make peace with us. Ultimately God did this through His Son, Jesus.

When Jesus rose from the dead, He paid the price for everything that was wrong and unfair in this world. Because of Jesus, we can have peace. We don’t have to get even. Instead, we can reflect the character of Christ by caring for others and making peace.

This weekend, as we celebrate Easter, we want to make sure that kids know how they can have a relationship with Jesus. Throughout the entire Bible, we see God’s plan to make peace with us. God went to great lengths to fix what was wrong between us and Him. When God looked across humanity and saw the brokenness of our relationship with Him, He proved He cared about us by sending Jesus, His only Son to die—to build a bridge and resolve the conflict that existed. Now, Jesus is alive, and we can have a relationship with God that lasts forever.



Write the verse for this month on your child’s mirror in their room or bathroom. Give them the challenge to focus on making peace with others over fighting with a sibling or friend.

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WEEK 1



DAY 1

READ *Colossians 1:20*

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.
- But 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.

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

DAY 2

READ *John 14:27*

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.

God sent Jesus to pay the price for our sin. That’s the peace that Jesus brings. When we put our trust in Jesus and what He has done for us, we can have peace.

Draw a heart on a separate piece of paper. Draw a cross inside of that heart and write “PEACE” on the cross.

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*

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

Did you include words like strong, magnificent, 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 magnificent 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.

HEY PARENTS SIGN HERE!

Have a parent sign your completed GodTime.

Parent signature

Date

Return for 5 Bible Bucks!

DAY 4

READ *Romans 5:1*

Peace isn't always 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 the price 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.

parent CUE:

Want to know what your child is learning at church? Download a free app called **Parent Cue**. This app is put out by The reThink Group who writes the curriculum we use in Uptown as a guide to what our kids learn.

Parent Cue has parenting articles, blogs, and ways you can live out your faith at home. Week by week you will be given cues so you can make the most of your time with your kids for God.



at a GLANCE



Bibles N Bucks Shopping:

- April 11 **First Grade**
- April 18 **Kindergarten**
- April 25 **Fourth Grade**
- May 2 **Third Grade**
- May 9 **Second Grade**



Child's Name: _____