

City SG - June 15-16, 2019

Bible Story: Peaceful Easy Feeling (Don't Worry) • *Matthew 6:25-27*

Bottom Line: You can have peace because God is in control.

Memory Verse: *The fruit the Holy Spirit produces is love, joy and peace. It is being patient, kind and good. It is being faithful and gentle and having control of oneself.* Galatians 5:22-23a, NIV

1. Birds and Flowers Tic-Tac-Toe

What You Need: "Birds and Flowers" and "Scenarios" Cards (1 set, per group); Tic-Tac-Toe Board (1 per group)

What You Do:

- Cut apart the "Birds and Flowers" and "Scenarios" Activity Pages.
- Divide the group into two teams.
- Give one team the "bird" cards and the other team the "flower" cards.
- Place the tic-tac-toe board in the center of your small group area/rug.
- Place the scenario cards in a stack facedown next to the grid.
- Teams will take turns selecting a card, reading the scenario, and sharing out loud how they could have peace in that situation.
- Once a team has shared their answer, they may work together to decide where to place their "bird" or "flower" on the grid.
- The first team to get three birds or flowers in a row wins!

What You Say:

"You gave some great answers. When the not-so-great stuff happens, it's hard to remember that God is in control. But He is. He made you. He loves you. Every time you see a bird or flower, I want you to remember that **[Bottom Line] you can have peace because God is in control.**"

[Make It Personal] (Tell about a time when you felt peace in the midst of a pretty crazy circumstance.)

2. Emoji Code

What You Need: "Emoji Code" cards (1 set per group)

What You Do:

- Show kids the picture side of an "Emoji Code" card. (answers on back of card)
- Pause and give kids a chance to solve the code.
- Guide kids to place their finger on their nose (or make another discreet sign) when they think they know the answer.
- Call on a volunteer to answer.
- Continue with the remaining cards, ending with the "Choose Joy" card.
- **Variation:** (This is a great option after you've gone through most of the cards together as a group.) Direct kids to sit in a circle. Guide each child to hold their hands above their head as you give them a card. Kids hold the cards above their heads while you call out the ANSWERS to the codes. Kids look around and identify the child with each answer. Hold the "Choose Joy" card in reserve, inviting kids to "decode" it at the end of the game.

What You Say:

If kids guess "choose joy". "That's right! Today we learned all about the peace that we can have in Jesus. His love gives us joy, and we can be safe in His peace! We can choose joy!"

3. Peace, Paper, Pound It (Rock, Paper, Scissors Variation)

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do:

- Pair children up. Play a game similar to Rock, Paper, Scissors as follows:
 - Peace (2 fingers up) beats Paper (Flat Hand, Palm Down)
 - Pound It (Balled Fist) beats Peace (2 Fingers Up)
 - Paper (Flat Hand, Palm Down) beats Pound It (Balled Fist)
- Winners remain standing, losers sit down for the round
- Winners find a new partner, and play until there is one final winner
- Play as long as time/interest allows

BEFORE DISMISSAL: AT "COMMUNION CALL"

HAND OUT "GOD TIME" CARDS TO EACH CHILD AND ALLOW THEM TIME TO BEGIN WORKING ON THE WEEKLY ACTIVITY

IF CHILDREN BRING THEM BACK THE FOLLOWING WEEK, THEY RECEIVE A PRIZE!