

City LG—April 10th-12th, 2021

Today's Bible Story: Give Me Peace on Earth (Live in Peace with Others) • *Colossians 3:15*

Today's Bottom Line: We can make peace with others.

Monthly 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)

WORSHIP: Something Good and Look to You

Worship Leader prays...

Supplies Needed: 2 Mr Potato Heads and Pieces (per Campus) and Table

"Hi, everybody! Have you ever thought about how all the parts of your body work together? Like, just then, my brain said, 'Wave, hand,' and my hand went like this. (Wave.)

"If you want to walk across the room, your brain tells your legs to move. (*Demonstrate.*) If you touch something hot, your body reacts quickly as you pull your hand away. (*Demonstrate.*) God designed all the different parts of your body to work together. That's the way God designed us to work with each OTHER, too. Listen to what the apostle Paul wrote about it.

Open the Bible to Colossians 3:15 (NIRV) and read.

"Let the peace that Christ gives rule in your hearts. As parts of one body, you were appointed to live in peace. And be thankful.

"Paul was telling a group of believers that they should live in peace with each other and get along. But that isn't always so easy."

Move behind the table. Dump the box of Mr. Potato Head® pieces onto the table. Start assembling the two heads as you talk—with the wrong parts in the wrong places.

"As we go throughout our day, there are so many things we can argue about, right? We argue about what to watch on TV.

Put a body part (incorrectly) into each Mr. Potato Head.

"We disagree about which seat in the car we'll sit in.

Put a body part (incorrectly) into each head.

"We can't possibly agree on which video game to play and who gets to be player one.

Put a body part (incorrectly) into each head.

"We can't get along because we all want things OUR way.

Stop and look at the out-of-order heads.

“Hmmm. That doesn’t look right, does it? So what can we do? How can we keep from being all mixed up in our relationships with other people? How do we make sure we’re all working together in PEACE—like parts of one body?”

“Well, let’s look back at what Paul wrote in his letter.

SLIDE: Colossians 3:15a

(reading from the screen) “Let the peace that Christ gives rule in your hearts. (NirV)

“Did you see that? It’s all about the peace that CHRIST gives. In other words, the peace that JESUS gives. We can try our best to make peace with others on our own, but it’s our relationship with Jesus that will really make the difference. The peace that Jesus gives us CHANGES us. It helps us when we have a disagreement with someone and our friendship feels broken and mixed-up. *(Reference the Mr. Potato Heads®.)*

“Remember, God gave us the perfect example of peace.

SLIDE: Three Crosses

“He made a way for US when He sent Jesus to be our Savior. When Jesus died on the cross, He paid the price for all of our wrong choices. Jesus made a way for us to have peace with God.”

“When we really believe that’s true, and we experience God’s peace for ourselves, it will start to change our hearts. The peace we have from GOD will help us make peace with other people.

“That’s what Paul meant when he wrote this . . .

SLIDE: Colossians 3:15b

(reading from the screen) “As parts of one body, you were appointed to live in peace. And be thankful. (NirV)

SLIDE: Theme Background

Take the pieces out of the Mr. Potato Heads® and start building them correctly. Comment as you go (“Let’s see . . . this nose goes here.”). Keep going until both of them look 100% right.

(sighing) “Much better! I think these two are ready to live in peace now. Don’t you?”

(AS ONE OF THE HEADS): “You can play Nintendo Switch buddy. I know it’s your favorite.”

(AS THE OTHER HEAD): “Awww, thanks, pal. And you can sit on the driver’s side when we go to the grocery store later. Enjoy the view.”

(AS FIRST HEAD): “You’re the best, my potato-headed friend. If you want, we can play *Zelda* later. You can play first.”

(AS BOTH HEADS): “Yeah! Potato high-five!”

Make the Mr. Potato Heads® high-five. Then set them down on the table.

Let’s watch this week’s episode everyone!

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 11:00)

“The peace that God gives us will make us want to make peace with others. After all, God set the example when He made peace with us by sending Jesus. And BECAUSE God made peace with us . . .

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] “We can make peace with others.

“Every day, we have a choice to make. Are we going to try to have everything OUR way? Or are we willing to put that aside so we can make peace with others? Let’s live like one body. Let’s live in peace.

“Will you pray with me?”

PRAY: “God, thank You for making peace with us by sending Your Son, Jesus. It can be hard for us to get along when we feel frustrated or annoyed with each other . . . or when we want things to go OUR way. When that happens, help us remember what You’ve done for us. Help us follow Your example and do everything we can to make peace with others. We love You, and we ask these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

“Sometimes, it can be tough for us to live in peace with each other. But we know God is always there to help us. After all, He MADE us to live in peace with each other. He sent Jesus so that we could have true peace that will never end. He can help us make peace with the people around us, too.

“Remember . . .

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] “We can make peace with others.

“Is there someone who YOU need to make peace with? Your mom? Your brother? One of your friends at school? Think of someone in your life you know you need to make peace with. Then make the first move to make things right.

“Remember, if you’re not sure what to do, you can always ask your parent, your grandparent, or another adult you trust. They can help you figure out what you can do to make peace.

“Our memory verse for this month is Romans 14:19. Let’s read it together.”

SLIDE: Memory Verse

KIDS: *“So let us do all we can to live in peace. And let us work hard to build up one another.”*
(Romans 14:19, NIV)

“Good job. One more time.”

KIDS: *“So let us do all we can to live in peace. And let us work hard to build up one another.”*

“That’s right. We can make peace by building each other up and showing how much we care!”

Dismiss kids to Small Groups.