

Lesson 21 Additional Activities

Materials

Peacemakers Kit Activity

- ❑ markers
- ❑ appropriate stickers (stars, smiley faces, hearts)
- ❑ fabric scissors for adults



For each child:

- ❑ one edible treat (must be something that can be broken in half and will not quickly spoil, such as a cookie, small bagel, rice cake, or cracker)
- ❑ zippered plastic bag, 1 gallon size
- ❑ one sheet of felt, about 8" x 11"; if possible, use different colored sheets so that children can choose a color – light colors work best.
- ❑ yarn or ribbon, about 15" long
- ❑ one copy of Web Activity Master 3

Before the lesson:

- Clip a small hole in each of the two top corners of the felt.
- Slip one end of the yarn or ribbon through a hole, pulling enough so that you can knot the end of the yarn to the yarn on the other side of the hole (so it will not slip through).
- Do this with the other end of the yarn and the other hole; the yarn now creates a way to hang the banner.
- With a marker, write the word *Peacemakers* in the center of the banner, large enough to be a focal point but leaving room for a child to add stickers and draw with markers.
- Make one copy of Web Activity Master 3 for each child.
- Have all materials ready on a table so that children can collect what they need.



Exploring

Peacemakers Kit Activity

Do you ever fight with somebody at home?



That happens to everybody. What did Jesus say we should do then?

- Encourage children to recognize they should say they are sorry and they forgive.

In our prayer, we learned a word for people who make friends again. It is “peacemaker.” Here is one way to be a peacemaker.

- Hold up a cookie or cracker.

Next time you have a fight with someone at home, when you are ready to work it out, get a cookie or cracker and go to the person. If the other person is ready to talk, break the treat in half. Sit down and share it while you talk and work out the problem.

- Hold up the banner.

When you have forgiven each other, hang up the banner!

So you can do this at home, you can make a ‘peacemakers kit’ to take home.

- Hold up the directions to be sent home.

This will tell them how to use it.

- Put it into a bag.
- First put the directions in the bag. Then one cookie. Then take a banner and decorate it with stickers and markers. When you are finished, put it into the bag. Remember to take it home!



PEACEMAKERS KIT DIRECTIONS



Dear Family,

Your child has learned that Jesus wants us to be peacemakers by saying we are sorry and forgiving each other. Now your child has made a 'peacemakers kit' for your home.

When there is conflict between two people, and one is ready to reconcile, he/she finds a treat and offers it to the other person. If both are ready to reconcile, they break or cut the treat in half and share it as they talk. (If they are not ready, the treat is put away). When they feel peaceful again, they can hang up the banner together.

Any kind of edible treat can be used, even leftover pizza! After the banner has been displayed for a few hours, put it away in a place all household members know, so it can easily get found at another time.

Enjoy the peace!

