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We can forgive
others because God
has forgiven us!

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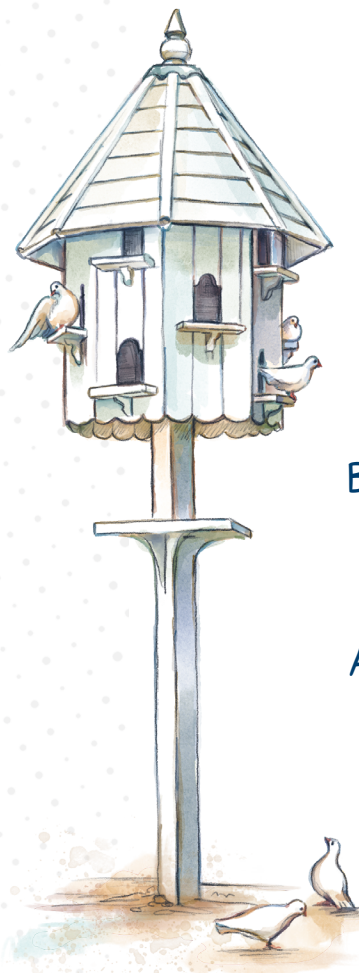
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Pre - K Level

Ages 3 - 4

Why Do We Need Peace?



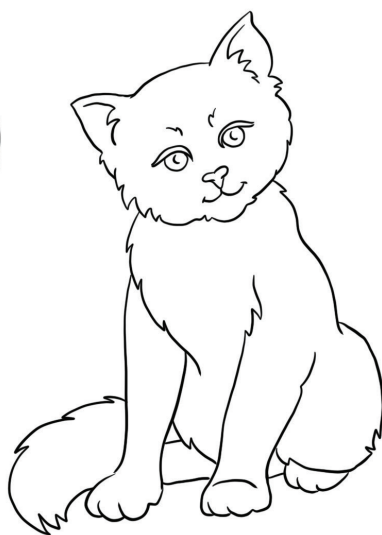
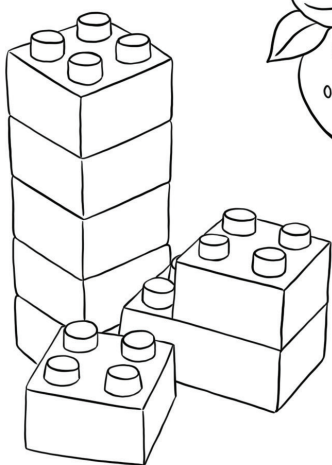
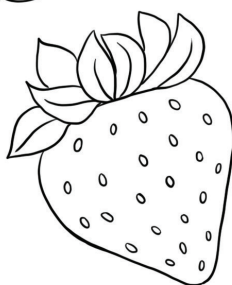
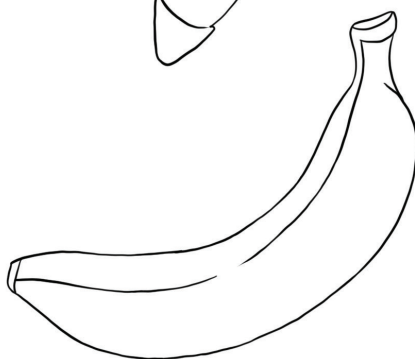
Why does it seem we
Never have peace?
We fight and hurt and
Our words are mean,
We have different ideas
And like different things.

But all of us are made by God,
With thoughts and feelings
And talents galore,
And learning this truth helps us
Love others more.

→ KEY TRUTH:

We need peace
because there are many
problems in this world.

📖 PHILIPPIANS 2:4



Use your favorite color to circle the things you like best.

Then, use a different color to circle what your friend or sibling likes best.

Primary Level

Ages 5 - 7

Why Do We Need Peace?

Everywhere we look in this world, we see conflict. It can be as simple as wanting to play with the same toy as your friend. Or it could be as serious as two countries wanting the same land. Whether silly or serious, conflict is normal because it's normal for people to have different ideas or plans.

Do you remember yesterday's story of Mark and Becca? This was not a peaceful situation! What different ideas did Mark and Becca have?

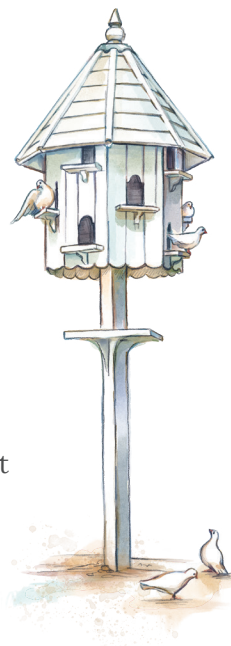
Mark and Becca both wanted to play the piano. That's a conflict. But not all conflict is bad. In fact, conflict itself isn't a sin. It's our response to a conflict that causes us trouble. Mark's response was to push Becca, and Becca's response was to hit Mark. It wasn't wrong for them to want to play piano—but it was wrong to hit and push. If either of them had been a peacemaker, the situation would have been much different.

Think about some people you could have a conflict with. Who comes to mind?

You can have conflicts with your parents, your siblings, your friends, and even strangers. That's because God wonderfully makes all people (Psalm 139:14) and none of us is the same as someone else. So since we are all very different, we all have different likes and dislikes, different opinions, and different things that are important to us.

What are some things that are really important to you? Draw them on page 7.

What is really important to your parents? Are those things the same as what you drew? Because all people are different, we won't always agree on what's most important or how something should be done. When we disagree about something, that's a conflict. But conflict isn't the problem. Our responses to a conflict are the problem. God warns us about bad responses in His Word.



Draw the things that are very important to you.

Now, read these verses and draw a line to the response the verse talks about.

Ephesians 4:26 James 4:2 Philippians 2:3

Physical harm, fights ANGER Selfishness

Pray and ask God to help you become a peacemaker, even with people who have different ideas than you do.

Junior Level

Ages 8 - 12

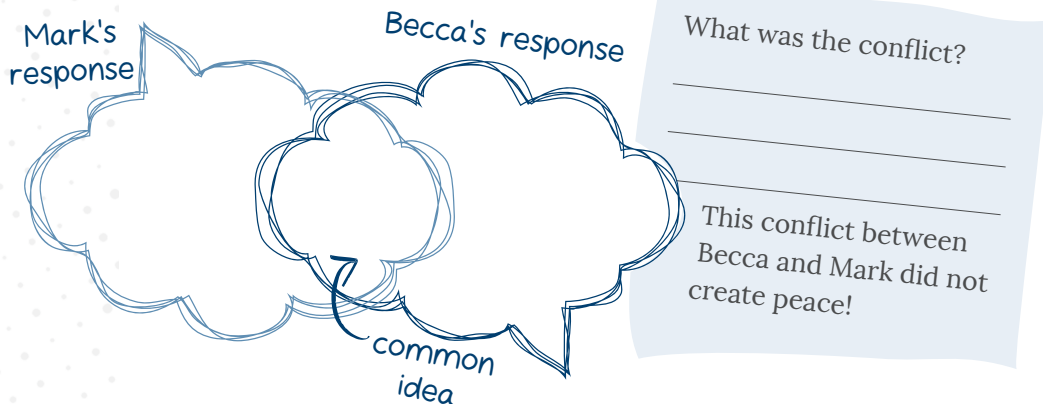
DAY 2

Why Do We Need Peace?

A conflict occurs when there are two opposing ideas or plans.

Everywhere we look in this world, we see conflict. It can be as simple as you wanting to wear the same shirt every day and your mom telling you, “That’s gross.” Or it could be as serious as two countries that want to occupy the same land. Conflict is common because it’s normal for people to have different ideas or plans.

Think back to yesterday’s story of Mark and Becca. What was the idea they had in common, and what were their responses to it?



Our response to conflict is a slippery slope. The conflict itself isn’t a sin, but sadly, conflict often leads to sinful reactions, as it did for Mark and Becca. Mark pushed Becca, and Becca hit Mark. It wasn’t wrong for them to want to play piano—but it was wrong to hit and push. If either of them had been a peacemaker, the situation could have ended much differently.

On the left side of the chart, write a list of people you have had (or might have) conflict with. In the right column, jot down some of the conflicts.

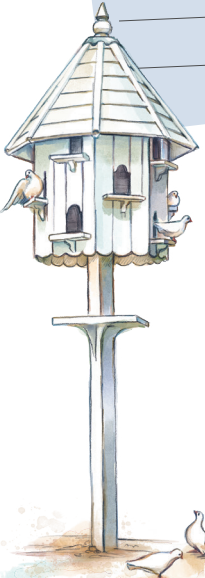
PEOPLE	CONFLICTS

God wonderfully makes all people (Psalm 139:14), and none of us is the same as someone else. So since we are all very different, we all have different likes and dislikes, different opinions, and different things that are important to us.

What are some things that are really important to you? Write down a list of these things, and then write down a list of things that a parent or sibling thinks are important.

Important to me

Important to others



Do your lists match? Probably not! The fact that someone has a different set of things that are important to them doesn't mean that they are wrong or that you are wrong. It just means that you are different people! This is a really good thing!

The way we respond to our differences or disagreements with others is very important. This is where we can get in trouble. Here is a list of some responses God warns about in His Word. Look up each verse and match it to the wrong response it talks about.

Ephesians 4:26

- "Getting back" at someone

Ephesians 4:31

- Bitterness and anger

James 4:2

- Slander (which means gossip and ugly talk)

Philippians 2:3-4

- Pride/judging/putting ourselves in the place of God

Romans 12:17

- Physical harm, fights

James 4:10-12

- Selfishness

Pray and ask God to show you the wrong responses you've been making and help you be open to changing them—and becoming a peacemaker.

Youth Level
Ages 12 and up

Why Do We Need Peace?

When you think of the word “conflict,” what comes to mind?

A conflict occurs when there are two opposing ideas or plans.

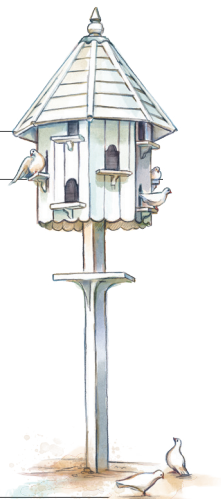
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So what actually made Becca and Mark’s household not so peaceful? I bet you can guess. Give it a try.

Our response to conflict is a slippery slope. The conflict itself isn’t a sin, but sadly, it often leads to sinful reactions as it did for Mark and Becca. Mark pushed Becca, and Becca hit Mark. It wasn’t wrong for them to want to play the piano. If either of them had been a peacemaker, the situation could have ended much differently.

On the left side of the chart, write a list of people you have had (or might have) conflict with. In the right column, jot down some of the conflicts you have had or might have with each person.

PEOPLE	CONFLICTS



God wonderfully makes all people (Psalm 139:14), and none of us is the same as someone else. So since we are all very different people, we all have different likes and dislikes, different opinions, and different things that are important to us.

What are some things that are really important to you? Write down a list of these things, and then write down a list of things that a parent or sibling thinks are super important.

IMPORTANT to me

IMPORTANT to others

Do your lists match? Probably not! The fact that someone has a different opinion than you doesn't mean that they are wrong or that you are wrong. It just means that you are different people! This is a really good thing!

We can respond wrongly to our differences or disagreements with others. This is where we get in trouble. Look up each verse and match it to the wrong response it talks about.

Ephesians 4:29

- Bitterness and anger

Ephesians 4:31

- "Getting back" at someone

James 4:2

- Pride/judging/putting ourselves in the place of God

James 4:10-12

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Romans 12:17

- Slander (which means gossip and ugly talk)

Philippians 2:3-4

- Selfishness

Wow! There is so much that keeps us from having and making peace—and this is just a short list of possible wrong and sinful responses. We have a problem. But that's why we're here—to see what the Bible says about our sin problem and how to get help!

Pray and ask God to show you the wrong responses you've been having and help you to be open to changing them.

Parent Guide

Why Do We Need Peace?

When you think of the word “conflict,” what comes to mind?

A conflict occurs when there are two opposing ideas or plans.

Everywhere we look in this world, we see conflict. It can be as simple as you being the only person in your family who doesn't want to watch the same movie 100 times. But maybe it's more serious, like political differences between family members or friends. Whether silly or serious, conflict is normal because it's normal for people to have different ideas or plans. Think back to yesterday's story of Mark and Becca.

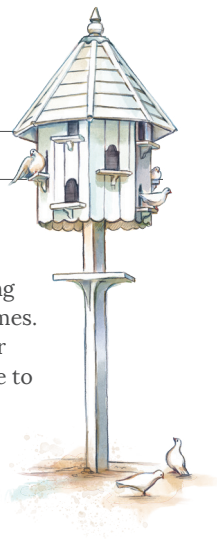
What was the conflict? What ultimately made Mark and Becca's household not so peaceful?

Our response to conflict is a slippery slope. The conflict itself isn't a sin, but sadly, it often leads to sinful actions as it did for Mark and Becca. If either of them had been a peacemaker, the situation could have ended much differently.

On the left side of the chart, write a list of people you have had (or might have) conflict with. Then in the other column, jot down some conflicts you have or might have with each person.

PEOPLE	CONFLICTS

God wonderfully makes all people (Psalm 139:14), and none of us is the same as someone else. So since we are all very different people, we all have different likes and dislikes, different opinions, and different things that are important to us.



What are some things that are really important to you? Write down a list of these things, and then write down a list of things that your child thinks are super important.

IMPORTANT to me

IMPORTANT to my child

Do your lists match? Probably not! The fact that someone has a different opinion than you doesn't mean that they are wrong or that you are wrong. It just means that you are different people! This is a really good thing!

Remind your kids that we greatly benefit from all the unique and different ways various people approach situations and problems. There are so many things we would not have today without the inventor, scientist, or entrepreneur who saw things differently and solved a problem!

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- Physical harm, fights
- Slander (gossip and ugly talk)
- Selfishness

There is so much that keeps us from having and making peace—and this is just a short list of possible wrong and sinful responses. Are there any you specifically struggle with? Maybe even ones that are not mentioned?

We all have a sin problem. Parents, kids, teens, friends, family—we all need to turn to Christ for help because on our own, we will often resort to sinful responses when conflict arises.

Pray and ask God to show you and your kids the wrong responses you've been having and help you be willing to change.

Scripture: Philippians 2:4

Key Truth: We need peace because this world is full of conflicts and sin.

Discussion: What conflicts seem to keep you from having a peaceful life? Do your responses to conflict make peace or add to the conflict? How so? What is one change you can make in your response to conflict today?