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SUNDAY

# CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY

## PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY



These children's worship resources are part of the Peace with Justice Sunday pastor and leader kit, based on Romans 14:19 (CEB). It can be adapted for your context and integrated into your worship service with the other material in the kit.

### Romans 14:19 Common English Bible

**So let's strive for the things that bring peace and the things that build each other up.**

### BOOKS TO READ:

**Depending on the age of your students.**

Playing War by Kathy Beckwith, Lea Lyon (Illustrator)

That's Mine by Anna Kang

What Does Peace Feel Like? by Vladimir Radunsky

### SONGS TO SING:

Jack Johnson: My Own Two Hands

I've Got Peace Like a River (TFWS 2145)

Let there be peace (UMH 431)

**Start with music and a story.**

### ACTIVITY: MAKE A PEACE POLE

**You will need a 4x4 piece of lumber, or any size square post; markers, paint, tempera paint sticks and a location to post your peace pole.**

**Say:** *The world can sometimes feel like a big game of tug-of-war. We might playfully argue about which team is the best, who sings the best songs, or which Taylor Swift album is the coolest. But*

*sometimes, disagreements aren't fun—they can be big and scary, like the ones we see on the news or in real life.*

*But guess what? God wants us to do things that bring kindness and peace to each other!*

**(the discussion will depend on the age appropriate book you read to your students).**

**Today we're going to create a peace pole and put it (wherever it works for your church space).**

*What is a peace pole? A Peace Pole is a special sign that people all over the world make to share a big hope—that peace will be everywhere! It's like a tall wooden post (kind of like a fence post), and each side is decorated with words and pictures that remind us to be loving and kind. Most Peace Poles say, "May Peace Prevail on Earth" in different languages so people everywhere can understand. The Peace Pole Project is a great website for seeing photos of peace poles all over the world and if you choose to do this activity, a place where you can share photos of your peace pole! <https://www.worldpeace.org/peacepoleproject/>*

*When we create our Peace Pole, we are doing this together with thousands of people all over the world who also believe peace is important! There are thousands of peace poles across the globe. They are designed as reminders to give out love for world peace.*

**As you talk through what Peace looks like, what symbols come to mind? What words? Consider adding the word peace in a**



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variety of different languages. Add Scripture verse references around the pole. Let the children be creative. If peace is a bunch of flowers - let it be flowers! Peace can even be cars & trucks when children find playing a peaceful activity.

### ALTERNATIVE ACTIVITY: WORKING TOGETHER IN PEACE ACTIVITY

<https://www.daniellesplace.com/html/bible-crafts-beatitudes-peacemakers.html>

1. Children will work together in groups of two to form letters that spell out a word. Remind them that they should use their peacemaking skills such as: listening, cooperating, compromising, being considerate, etc. while forming their bodies into the letter shapes because they will be rated on their performance.
2. Give each team thirty seconds to form the letter. The letters should be standing up, not lying on the floor.
3. The other children should observe the performing team and rate the team on a scale of 1 – 10 on how well they worked together and if they accomplished their task.
4. Add up the scores and then ask some of the children why they gave the score they did. Teams may lose points if they weren't cooperating, one team member was trying to run the show, a team member said something that wasn't nice, or a team member wasn't helpful or didn't compromise, etc.
5. The team with the highest score wins.

If you have a camera, take pictures of the children in their letter poses and then print them out and display them on your bulletin board. You only need to use P-E-A-C-M-K-R because some letters are used twice.

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