

PEACE

Blessed are the peacemakers



10 Assemblies on peace for
primary & Infant Schools



INTRODUCTION

Thank you for purchasing this resource. We hope that you will find it useful in exploring ten different aspects of peace in a Christian context. The resource has been split into two sections, 'peacegetters' and 'peacemakers'.

The five 'peacegetters' sessions look at some of the peace promises that God gives to us. The 'peacemakers' section explores some of the practical things we can do to promote peace.

There is no prescribed order for the sessions although we would encourage schools to finish one section before looking at the other to avoid confusion. Having said that, they could all be used as stand alone sessions.

As with some of our other materials, each daily reflection comes on a two sided card. One side features a colourful graphic, a Bible verse and theme. The other side provides a Bible verse, prayer, quote and illustrative story, to get children

thinking and applying some of the key messages.

We hope that schools may involve pupils by assigning them different sections to read out and therefore participate more actively.

Once each card has been used, they can be mounted to provide a colourful reminder of the reflection for children.

This Peace pack is the first in a series of packs that form part of our 360° Values series. Our aim is to provide whole school resources on each of 15 different values that can be used in assemblies, classrooms, staffrooms and the home. This will provide schools with a complete package of resources to promote each of the values over a period of time.

For more details on the other resources available for peace, please visit our website.

Section

Theme

Peacegetters

God's Promise 1	"I will bless my people with peace"
God's Promise 2	"Please me and I will give you peace"
God's Promise 3	"Trust me and I will give you peace"
God's Promise 4	"My promise of peace is forever"
God's Promise 5	"I will take away your worries"

Peacemakers

God's Challenge 1	"Think the best of others!"
God's Challenge 2	"Don't get involved in gossip!"
God's Challenge 3	"Be a good listener!"
God's Challenge 4	"Don't play tricks!"
God's Challenge 5	"Speak the truth in love!"



peacegetters



When people live so that they please the Lord, even their enemies will make peace with them

Proverbs 16:7

God's promise 2

“please me and you will find peace”

God's Promise 2

"Please me and I will give you peace"

Verse

When we please the Lord, even our enemies make friends with us (Proverbs 16:7)

Reflect

"Remember Tilly, trust the bridge!" Tilly replayed the words over and over again in her mind. "Trust the bridge, Trust the bridge!" It was only meant to be a short hike but they'd got lost and her father had fallen down a ravine. He was hurt, Tilly was sure of that, but she couldn't tell how badly. They had briefly discussed what to do. The best course, the only course, of action was for Tilly to go for help. But now here she was, standing on the edge of a large canyon with a rickety old rope bridge in front of her.

"He can't have meant this old thing", thought Tilly, as she stared at the bridge with its rotting timbers and fraying rope. "That will never hold me!" Tilly walked up and down the side of the canyon, desperately searching for something stronger, more substantial that could get her across. There was nothing but the old rope bridge, now swinging gently in the breeze. "Are you sure dad?" asked Tilly knowing she wasn't going to get a reply.

Tilly secured her rucksack on her back and nervously approached the bridge. She placed her right foot onto the first wooden plank quickly pulling it back as she felt it move. "Trust the bridge! Trust the bridge!" Tilly kept muttering the words under her breath, trying to convince herself that everything would be ok. She tried again, this time placing her foot a little more carefully. She grabbed the rope to keep her balance. As she lifted her other foot, the bridge swayed briefly threatening her balance. Her breaths shortened with nervous anticipation as every plank creaked under her step.

Step by step Tilly made her way across the bridge. She'd made a promise to herself that she wouldn't look down, a promise soon broken. As she looked her imagination ran wild with all the possible things that could happen to her if the old rope bridge let her down. But it didn't!

Shaking with fright, but safe on the other side of the canyon, Tilly looked back across the canyon. "I guess you were right dad!" She thought aloud, "I guess I can trust the bridge after all!"

Questions

- *Why didn't Tilly trust the bridge?*
- *What made her trust it?*
- *How did it work out?*
- *Why is God trustworthy? What difference does that make?*

Pray

Lord, we confess that we often get things wrong and try to do things our own way. Please forgive us.

There are other times, Lord, where we know what the right thing to do and yet give in to temptation and do things that disappoint you. Please forgive us.

Help us to follow your ways, O Lord, however difficult or costly they may be, knowing that we are in your safe hands.

Amen

QUOTE

Be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies.

Mother Teresa