

Family Page




Isn't today's message of peace a happy one? It would be wonderful to set aside this week for the express purpose of exploring the following ways for peace and love to be made more a part of your family's daily life.

- 1 Settle all arguments in a calm and loving way.
- 2 Be messengers of peace to others. Find ways to help neighbors who are unhappy or sad or worried.
- 3 Make a PEACE scrapbook using plain notebook paper or drawing paper. Look through magazines and find pictures of people who seem to have found the peace of Christ — people working happily together, helping others, playing together.
- 4 Set aside a quiet time to pray the Family Prayer for Peace.



Family Prayer for Peace

Heavenly Father, you have sent us your Son to teach us the true meaning of the word *peace*. Help us this day to share this message with everyone we meet. And help us to make our family a family of love and peace and faith. For we know that the peace of Jesus Christ is just another way of saying, "God is with you always." Amen

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explaining GOD'S WORD

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PEACE



All of these symbols mean the same thing to different people. Can you guess what the word is? Hold this page up to a mirror and you will find the answer.

Peace Be With You

Peace can mean so many things. To a soldier it means no more fighting. To friends it means “I want to make up.” To parents it means a quiet time to relax at the end of a day. What does peace mean to you?

After Jesus had died, the disciples were afraid they would be killed too. They were also sad because Jesus had died. They loved him and they needed him. Who would guide them now? Who would teach them how to live? Who would tell them what to do next? They were so very much afraid that they hid in a room with all the doors locked.

Suddenly — there was Jesus right there in the room, looking as alive as always. “Peace be with you,” he said. What did Jesus mean when he said “Peace”?

He meant, “Do not be sad anymore, for I am with you now.” He meant, “Do not be afraid, for I will care for you always.” He meant, “Don’t worry about the future, for I will



send the Holy Spirit to teach you all you need to know.” Jesus gave peace a new meaning: comfort, courage, and guidance. The peace of Christ — a special way to say “I love you!”

PASS IT ON!

There is a special time at Mass to share the message that Jesus gives today. Follow the trail from the lettered circle and write that letter in the circle at the end of the line. Then read down the right-hand column and find your answer.

