

Peace means proving you care more about each other than winning an argument.



Read Romans 12:18

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Walk Away

In our Bible story this week we learned that Isaac didn't just walk away, he ran away from a fight and God blessed him for making peace. Often times, we think of a fight as being a physical fight. But a fight can also be a verbal argument with someone. Think of a time when you had an argument with someone. Maybe your brother or sister? It can be so hard to walk away, especially when you feel like you are right, but that is exactly what we should do. So, the next time you catch yourself arguing with someone, hold up your two fingers (peace sign) and walk away.

Ask God to help you know when to walk away.

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2

Peace Puzzle

See if you can fill in the blanks with the correct words to complete the peace poem below.
(do, wish, make, give, are)

Peace is not something you w ____ for,
It's something you m ____.
Something you ____,
Something you ____,
And something you g ____ away.

Remember we can't just wish for peace we have to make peace!

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3

Live at Peace

Ask an adult to help you look up Romans 12:18 and read it together. This verse very clearly tells us that we are supposed to live at peace with everyone! Pat your legs with both hands one time. Now clap both hands together one time, and snap your fingers two times. So we have a rhythm that goes pat, clap, snap, snap. Parents, you say the verse one section at a time and let your kids repeat after you while keeping the pat, clap, snap, snap rhythm. "If it is possible / as far as it depends on you / live at peace with everyone. / Romans 12:18"

Look for ways to live at peace with everyone!

DAY
4

Peace Out

Today, create a visual reminder of peace. Find three pipe cleaners and some yarn. Make a circle with the first pipe cleaner. Make a vertical line with the second pipe cleaner down the center of the circle. Then, make an upside down "V" with the third pipe cleaner. Attach it to the middle of the vertical line. Then attach the two ends of the "V" to the circle. Attach the peace sign to it to make a necklace.

**Dear God,
Thank you for helping me understand how important it is to be at peace with everyone.**

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DAY 1

Read 2 Thessalonians 3:16

Most likely, the last time you were in an argument you weren't thinking about peace at all. When there's a disagreement, all we want to do is win or be right or make the other person see it "our" way. But peace doesn't work like that. In fact, sometimes the most peaceful thing you can do is to give up and let it go. After all, you can show you care about others by walking away from a fight.

Read the first sentence of today's verse again. Who gives you peace? Where does it come from?

Yep, God gives peace. And the good news is, He has an endless supply!

Read the statement below, pausing after each line. Repeat it four times, picking a different voice for each round.

May the Lord who gives peace
Give you peace
At all times
And in every way.

Ask God to give you peace at all times, in every way, so that you can show you care by walking away from a fight.

DAY 2

Read Romans 12:18

When you're mad, like really mad, peace is hard. When someone says something mean, it's hard to walk away. That's when what you focus on becomes really important. Instead of thinking about what's been said or what's been done, what if you shifted your focus to peace, instead? There are actually lots of things you can do.

- You can stop.
- You can ask God to help you.
- You can walk away.
- You can talk to an adult.
- You can choose kind words instead of unkind words.

This week, when you find yourself getting really mad about something, instead of focusing on what's been done to you, try to focus on what you can do. **Ask God to help you live in peace with everyone, as much as you can.**

DAY 3

Read Romans 14:19

When Paul wrote these words, there was a lot going on in the early church. Jews, who followed all kinds of laws about what to eat and wear and act, were worshipping right alongside Gentiles who had very different views. And anytime you get two different groups with two very different ideas together, there will definitely be some disagreements. Paul wanted them to stop finding fault and work hard to build each other up.

It's a good reminder for us too. Instead of insisting on our own way, we should seek to peace and look for ways to encourage each other. And when there's a disagreement or fight, sometimes the best way to bring peace is to simply walk away.

Hidden Words:

Find each word from the verse in the grid below by moving from square to square, in any direction. We've done one for you as an example. Then write down the five unused letters below to find the key word.

Live Work Hard ~~Build~~ One

B	I	D	E	N
U	E	L	K	O
L	I	A	R	E
P	V	O	C	D
E	W	H	A	R

KEY WORD:

DAY 4

Read Isaiah 32:17

Draw lines to connect the words below that have opposite meanings.

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| HIGH | RIGHT |
| LIGHT | SLOW |
| LEFT | END |
| FAST | LOW |
| BEGINNING | DARK |

What is the opposite of peace? Fighting!

Doing what is right brings peace and rest.

Choosing to listen instead of yell, stopping to take a deep breath instead of making a point, or walking away instead of throwing something at your brother is always the better choice. When you choose to do what is right instead of what you might WANT to do in the moment, you bring calm to the situation.

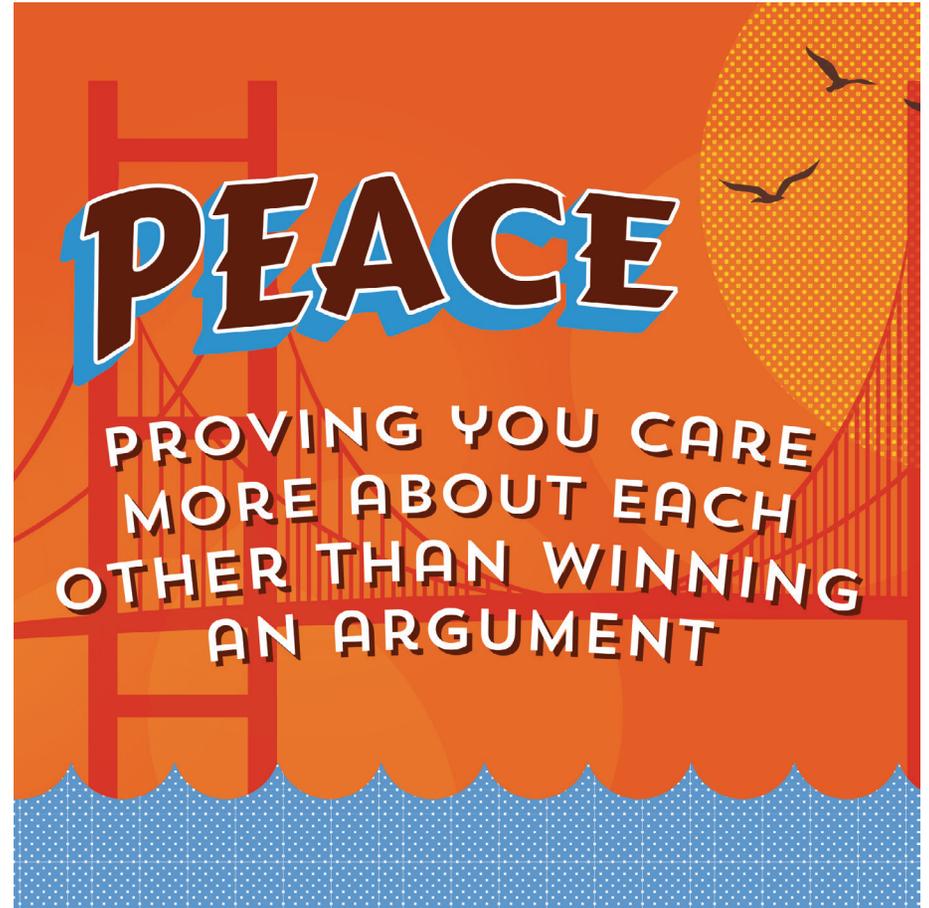
The next time you get into a disagreement with someone and you feel yourself getting angry, stop and simply walk away. You might be surprised how doing the opposite of what you feel like doing in the moment turns things around!

You can show you care about others by walking away from a fight.

Spend some time thinking about the question below and journal your thoughts or share them with a parent.

WHEN
should you walk away from a fight?

Lined area for journaling responses to the question.



Day 1

Go to cornwallchurch.com/children and watch the So & So Show.

Even if you already saw it at church, feel free to check it out again!

SO & SO TOP 3

After watching, write one thing that:

- 1. You liked: _____
- 2. You learned: _____
- 3. You'd like to know: _____

Day 2

Read Genesis 26:1-6, 12-22, 26-31

As you read the passages, when you get to the part where Isaac packed up and moved, take your Bible, pen, and anything else in your immediate surroundings and move somewhere different to sit. The next time Isaac has to move, do it all over again. In fact, every time he has to move and dig new wells, gather your stuff and move too.

It's kind of annoying, isn't it? And it must have been pretty humbling for Isaac to give up what was actually his. But by walking away from a fight (more than once!), he showed true strength and wisdom—and God blessed him with peace.



Day 3

Have you ever done a prayer walk?

Often this means walking around a building—like praying for a school while you walk around it—or a nature walk while you praise God for His creation. Today you're going to walk while you pray so you can envision (literally) walking away from a fight. Whether you stretch your legs outside or just walk around your house, as you pray, ask God for the strength to walk away from a fight. You can use a prayer like the one below, or use your own words to ask God for help.

“Dear God, thank You for the example we have in Jesus of how to show others we care by walking away from a fight. He could have put up a fight when He was arrested. He could have called down angels to save Him from the cross. He didn't have to die, but He chose to walk away from that fight because of how much He loved us. I want to follow in His footsteps and walk away from a fight—not because I'm scared, but because I care. Help me to show others how much I care by choosing not to fight them. And please give me wisdom on when I should stand up for myself and when I should walk away. In Jesus' Name, I pray. Amen.”

Day 4

You can show you care about others by walking away from a fight.

It's important to keep peace, but there are definitely times when someone is not treating you well and you need to stand up for yourself. Being a peacemaker doesn't mean being a doormat for someone to step on. There are some cases when you do need to stand up for what's right, and that might mean you need some help.

If there's a fight you feel like you might need to walk away from, find an older friend or trusted adult and talk to them about it. If this isn't something you're facing right now, however, it's still a great idea to talk to someone about it because there will come a day when you'll need to know what the wise choice is. Role-play different scenarios with each other—different situations where you might need to walk away and some where you might need to stand up for yourself or someone else. End your conversation by praying together for wisdom in seeking peace with others.



Day 5

When should you walk away from a fight?

Even if you've brainstormed with a friend beforehand, chances are good that you'll have situations throughout your life when you have to decide whether you should walk away from a fight or not. If you remember the word peace, it will give you some simple steps to help you make the wise choice.

Pray and ask God for wisdom
Evacuate yourself from the situation if you feel unsafe and ask an adult for help
Ask the other person questions—what is really bothering them? Why do they feel the need to fight?
Compromise, if possible, with the other person
Encourage the other person with kind words

Get a sheet of paper and write the first words:

Pray
Evacuate
Ask
Compromise
Encourage

Now hang the piece of paper somewhere to remind you how seeking peace can help you know if you should walk away from a fight.