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Blessed are the Peacemakers

Matthew 5, Luke 6

Objectives:

- Teach the importance of being a peacemaker
- Teach the principles from the Sermon on the Mount

Reinforces Principles of:

- Kindness
- Example

This lesson contains 4 activities:

Choose the activities that fit your family's schedule.

Use on Mondays to introduce the topic, or the following Sunday to review.

Reverence Time: Song, prayer, scripture and video clip

Lesson Time: Lesson summary and points to ponder

Activity Time: Object lesson or activity

Treat Time: Prayer, theme related recipe & music video



Reverence Time

Approximate Time: 15 minutes

Sing Together: Children's Songbook page 78, "I'm Trying to Be Like Jesus"

If you wish to print sheet music or have an online music file to accompany you visit:
<https://www.lds.org/music/library/childrens-songbook/im-trying-to-be-like-jesus>

Prayer:

Scripture Time: Matthew 5:9, 13-16

9 Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

13 Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.

14 Ye are the alight of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.

15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.

16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Video Clip: Watch a video clip (5:08 - 7:10) from the Living Scriptures Streaming Library, *Built Upon the Rock* (The Animated New Testament)



Lesson Time

Approximate Time: 5-10 minutes

Lesson Summary: Jesus said, “Blessed are the peacemakers; for they shall be called the children of God.” We are all God’s children, but to be called “the children of God” means that you are trying to be like Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ who is the “Prince of Peace.” (See Isaiah 9:6.) Every time we are loving or kind or forgiving or helpful, we are doing the things that Heavenly Father does and are becoming more like Him.

Jesus said we are like the “salt of the earth” and a “light of the world. Salt gives things flavor, and can also preserve and purify. We can be like the salt by becoming pure, and sharing the gospel with others. A light shows other people the way and helps them feel happiness and peace. Being a peacemaker and a good example helps us to be like a light for others.

Points to Ponder: What does it mean to be “Blessed”? (See Matt 4:9. Blessed means happy, favored, and glorified.)

What is a peacemaker? (A person who brings about or promotes peace.)

What is the promise the Savior gave associated with Peacemakers? (“...for they shall be called the children of God.” (3 Nephi 12:9, Matthew 4:9).

What can we do to follow the Savior’s admonition to be peacemakers in our home? (Discuss ideas.)

What did Jesus mean when he said, "ye are the salt of the earth?" How can we avoid "losing our savor"? (See Matthew 5:13)

Who has been a light to our family? (Discuss)

How can we be a light to others? (Discuss ideas)

Quote: “To follow Christ and bring forth the blessings of heaven, we must actively make peace in the world, in the community, in the neighborhood, and above all, in the home we live in.”
Robert E. Wells



Activity Time

Approximate Time: 5-15 minutes

What you need: A copy of “Weaving Peacemaker” activity (artwork included with this lesson), cardstock and glues or self-adhesive laminating sheets, tape and scissors.

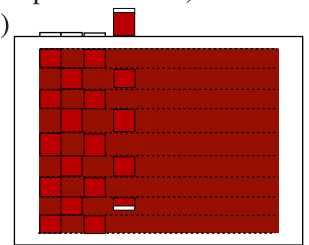
Preparation

1. **Print** out the artwork.
2. **Laminate** or glue cardstock to artwork.
3. **Cut** out numbered strips on first sheet and stack in numerical order. These will be the threads.
4. **Cut** along dotted lines on second sheet. This will be the loom.

Activity:

(Younger children will need help from an older sibling or parent.)

1. **Ask:** What is a tapestry? (A piece of fabric with pictures or designs formed by weaving colored threads, used as a wall hanging.)
2. **Explain:** Together as a family we are going to weave a small tapestry out of paper. (Show the loom.) For each “thread” (show strips of paper) that is woven into the loom we will discuss situations where we can be peacemakers.
3. **Ask:** What is a peacemaker? (A peacemaker is someone who helps others be happy instead of angry.)
4. **Weaving activity:** (After each situation ask: What will you do to be a peacemaker?) Start with situation (a). Weave strip #1 into the loom. (See diagram.)



- a. Your younger sister kicked over your block tower.
 - b. Your siblings are fighting over the last piece of cake.
 - c. During a ball game a player on the other team trips you.
 - d. Your brother grabs the TV remote out of your hands.
 - e. A classmate makes fun of your art project.
 - f. You're trying to sleep and your sister is being noisy.
 - g. You finally get a chance to play a video game and your friend wants a turn.
 - h. Your friends won't let the new girl play because she's of another faith.
 - i. Your brother wants to play with the toy you're playing with.
 - j. Some neighborhood kids are making fun of another child because he doesn't speak English very well.
 - k. The boy who sits behind you in class is always pulling your hair.
5. When you've finished weaving, turn over and tape along edges to hold strips in place. Make small cuts along left and right edges to make a fringe. Read the message on tapestry and bear testimony of the happiness that comes from being a peacemaker.
 6. During the upcoming week choose a child each day who has been a peacemaker and award them the tapestry to hang in their room or on their door.

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Treat Time

Approximate Time: 15-20 minutes

Prep Time: 5 minutes
10 minutes

Salty Pita Chips



2-3 pieces of pita bread

2 tbsp olive oil

Kosher salt (to taste)

Dip (optional); ideas include hazelnut spread, ranch dressing, guacamole, hummus, etc.

Preparation: Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Cut each piece of pita bread into 8 triangles. Place on a baking sheet and lightly brush both sides of each triangle with olive oil. Sprinkle most of the triangles with Kosher salt, but leave some unsalted. Bake for 8-10 minutes or until lightly browned. Allow to cool.

Treat Time: Ask each child to taste one of the plain pita chips. Then let them taste a salted pita chip. Point out that a very small amount of salt can make a big difference. A small number of righteous people can also make a big difference. Have the children discuss how they can make a difference by living righteously. Enjoy the rest of the chips with your choice of dip.

Closing Prayer and blessing on the food.