

Description: Talk about ways we can make "proposals of peace" (D&C 105:40) when others treat us unkindly or unfairly as you work together as a family to weave a message to display.

What you need: ■ A copy of "Weaving Peace" activity (artwork included with this lesson), cardstock, glue, tape, scissors

Preparation:

1. Print out the artwork.
2. Glue artwork onto cardstock.
3. Cut out numbered strips on first sheet and stack in numerical order. These will be the treads.
4. Cut along the dotted lines on the second sheet. This will be the loom.

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

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.

Ask: What is a peacemaker? (A peacemaker is someone who helps others be happy instead of angry.)

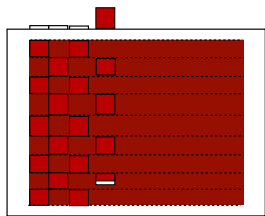
Weaving Activity: After each situation ask: What will you do to be a peacemaker?

Start with situation 1. Weave strip #1 into the loom (See diagram.)

1. Your younger sister kicked over your block tower.
2. Your siblings are fighting over the last piece of cake.
3. During a ball game a player on the other team trips you.
4. Your brother grabs the TV remote out of your hands.
5. A classmate makes fun of your art project.
6. You're trying to sleep and your sister is being noisy.
7. You finally get a chance to play a video game and your friend wants a turn.
8. Your friends won't let the new girl play because she's of another faith.
9. Your brother wants to play with the toy you're playing with.
10. Some neighborhood kids are making fun of another child because he doesn't speak English very well.
11. The boy who sits behind you in class is always pulling your hair.

When you've finished weaving, turn over and tape along the edges to hold the strips in place. Make small cuts along left and right edges to make a fringe. Read the message on the tapestry and bear testimony of the happiness that comes from being a peacemaker.

Weaving Diagram



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