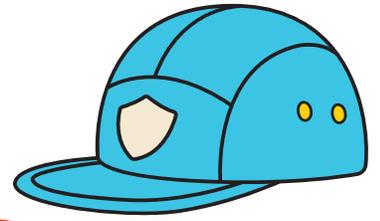


Live It Out—Discover how to love like Jesus



DAY 1

Read Romans 12:18

When someone hurts you, what do you want to do in response? If we're honest, we want to hurt them right back. Paul wrote that we are to do all we can to live in peace with others. But how? That seems like a REALLY big ask.

It helps when we remember that God gives us peace through Jesus! Jesus made a way for us to have peace with God forever. And that peace, a free gift from God, should cause us to live in peace with others.

So, this week, remember the “if possible” part. Sometimes, the other person won't want the peace you offer. Sometimes, they might not compromise or meet you halfway. You will never be able to control the choices others make, but you CAN control your own. So make sure that on your side of things you're doing all you can with God's help to live in peace with the people around you.

DAY 2

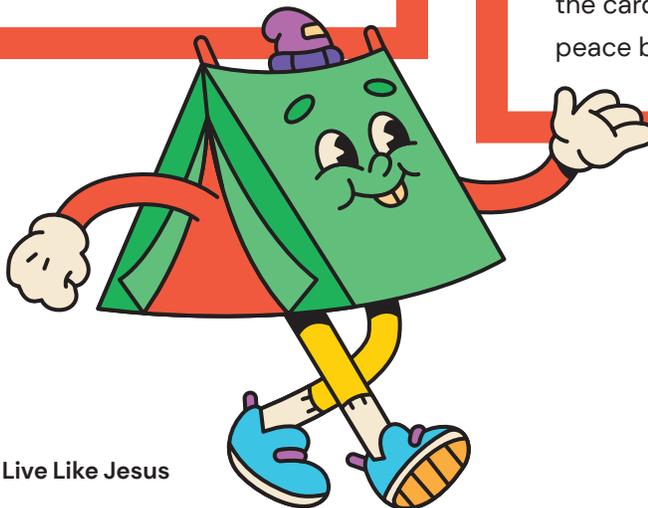
Read Romans 15:13

Have you ever scored 100 on a test? Ever pitched a perfect game? Ever hit a hole in one at mini-golf? Perfect is possible some of the time, in some circumstances. But perfect isn't a guarantee. Or is it?

What if you could have access to peace anytime? When you trust in Jesus and what He did for you on the cross, God gives you the Holy Spirit to guide and help you. You can experience God's perfect peace when you trust in the One who made you and loves you more than you could ever imagine.

Perfect Peace

Grab an index card and write “Perfect Peace Guarantee: Romans 15:13” on the front. Ask an adult to help you tape this card to the top of your doorframe. As you leave your room each day, jump up and tap the card to remind you that you can ask for peace because God is in control.



DAY 3

Read John 16:33

Do you play a sport or cheer for a favorite team? What if before the game you found out your team would win? Would you cheer differently? Would you act differently on the field? Absolutely! You wouldn't worry if your team suddenly fell behind on the scoreboard because of the promise of a certain win at the end.

When you put your trust in Jesus, when you're on God's team, you've chosen the winning side. How do we know that? Because there is nothing bigger, or stronger, or more powerful than God—we know that because God sent Jesus to be our Savior! You can have peace inside your heart that helps you have peace with others when you remember that God is in control. With God, you win. Always.

Rap It

Create a cheer or rap using the words from today's verse to help you remember that you can have peace because God is in control.

DAY 4

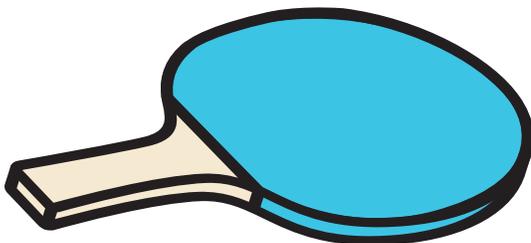
Read Hebrews 12:14

Today's verse reminds us as followers of Jesus to do our best to live in peace with others. Bringing peace to a situation can be really hard sometimes, but thankfully, there's good news!

You have the Holy Spirit to guide and help. You don't have to be a peacemaker in your own strength. When you feel like arguing or getting your way, when you just know you're right and the person's wrong, STOP. Ask the Holy Spirit to help do the opposite of what you feel like doing in that moment. And then get busy trying to bring the peace.

Try Again

Have you ever heard the phrase, "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again"? One of the ways you get better at something is through practice. This week, when you face a problem with someone else, stop and pray. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you respond in a way that brings peace.



Live in peace with
one another.