

# Your Survival Kit in a World Without Jesus (8/7/22)

**Main Verses:** John 11-15

**Key Verse:** John 14:27

**'Takeaway':** God's 'survival kit' for a world without Jesus includes many things for his followers, including love for one another and peace from the Holy Spirit.

**Getting Started:** What is peace?



**READ** John 14:25-28 (or have older kids help read).

Some **QUESTIONS** to consider:

Toddler/PreK:

- What is peace?
- Do you think the peace we normally think of is the kind of peace Jesus is talking about?
- How does this peace help us as we live to please God? (see v 26)

Elementary:

- How would you explain to a friend what peace is?
- How do you think the peace Jesus gives to us is different from that peace (see first question)?
- Why do you think Jesus tells us to not let our hearts be troubled or afraid?
- How does this peace from the Holy Spirit help us in our daily lives? (see v 26)

Here are some **IMPORTANT IDEAS** we discover in these verses:

Toddler/PreK:

- True, lasting peace comes from Jesus, when we believe in him and follow him, resulting in peace with God. We can experience peace when the world/people around us are not peaceful!
- The Holy Spirit is a gift from God. The Holy Spirit teaches us how to live and helps us to remember everything Jesus said.
- As followers of Jesus we become part of his family, a family that loves and cares for one another.

Elementary:

- The peace talked about in v. 27 is not just absence of conflict or trouble, but rather the idea of a positive, eternal blessing, especially since we can now have a right relationship with God.
- There is no lasting peace apart from Jesus. His death on the cross and resurrection mean we can now have peace with God (through faith in Jesus) and be part of God's family forever.
- When we have peace with God, we do not need to be troubled or afraid. We can experience peace when the world/people around us are not peaceful! God is a good Father who takes care of his children. We also have a new family that loves and cares for one another.
- God gives us the gift of the Holy Spirit to help us remember all that Jesus said and did for us, and to teach us how to live in a way that is pleasing to God.

An **ENCOURAGEMENT** in light of God's word:

(Toddler/PreK) Talk to God, thanking him for the "toolkit" he gives us to help us live for him in this world. Thank him for the Holy Spirit who teaches us and reminds us of what Jesus said and did for us through his death and resurrection. Thank God for the peace only he can give us as we follow him, and for the new family we now have that loves and cares for each other.

(Elementary) Talk to God, thanking him for the peace we can have with him because of Jesus's death and resurrection. Thank God that we can have a right relationship with him now because of this. Ask God to help you hear his voice and to remember all that Jesus said and did for us, and to teach us how to live for him in a way that is pleasing to God.