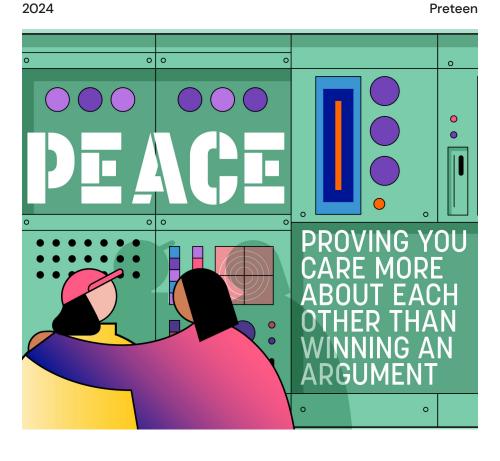
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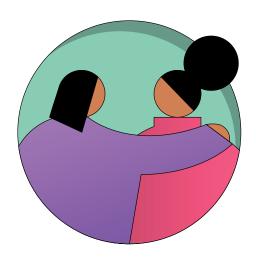
### Day 2

#### Read Romans 12:18

The following sentence is a re-write of Romans 12:18 using synonyms (words that mean the same thing). Unscramble the sentence to reveal the rewrite.

This degree to harmony all exist you able a people out if carry are you great as in with can:

That was pretty tough, wasn't it? It may haven't even seemed possible at times. Living in peace with others can be hard too—especially if they don't want to make peace. But you can do your part to show them that you care more about them than winning an argument.



Answer: If you can, exist in harmony with all people. Carry this out to a great degree as you are able.

### Day 3

# Living in peace with others isn't easy, is it?

Our memory verse even acknowledges that. But we aren't doing it alone! Personalize this prayer and ask God for help in making peace with others.

be right. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

### Day 4

# Think of someone you often struggle to make peace with.

It might be a family member, a classmate, someone you ride the bus with, or even a friend. Make a plan for how you can show them that you care more about them than winning an argument. Maybe you could invite them over for ice cream or hot chocolate, ask to meet up at a park for a walk, or get together to play video games. Whatever the activity you plan on, make sure you ask your adult for permission and include time to talk. If you recently had an argument with this person, you may want to bring that up and apologize. Or you can simply share how you've been learning about peace and you want to make sure they know that you care about them more than being right.

Enjoy your treat or activity and use this experience as the first step to make peace whenever you can.

### Day 5

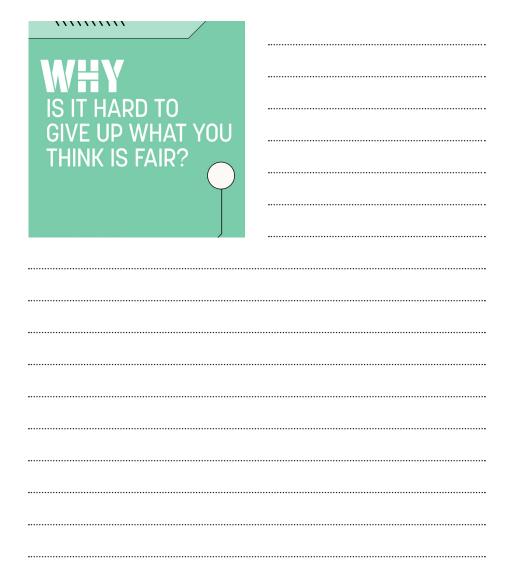
#### Why is it important to make peace?

This is a question with many answers—some relating to our spiritual lives, but also to our social, mental, and even physical health!

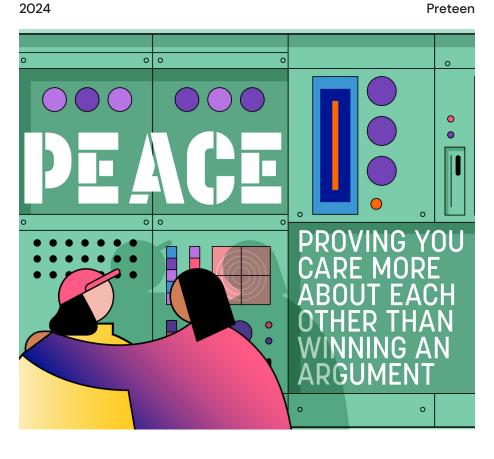
When you aren't at peace with others, you can't be fully at peace with God (spiritual). Jesus said that you shouldn't even make an offering or gift to God without first making things right with others (spiritual). When you're known as a person who always needs to win an argument, eventually, most people won't want to even be your friend (social), which can make you sad (mental). And being upset all the time can make vou pretty miserable—and even cause your body to respond with things like a stomachache or a headache (physical). The next time you're in a disagreement with someone, pay attention to your own body and mind and see what you notice.

With all those negative things that can happen when you're not making peace with others, it seems pretty important to **make peace** whenever you can. Use the physical, mental, spiritual, and social cues you experience in tough situations with others to lead you toward choosing peace over being right. And when you make peace with others, you show them God's love—which is the most important reason to make peace!

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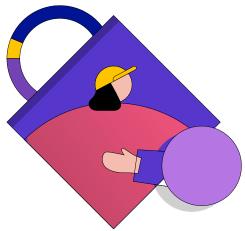
#### Read Genesis 13:5-18

As you read Genesis 13:5–18, underline the problem that caused the argument between Abram and Lot's men.

Then circle the part where Abram shows Lot that he is more important to Abram than getting what is fair.

Lastly, draw a box around what God promises Abram he will receive one day.

Now, just because you choose peace over winning an argument doesn't mean that God will give you a massive family and lots of land. But when you let go of what's fair and instead choose to show someone you care more about them, you open the door for a deep and meaningful friendship!



### Day 3

# Why is it hard to give up what you think is fair?

There's probably nothing harder when it comes to peace than letting go of what's fair. Losing an argument is one thing, but losing out on something that you believe you deserve? That's super hard. One thing that can help when you're feeling frustrated by the lack of fairness in a situation is remembering that Jesus gave up His actual life so we could have a relationship with God forever. . . Then spend some time thanking God for sending Jesus and for the sacrifice that Jesus made. It will be hard to stay frustrated when you stay focused on Jesus and what He did! Use the following prompts to make your own prayer.

- Thank God for sending Jesus to be your Savior.
- Tell God about the unfair situation you're facing.
- Ask God to help you let go of your frustration and to choose your relationship with the person over your desire for fairness.
- Close by thanking Jesus for dying on the cross for Your sins, and for choosing His love for You over what was fair.

### Day 4

# Ask a parent if you can fix a delicious snack—something anyone in your family would like.

Sit down and look at it. Now. . . don't take a bite! Instead, give it to someone else—your parent or brother or sister. Tell them that you want to show them love by giving them something you really wanted yourself. Share with them a bit of what you've been learning about peace—specifically how you can show you care by letting go of what's fair. Resist the urge to go make another snack for yourself, if you can, and instead, reflect on how it made you feel to show your family member you care about them instead of focusing on what was "fair."

### Day 5

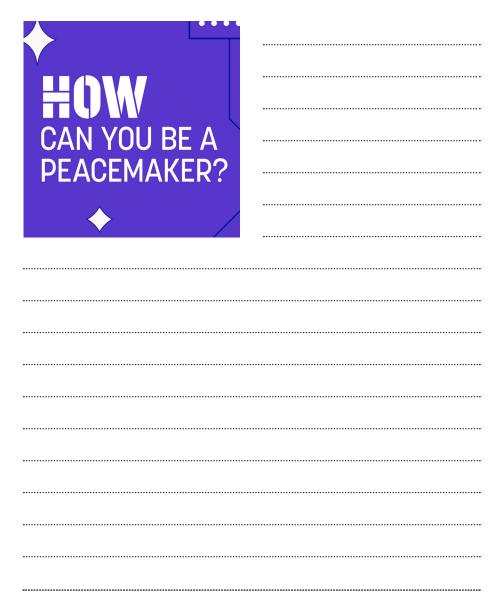
## You can show you care by letting go of what's fair.

Have you ever caught yourself whining, "It's not faaaaiiiir" when you don't get what you want? Say this around any adult, and they'll probably respond, "Life's not fair." But instead of always whining about how unfair life is, try reframing-or thinking about things-differently. Think about how great it feels when someone chooses YOU over what's fair. When you get a chance to prove you care about someone by letting go of what's fair, it feels pretty awesome.

Ask a parent for a pair of scissors and cut out the image below to remind you to choose peace instead of what's fair. Find a plastic cup or other small storage container to tape the symbol on to. Challenge everyone in your family to create a "not-fair-free-zone" in your house for a month. Anytime someone catches you or anyone else saying, "But it's not fair," the complainer has to put a quarter in the cup. At the end of the month, use the money you collected to buy something for someone you care about.



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March Week Three 2024 Preteen



### Day 1

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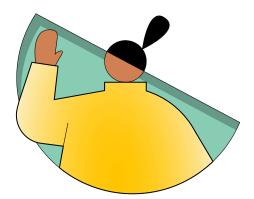
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#### Read 1 Samuel 25:2, 18

In each of the verses, underline the numbers. Then on a sheet of paper, write each of the animals, food, and other things Nabal owned.

Nabal had a lot of things. A lot. But despite all he had, Nabal was NOT a peacemaker. In fact, he was the opposite: he proved he cared far more about being right and keeping all his stuff than he did being kind or caring for the same people who had cared for his men.



### Day 3

Grab some tape of some kind and tape a circle on the floor (or rug, if you have hardwood floors).

The circle should be big enough to stand in

Have you ever heard of a comfort zone? A comfort zone is a place where you feel, well...comfortable. It means you don't rock the boat. . . you don't stand up for others. . . you don't do anything to draw attention to yourself or challenge yourself.

Read the prayer below out loud. Step inside the circle as you begin your prayer; then follow your own words toward the end to step out.

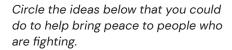
Dear God, thank You for the story of Abigail that shows me that I can help others make peace. I admit that it's easier to sit back and let other people work out their problems, even if it means that someone might get hurt. Please give me the wisdom and motivation to be a peacemaker. As I step out of my comfort zone right now, I can picture myself as a peacemaker. I believe I can help others make peace, so help me do that this week. In Jesus' Name, I pray. Amen.

If you can, leave the tape circle on the floor to remind you that you can help others make peace.

### Day 4

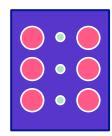
#### How can you be a peacemaker?

It's one thing to say that we should be peacemakers and be a part of the solution, but what if you don't know how to do that? What if your friends or family members are fighting and you don't know what to do to make it better? The great news is that God has promised to be with you always—and God offers love and peace to you and those around you. He also has given you the words you need to be a peacemaker.



- Say something nice about each person.
- Refuse to talk bad about the person they're fighting with.
- Pray for the people fighting and tell them you're praying for them to find peace.
- If they're fighting about a toy, offer to lend them yours.
- Suggest something fun that all of you can do together.

Can you think of anymore? Write them in the blank space. Then sometime in the next couple of days, put one of these into action, making peace with your words.



### Day 5

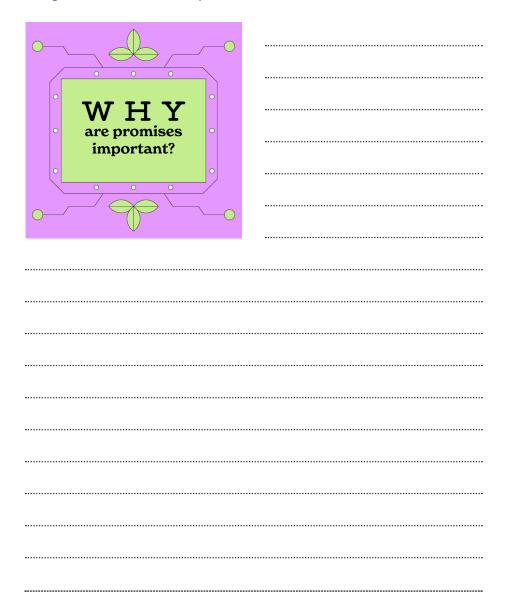
# Get out a piece of paper, some crayons or markers, and some clear tape.

Think about a time when two people you care about got in a fight. Fold the sheet in half, then unfold it and draw a picture of each person—one person on each half of the paper. Then draw something to show what they were fighting about. Now take the sheet and rip it in half, along the line that you had folded earlier.

Think about how you felt when your friends or family members were fighting. It never feels good to see others fighting, does it? Look at those two sheets of paper, torn in half; what can you do about it? That's right—you can tape those two halves back together. While you tape the picture back together, think about what you did—or could have done—in that situation to help others make peace.

Next, draw a picture of yourself in between the two people who had been fighting. Hang up the picture somewhere to remind yourself that you can help others make peace.

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March \_\_\_\_\_ Week Four 2024 Preteen



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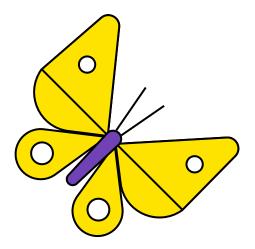
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#### Read Matthew 21:1-11

Get a sheet of paper and something to draw with. While you are reading Matthew 21:1–11, as you come across the following words, pause and illustrate that word on the paper, starting on the left side of the sheet and moving across to the right. (The paper should be turned horizontally, with the longest sides on the top and bottom as you draw.)

- Mount/mountain
- Two disciples (stick figures are fine!)
- Donkey and colt
- Coats (show them on the road)
- Tree branches (show them on the road)

Now, using your drawing as a guide, find someone you can tell the story of Palm Sunday to.



### Day 3

As Jesus entered Jerusalem on that day that we now call Palm Sunday, the crowds shouted and praised Him, saying,

"Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Pick a spot—either inside or out—where you can walk around and say these words of praise as a prayer. Say them a few times, slowly, paying attention to each word and thinking about two things: 1) What those words must have meant to the people in Jerusalem that day as they worshipped Jesus, and 2) What those words mean to you as you speak them out loud to God now.

### Day 4

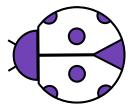
#### Why are promises important?

How does it feel when someone keeps a promise they made to you? What if they made the promise a long time ago—do you ever doubt they will keep it? The more time that passes, the more you begin to doubt they will even remember their promise, much less keep it.

Find a friend or family member to talk with about promises. Each of you should share stories of when someone didn't keep their promise to you. How did that make you feel? And when someone did keep a promise they made to you, what did that do in your friendship?

When Jesus came to be our Savior, it was the fulfillment of a promise God had made hundreds of years earlier. . . A promise to make everything right in the world. There must have been so many times that God's people doubted the promise would ever come true. But God always had a plan, and that plan always included keeping the promise.

Because God had made this promise to the world, when **Jesus came to be our Savior**, it showed us that we can trust God no matter what!



### Day 5

Jesus came to be our Savior.

For people who follow Jesus, Easter is pretty much the best day on the calendar—when we celebrate that Jesus came to be our Savior.

There are a lot of other things around Easter that can sometimes crowd out that good news that **Jesus came to be our Savior.** Unscramble the words below to find some of those things.

**AEREST GEG** 

**LCEOCHATO** 

SRETAE BTEASK

**ERETAS YBNUN** 

**CDYNA** 

**ILSLELI** 

**GGE HNTU** 

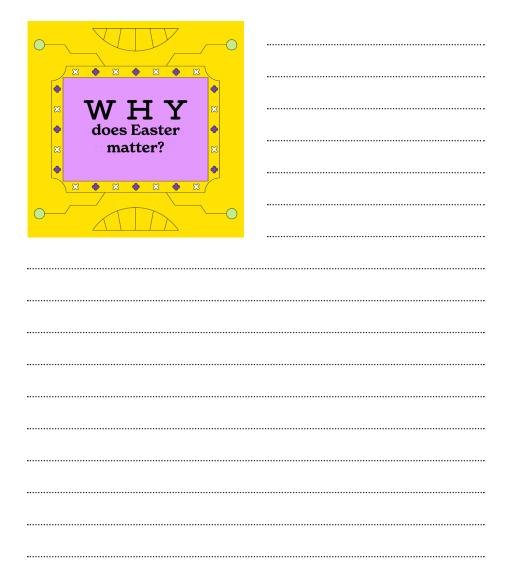
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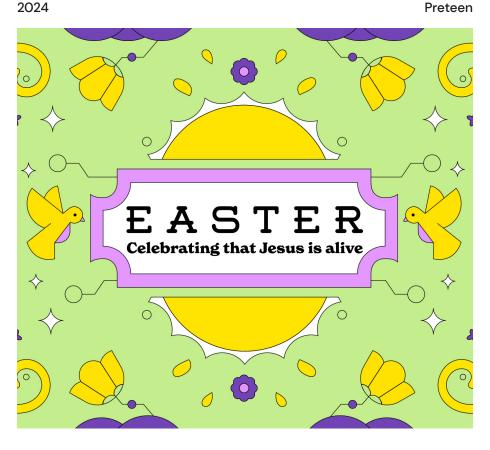
Chocolate eggs, bunnies, Easter baskets. . . None of these are bad things and are fun traditions to do, but we need to keep them from distracting us from the real meaning of Easter.

For the remaining days until Easter passes, every time you see a cute bunny or taste a chocolate egg, enjoy it while you remember what Easter is all about: that **Jesus came to be our Savior.** 

EPSTER BUNNY, CANDY, LILLIES, EGG HUNT, CHICKS Answers: EASTER BASKET,

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### Day 2

Read Luke 24:1-12

Grab a sheet of paper and some crayons, colored pencils, or markers. As you read Luke 24:1–12, create art to represent what you read. You can do something realistic based on the details of the story, or you can simply fill the page with color based on how the story makes you feel.

When you are done with your artwork, hang it somewhere you will see it to remember the truth that Jesus is alive, long after the Easter candy is gone.

### Day 3

If you have any plastic Easter eggs,\* grab one, along with a small sheet of paper.

Write a prayer, thanking God for sending Jesus to be your Savior. Also write down one or two prayer requests that you have. Finally, close the prayer by thanking God that **Jesus is alive**. Read your prayer out loud, and then stick it in the Easter egg. Place the Easter egg somewhere you will see it, but don't open it for at least a month. When you open it, pray the prayer again and thank God for any answered prayers.

\*If you don't have any plastic Easter eggs, you can put the paper in an envelope or simply fold it in half and tape it. Decorate the outside of the envelope or paper with Easter eggs and colorful designs.



Jesus is alive.

If possible, meet up with a friend or small group leader to talk about how your Easter went. (If you can't meet up, try for a text or video chat.) Enjoy a treat—leftover Easter candy, anyone?—and share your favorite part of the holiday. Then talk about what it means to you that **Jesus is alive.** How does that fact change how you live your life? How does it bring you comfort or ease your fears?



### Day 5

Why does Easter matter?

Have you ever thought about that question? Easter is much more than just one day. In fact, Easter affects every day that we live on Earth, and it affects us for all of eternity! Because of what Easter represents, we can have a relationship with God that is now and forever.

When you think about it, Easter is every day, because Easter means that **Jesus is alive!** 

Figure out a way to remind yourself every day that Jesus is alive. Here are some ideas:

- If you have a device, set a reminder that goes off at a certain time every day with the message, "Jesus is alive!"
- If you have a calendar or schedule, write "Jesus is alive!" at the top of each page.
- Make a poster or a banner that says, "Every day is Easter!" Hang it on the back of your bedroom door so you see it every day.
- Write reminders ("Jesus is alive!" "Every day is Easter!") on sticky notes, index cards, or any other small piece of paper that you can place in various spots around your room, backpack, car, and anywhere else you will see it often throughout the year.
- Come up with your own idea for reminding yourself of the good news of Easter!

