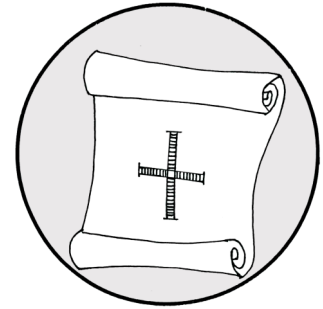


Lesson #1-36***Peace and Hope***

Romans [3:28-30] 5:1-11

**Key Verse:**

But God proves [God's] love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8

The Point:

Through God's grace, we have peace and hope.

Unit Theme (May 26—June 9)

Gifts of God's Grace

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Exploring gifts of God's grace.

You will need:

- † Blank sheets of paper (optional: cut into squares or large sheets origami paper)
- † Children's Bible storybooks
- † Crayons or markers
- † Pens or pencils
- † Activity sheet

Instructions:

1. **We are going to explore God's gifts of peace and hope. Partner up with two or three people seated near you. From the list on the activity sheet, look up one or two of the suggested Scripture passages in your Bible or select a highlighted story from the children's Bible storybooks. Select a person in your**
- group to read the text once or twice. As you read the text, ask yourselves, "How do I see hope at work in this text or story?" or "How is peace experienced in this story?" Share your reflections with one another.**
2. **Now consider how God's gifts peace and hope are expressed in your own life. Take a piece of paper and write or draw how you experience God's gifts of hope and peace.**
3. **Share with your group how you have experienced God's gifts of peace and hope. How is your experience different from what you read about in the Bible? How is it the same?**
4. **Optional: A further activity in this worship guide uses these papers to make origami. Purchase this guide to see what it is and why!**

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Examples of Scripture passages that highlight hope, peace, or reconciliation are:

- Joshua 1:5-9
- Psalm 33
- Psalm 147:1-11
- Isaiah 55:1-13
- Isaiah 65:17-25
- Jeremiah 29:1-14
- Ezekiel 37:1-14
- Micah 4:1-4
- Matthew 11:28-30
- Luke 1:46-55
- Luke 15:11-31
- John 15:12-17
- Romans 12:17-21
- 2 Corinthians 5:16-21
- Philippians 4:4-9
- 1 Peter 1: 3-9
- Revelation 21:1-7

Examples of children's Bible stories that highlight hope, peace, or reconciliation are:

- God's promise to Abraham,
- Joseph and his brothers in Egypt,
- Mary and the angel Gabriel, and
- The Prodigal Son.