



Live chat!

Pick a discussion starter. You have all month, so just one will do.

Run out? Make some up that fit the theme of the month!

(Oh! And turn off those devices! Live chat means just talking.)

- What do you think peace means?
- When do you feel the most nervous or anxious?
- What do you usually get in arguments about?
- Why do we get in arguments or fights?
- What can you do to be a peace maker?

Double Dare ya!

The family challenge!

Are you up for the challenge? Determine as a family what the reward will be if you complete the challenge!

YOUR CHALLENGE: Operation Peace Makers! The quickest way to peace in the family, is to say, "I'm Sorry." Buy some stickers or stars you draw on a paper on the refrigerator to keep track of your family points. Any time you catch someone in the family saying, "I'm Sorry," reward them with a Peace Maker Point on the score card! As family, set a goal for the month! At the end of the month, reward yourself with a treat – order pizza or go out for ice cream – whatever you decide, to celebrate a month of quickly making peace when things get tense!

I double dare ya!

live in PEACE

Monthly Motto:

BLESSED ARE THE PEACE MAKERS

Think about It

Peace is one of the most misunderstood words. Many people think that peace is when everyone is getting along. Of course, when two armies stop fighting, we say they have made peace. But when the Bible talks about peace, it is talking about something far better than the absence of fighting. It is talking about something so incredible – we can experience it even in the middle of a storm or bad times. The peace God offers is far better than just problems going away, it is a quiet trust that He is on control and up to something good even when everything around us might look crazy! That's why when Jesus offered peace He said, "In this world you will have troubles, but take heart! I have overcome the world!" (John 16:33)

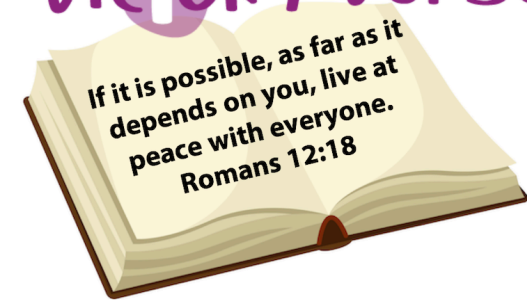
GOOFY Game

Name of the Game: Finger Wars!

Needed: Just your fingers!

What you do: Take turns pairing off. To battle, both players say "Ready, set...battle!" and show one to five fingers at the same time. The player who shows one more finger than the opponent wins (and one finger beats five!). If players show the same number or are two or more apart, the battle is a draw. Battle and eliminate opponents until someone wins. Smaller families can play for first to get ten victories! Keep track of your score and make sure everyone plays the same number of people to keep it even. While usually the bigger number wins, in this game a pinky finger can win! In the end, everyone make peace with each other!

VICTORY VERSE



As a family, memorize the Victory Verse this month. Make peace prominent this month. You'll notice everyone will be happier!

Diggin' DEEPER...

Here are some super Bible verses you may want to dig into this month as you explore why gentleness is important and the difference it can make in your life:

- Colossians 3:15
- I Peter 3:11
- James 3:18

- Psalm 29:11
- Matthew 5:9
- Psalm 4:8

make it count!

Here's an idea!

Have you ever had a friendship break up or fizzle out because of a conflict? Can you think of a friendship that ended on bad terms? It is never too late to make something right. Our Victory Verse makes it clear that God doesn't demand we be at peace with everyone, but he does say, "as far as it depends on you." If there is someone you need to apologize to, be brave and do it. If you can't do it in person, consider writing them a short note and dropping it in the mail. Just let them know you are sorry. Don't make excuses or give reasons, just say you are sorry and let them know you want to be at peace with them. God delights when we are willing to humble ourselves and be peacemakers.

Written by Karl Bastian. Published by Kidology.org