

# PEACE / Week 2

An untroubled heart that  
comes from trusting God



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*"I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart.  
And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give.  
So don't be troubled or afraid." JOHN 14:27*

## **LEADER DEVO**

**READ** 1 Corinthians 12:12-31.  
How did Paul compare all believers to a body? Do you ever think you are "less-than" because you don't have the same gifts as someone else? When are you tempted to think that your God-given gifts are better than another's?

**DID YOU KNOW?** In Psalm 139 David wrote of God's omniscience (all-knowing, v. 1-6), omnipresence (all-being, v. 7-13), and omnipotence (all-power, v. 13-18). In 1 Cor. 12 Paul called us not to be uniform but unified, just as the Trinity is a unity of three distinct persons in one perfect God.

**REFLECTION:** Read Psalm 139. What is your favorite part of David's psalm? Why? If you were to write a psalm to God about how He made you, what would it say? When is it hardest to trust God with the way He created you? Does what you believe to be true about God help you trust Him? Why or why not?

**PRAY:** Thank God for specific ways He made you unique. Thank Him for how He fits you into His body and uses your gifts for His glory. Ask Him to give you peace when you are tempted to doubt that the way He created you is good.

**FINISH LINE:** TRUSTING GOD GIVES US PEACE WITH HOW WE ARE CREATED

**BEGINNING ACTIVITY:** DEFINITION DECODER – Give each kid a page so they can decode the message sent in Morse Code. Leaders have an answer key if they need a hint.

## **LESSON QUESTIONS**

- Think about this: Is it easier for you to think about things you like about yourself or things you don't like about yourself?
- Do you ever think, "If only I was born with..." or "I wish I could do..."? When you think that way are you at peace with how God created you? Why or why not?
- Do you ever think God makes mistakes? Why or why not?
- Do you believe everything God makes and does is good? Why or why not?
- What do you think God thinks of you? Let's take a look and see what the Bible has to say about how God made you.

## **READ PSALM 139:1-6, 13-18**

- What did the psalmist, David, say about what God thinks of him? What is your favorite part about what he says?
- **Reread verse 1.** What does God know about all of us? Give some examples of what He knows from verses 2-6.
- Is there anything God doesn't know about us? Does anything about us surprise Him? Why not?
- Because God created each one of us and is all-knowing, do you think God knows more about yourself than you do?
- **Reread verse 14.** What does this verse tell you about how God made you?
- God made us all so carefully, complex, and unique. What does that tell you about how He feels about you? How can remembering this give you peace?
- How did David respond when he thought about the amazing way God made him? How do you know he had peace with the way God made him? (*He trusted that the perfect creator God never makes mistakes, is always in control, and loves him completely so he didn't have to worry.*)

We've looked at how God made each of us so carefully, but why didn't He just make us all the same? How do we all fit together? Let's take a look at what Paul says about why God chose to make us all different and give everyone who is part of the church different gifts.

### **READ 1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-20**

- What is the church? *(All people who have been saved through faith in Jesus)*
- **Look at verse 12.** What did Paul compare the church to? *(A body)* How is the church like a body? *(The church belong to Christ, but each person does something different. The church needs each other to work correctly.)*
- How would a body work if it was all eyes? All hands? What problems could it have?
- If God made one person really smart in math, one person talented at art, and another excellent at making friends, does that make any one of them better than the others? Why not?
- Do you ever compare yourself to others and wish you were more like them? Or have you ever thought you were better than others because of what you could do? When you do that, are you trusting the way God made you and them? Do you have peace?
- **Reread verses 18-20.** What does this verse tell you about why God made us different? *(He made us all uniquely so we could all serve in special ways. The body of Christ wouldn't work well if we all did the exact same thing.)*
- How can these verses help you when you're tempted to compare yourself to others? *(We can remember God never makes mistakes and everything He does is good. He made us so we could serve Him and each other. He made you just the way you are because He loves you!)*
- How can trusting God with the way He made you bring you peace? *(When you trust God, you never have to worry if He made a mistake or if He loves you. Your heart is not troubled with fear or doubt because you trust in God who is always good and always loves you.)*
- Have all your kids think of things that they can do well. Let everyone share one thing but try not to repeat the same thing someone else said. Leaders, share something about yourself as well. Celebrate how God made all of you different and unique!

### **SMALL GROUP ACTIVITY**

Each kid will get a page with an outline of a body. On the page, they should write all the ways they can think of that they are thankful for how God made them. They can write about physical characteristics, talents, gifts, or experiences. Then they can decorate the person any way they want. Have your kids share what they wrote with each other. Point out that just as each picture was decorated differently, God made each of us unique.