



PEACE – WEEK 2

An untroubled heart
that comes from trusting God.



KINGDOM

***“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 does 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 writes of God’s omniscience (all-knowing, vv. 1-6), omnipresence (all-being, vv. 7-13) & omnipotence (all-power, vv. 13-18). In 1 Corinth 12 Paul calls us not to be uniform but unified just as the Trinity is a unity of 3 distinct persons in one perfect God.

REFLECTION: 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 is true about God help you trust Him? Why?

PRAY: Thank God for specific ways He made you unique. Thank Him for how He fits you into His body & uses your gifts for His glory. Ask Him to help you trust Him when you are tempted to not be at peace with how He created you.

Finish Line:

Trusting God gives us peace with how we are created

MAIN SCRIPTURE:

Psalm 139

LESSON MATERIALS:

- Blank Puzzle
- Body outline coloring page

Welcome and Introduction

One teacher should greet children and parents and mark the attendance sheet, while the other volunteer(s) mingle with the children as they enjoy the Activity Tubs. Play with them or simply talk to them, but make sure everyone is engaged and no one feels left out.

Practice the verse and definition for this month’s character trait (hand motions are at the end of the lesson): **PEACE**

Activity 1

I'm going to give each of you a puzzle piece and I want you to decorate it however you want! Let the kids decorate the puzzle pieces using crayons and/or markers. The leaders will also decorate a puzzle piece! Each puzzle piece will need to be used, so some kids may do two. Then have the class work to put the puzzle together.

Are all of the puzzle pieces the same? No! Each piece is different, but they all fit perfectly together to make one beautiful picture. Are all of us the same? No! God made each of us, but we are all very different! Some of us have brown hair, some have red. Some of you love to read and write, while others of you love numbers and math. But even though we are different, we can trust God and have peace with how He made us.

Let's head to Big Group to learn about why we can have peace with how God made us, even though we are all very different!

** There is a blank puzzle for each service. Please be sure to only use one, and then send the pieces home with the kids.*

Line up for Big Group

- Count the kids and bring your clipboard with you! Line children up to travel to the large group area.
- You are responsible for your students and their behavior. If you need assistance with a particular child, please ask a staff member for help.
- Lead by example and encourage others to participate!

Snack & Storytime

- Each student may have **HALF** of a cup of goldfish.
- After they finish their goldfish, they may have water in the same cup.
- Remember, this is a small, **QUICK** snack.

While the children are snacking, read **Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18** from the **NLT Bible**. Then discuss the following questions:

- **Who is God?** God is the all-powerful, all-knowing, all-seeing Creator of everything.
- **What did those verses say that our all-knowing God knows about us?** Everything! When I sit, stand up, my thoughts, travel, rest, what I'm going to say.

- **God is the Creator of everything, including YOU! What is your favorite thing about yourself?** Answers will vary.

Activity 2

Do you remember the finish line for today? Trusting God gives us peace with how we are created. Write it on the dry erase board. **Can you think of some different ways God created us?** Write answers on dry erase board. Direct the answers towards physical traits – hair, eyes, height, etc. **We know that God is the all-powerful, all-knowing, all-seeing Creator of everything, and that means God created YOU! He created your hair, your eyes, your nose, your mouth, your fingers and toes! When we trust that God loves us and made each of us just the way He wanted us to be, we can have peace with how we are created. I'm going to give each of you a paper that has the outline of a body on it. I want you to color it and make it look like you, the way God created you! Don't forget to write your name on it!**

Give the children crayons and/or markers to make their outline look like them. Encourage them to add as many details as possible: curly/straight hair, freckles, eye color, missing tooth, etc.

Now I want you to think of some gifts and talents God has given you and write or draw them on the page. For example, if God made you a great artist, you can draw a paintbrush in your hand. If God made you really smart at math, you can draw some numbers. Allow them to color for a few more minutes.

When we know that God – the perfect Creator who never makes mistakes – made us just how He wants us, we can have peace. Let's read the finish line one last time: Trusting God gives us peace with how we are created. Let's pray and ask God to give us peace with how we are created.

**Please send the coloring sheets home with the kids.*

Wrap Up

- Review the definition of **PEACE** and the memory verse.

DEFINITION:

An untroubled (slow “safe” motion) **heart** (palms over heart)
that comes from trusting (“T” with arms) **God** (point up).

MEMORY VERSE:

I am leaving you with a gift (hands together, palms up, give from yourself) – **peace** (peace sign) **of mind** (point to head) **and heart** (palms over heart). **And the peace** (peace sign) **I give is a gift** (hands together, palms up, give from yourself) **the world cannot give** (shake head no, wave your finger). **So don't be troubled or afraid** (pretend to be scared).

John 14:27