

DECEMBER
2020

Elementary

WEEKLY CUES

YOU GOT
THIS!

Theme

Simply Christmas: No Assembly Required

Christmas is celebrating
Jesus, God's greatest gift.

Week Four

Shepherds Visit
Luke 2:8-20

Say This

God's peace is for everyone.

Do This

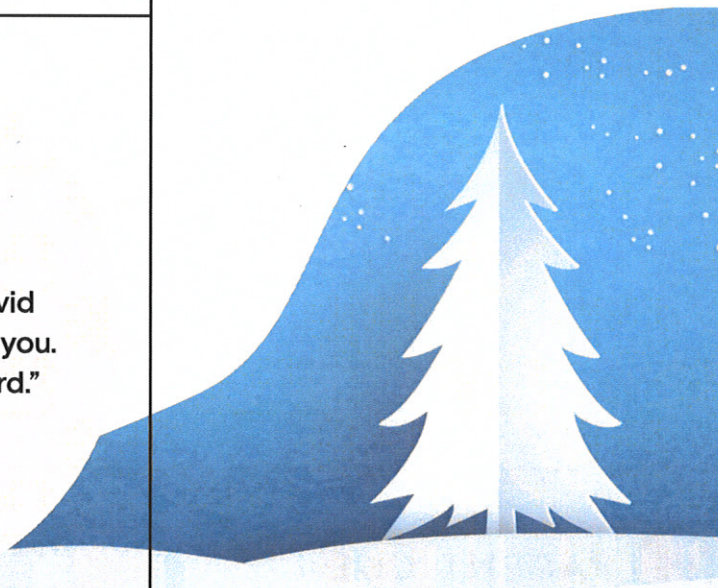


Drive Time

Christmas might be over but plan to drive around as a family and look at all the lights that are still out. Play your favorite music and remind everyone that this will be a "peaceful" experience so no shouting or arguing over where you sit!

REMEMBER THIS

"Today in the town of David
a Savior has been born to you.
He is the Messiah, the Lord."
Luke 2:11, NIV



**“The world is shaped
by two things —
stories told and
the memories they
leave behind.”**

—Vera Nazarian (author)

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Christmas: Celebrating Jesus, God's greatest gift

Read: Philippians 4:7



DAY
1

Christmas Chaos

At Christmas time, most of us have family or friends visit or we go and visit someone to celebrate together. For some people, the Christmas season can be loud and busy, but God sent Jesus to bring peace. Having peace means being still and quiet or being calm. Now that Christmas is over. The gifts are all opened. The tree is down and company has gone home. Take a few minutes, flip this paper over and quietly color in the peace symbol and thank God for sending Jesus to bring us peace.

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The Gift of Peace

Did you know that God gives His peace to everyone? Ask an adult to help you look up Philippians 4:7 and highlight it. This verse tells us that because we belong to God, He will give us peace that watches over our hearts and minds. That means that God can bring a quiet and calmness to us when we are scared, when we are angry or even frustrated. Let's ask Him to help us remember that today and always.

Dear God, Thank You for giving us so much to celebrate during this season. Thank You for bringing us joy and peace. Help us to remember that You will give us peace in the good times and in the bad. We love You, amen.

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3

Silent Night

Take some time and just look up at the sky with your family knowing that God gives us peace. It's almost magical because it's so quiet and still. God's peace can feel a lot like that. It is just one of the ways He shows us His peace.

Look for all the ways God gives us His peace.

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4

Have a "Peace"

All month long, we have been celebrating the birth of Jesus. Let's see how much you can remember by filling in the blanks below.

We can have H___PE because God keeps His promise.

We can have J___Y because God has a plan for you.

God LO___ED us so much that He gave us a SA___IOR.

God's PEA___E is for everyone.

And guess what? This is all such great news and we don't have to stop celebrating because God wants us to share His hope, His joy, and His peace with everyone! So, this week ask your mom for several "pieces" of candy or gum and share it with someone while you also share the good news!

Know that we have so much to celebrate!

God's peace is for everyone.

PARENT CUE



PEACE

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WEEK
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K-5TH

DAY 1

Read Luke 2:8-12

Imagine a group of smelly shepherds, out in a field, watching over their sheep. Some may have been asleep. Some may have been counting sheep in an attempt to go to sleep. But sleep wasn't on the agenda this special night. Because God was about to send an angel to make a very big announcement.

"Do not be afraid," the angel said. "I bring you good news for all people . . . a Savior has been born to you." That "you" included those shepherds. "You" included all the people in the sleepy town of Bethlehem. "You" includes, well, you.

God sent Jesus as a gift for every one of us. Jesus brought peace. He made a way for us to have a relationship with God forever!

Find an adult and ask him or her following questions:

1. When do you first remember hearing the Christmas story about Jesus? Who told you?
2. Why do you think God sent an angel to tell a bunch of everyday shepherds about Jesus' birth instead of someone else with more power or influence?
3. If Jesus had been born today (in 2020), who do you think the angel would have told first?

DAY 2

Read Luke 2:16-20

What did the shepherds do as soon as they heard about Jesus' birth? They left that field and headed straight to see for themselves! And what did they find? Everything the angel said was true. They saw Jesus lying in the manger. And they knew that He was the one they'd been waiting for. It was such good news that they immediately started telling everyone about it.

If Jesus had been born today with all the technology available to us, there would be so many ways to tell people all about it. In the space below, write out all the ways you could share the good news about Jesus (we've listed a few ideas to help you get started):

Send someone a text message. Type up an email to send to all your friends and family

Ask God to help you tell others the good news about Jesus, just like the shepherds did on that first Christmas. Remember, God's peace is for everyone and He wants us to share this good news with the people around us.





DAY 3

Read John 14:27

When you hear the word “peace” what do you think about? Write down your definition of peace below:

Some would say that peace is the absence of arguments or disagreements. Others would say that peace means no war or fighting. Others define peace as a feeling of calm or quiet.

Jesus came to make things right between us and God. He came to make a way for us to be a part of God’s family. That’s why we celebrate Christmas! Because God sent His only Son so that we could have peace forever.

Have you ever watched a baby sleeping? There is something so calm and peaceful about a sleeping baby. Head back over to your nativity and look at the baby Jesus figure sleeping away. Spend some time thanking God for sending His only Son to bring you peace forever.



DAY 4

Read John 16:33

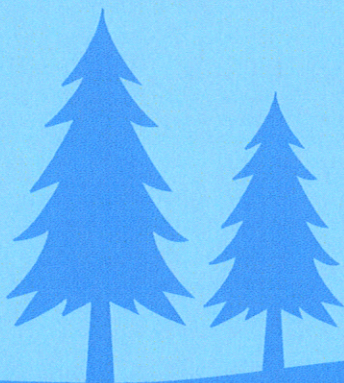
Do you ever wonder why you seem to fight with your siblings so much? Chances are you’ve been spending a lot of time with your brothers or sisters lately. And the more time you spend with each other, the more opportunities you have to get on each other’s nerves.

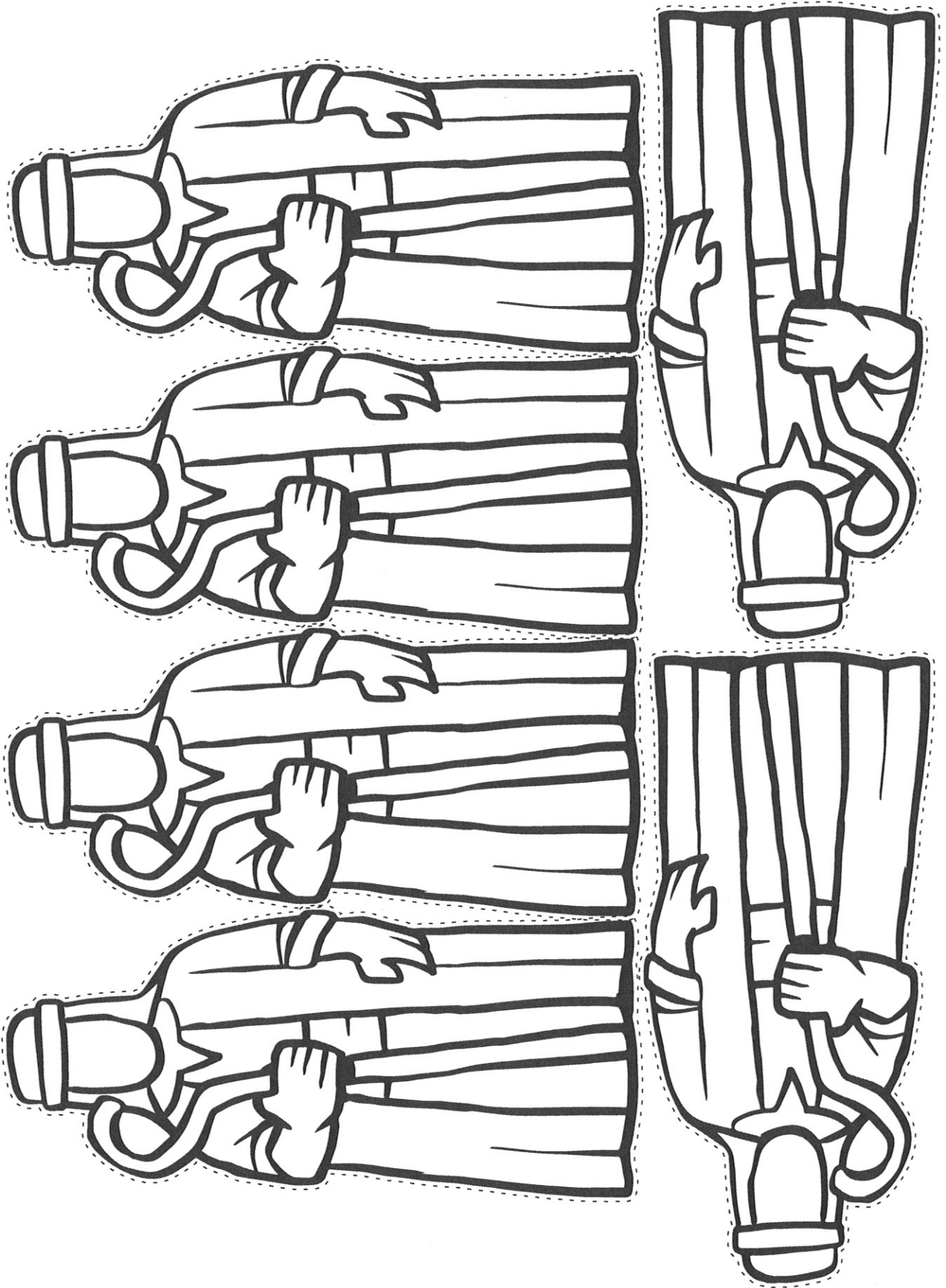
But peace is possible, even when you’re fighting with your brother. Why? Because of Jesus. Jesus reminds us that even though we will have trouble in this world (like those fights with your sister) it’s okay, because He is bigger and stronger than any of the yucky stuff we might face.

Grab your “PEACE” ornament from week one. Decorate the front with paint and run some ribbon through the top. Instead of packing this ornament away with the rest of your decorations, hang this one up in your room all year. Every time you face trouble (like a fight with your brother or a super bad day), remember the PEACE, deep down that you have because of your relationship with Jesus. Ask God to help you tell others about Jesus too because God’s peace is for everyone.



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for everyone.





What to Do:

Print on cardstock and cut out. Provide one cutout for each kid.

"Shepherds" Activity Page

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