



Circle Up

Use this time to gather as a family and get everyone

ASK

- What's your very favorite pair of shoes and why?

Take turns sharing.

SAY

We have some fun shoes, but the best shoes aren't ones we can see in our closets - they're God's shoes of peace! There's a story in the Bible about one of Jesus' friends who tried to fight evil with violence. Jesus knew **we fight evil with peace** and we have his special armor to put on, including the shoes of peace.

Watch

Watch today's teaching video [here](#)

ASK

Your Elementary Schooler:

What does peace mean to you?

Have you ever kept peace in a tough situation?

What's one way you can help keep peace in our family?

Who is someone you know who is peaceful?

ASK

Your Prechooler:

What's something you can share today?

How can you use your words when you're upset?

What do you think a peaceful world looks like?

Who do you think is peaceful in our family?

Have Fun Together

Use these activities to have fun together while learning about God.

READ

Read Ephesians 6:10-12, 15; Luke 22:47-53; John 18:1-11

Paul talks about the spiritual battle we're fighting against evil and tells us to put on the shoes of peace that come from the good news about Jesus. Just as shoes help a soldier walk safely in a battle, the shoes of peace help us when we face evil. Jesus chose to walk in peace even when his enemies arrested him - though his friend Peter wanted to fight with violence, Jesus chose peace.

PRACTICE

The Bible says our peace comes from the good news about Jesus. What do you think that means? If our peace comes from knowing and sharing the good news about Jesus, let's see what that looks like in our lives.

Read the following scenarios, take turns thinking of several ways to show peace for each one. Start in the corner of the room and for every peaceful idea, take a step forward.

- Someone at school is making fun of you
- Someone isn't playing fair or sharing as quickly as you'd like
 - Someone says Jesus isn't real
- You see someone bullying another kid

We took a lot of steps forward with our shoes of peace. Look how far away we are from the corner where Peter wanted to fight with violence. When we wear the shoes of peace, we step away from violence because we're confident in the good news about Jesus.

PLAY

Pair family members together with similar size and sit across from each other at a table and play a few friendly arm wrestling matches.

- After pairs have finished their competitions, have them play again. This time, the person who won round 1 has to let the other win. Ask:
 - *How did you feel when you won the arm-wrestling match?*
 - *How did you feel when you had to let the other person win?*
 - *When you're in a fight with a friend, what do you do to try to win the argument?*

It's no fun to arm wrestle if you have to let the other person win and when we're in an argument, we usually want to win that, too! We want to get the last word in and make the other person feel bad for what the person did to us. In our Bible story, Jesus let the other people win. He let the other people arrest him, even though Peter tried to fight. Why do you think he did that?

PRAY

Dear God, thank you for giving us shoes of peace. Help us remember that we can fight evil with peace. We love you!
In Jesus' name, Amen.