



PEACE

BECOMING A PEACEMAKER IN A WORLD OF HOSTILITY & UNREST

Activity

In Jesus' kingdom - the world that he is making - peace reigns. The peace that Jesus promises is more than the absence of anxiety or conflict - it is wholeness, radical, and uncomfortable. Jesus' kingdom exists and spreads when the hungry are fed, when someone rides their bike to reduce their carbon footprint, when the fatherless are cared for by a loving community, when enemies reconcile against all the odds, when someone loves their neighbour, etc.

This week, as you drive through your city and neighbourhood, look for signs of life and signs of death, the presence of wholeness and the absence of wholeness. Reflect on, or discuss with friends or your family how your neighbourhood might be different if God was in charge. How would your city be different? What would it look like if God made things right?

After you discuss and reflect, ask God how you can pursue his peace this week; what tangible impact can you have in your neighborhood and city? How can you practically show love to your neighbor this week? Discuss ideas together, and decide how you will show peace this week.

Next Steps

Share your Activity answers and discuss with one another.

Pray the prayer below.

*As you light the **second purple candle** of your Advent wreath,
you can recite the Blessing below together!*

Prayer

Jesus, we recognize that we desperately need peace - the kind that transforms and lasts. Help us keep our hearts focused on you, teach us how to maintain a humble posture, and open our eyes to see the humanity in every person.

Jesus, teach us to walk in the rhythms of your peace.

Amen!

Blessing

May we choose to embrace Jesus' way of peace for the flourishing of others as we join God in the world he is making. Go in peace.

Make peace.

Be at peace.

