Pencil

DAILY READING: PEACE

Peace is a fruit of the Holy Spirit. This means when I choose to live in obedience to God, as a follower of Jesus, the Holy Spirit produces peace in me.

True peace comes from God and cannot be taken from me. The presence of Jesus fills me with peace, so I do not need to be afraid. The Holy Spirit living in me gives me peace. This peace helps me face difficulties and gives me comfort. I choose to bring my concerns to God in prayer and thank Him for taking care of my needs. His peace will protect my heart and mind and keep me from giving up when I am overwhelmed or worried. I choose to live in His peace and to read and trust the promises of God every day. His peace enables me to do what is right even when it is scary. True peace comes from God and no one can take it from me.

DAILY STUDY: PEACE

DAY 1: Accept the Peace of God – Matthew 11:28-30

(page 953); Jeremiah 31:25 (page 761)

DAY 2: Jesus Has Overcome the World – John 16:33

(page 1062); Isaiah 26:3 (page 683)

DAY 3: Mind and Heart – Romans 8:5-8 (page 1114);

Proverbs 12:20 (page 627)

DAY 4: Called to Live in

Peace - Colossians 3:15

(page 1178); James 3:17-18

(page 1224); Psalm 29:11

(page 545)

Singing Road

When you slow your vehicle down to exactly 45 miles an hour between Albuquerque and Tijeras, New Mexico, on the old Route 66, the tune to America the Beautiful can be heard. Music can be very peaceful but only true lasting peace can come

from God.

DAY 5: Led by the Holy Spirit – Galatians 5:16-26 (page 1158);

Psalm 34:14 (page 548)

DAY 6: Made Right by Faith – Romans 5:1-11 (page 1111);

Psalm 85:8 (page 580)

DAY 7: Live by God's Instructions – Philippians 4:6-9

(page 1172); Psalm 119:165 (page 603)

Take time to learn the memory verse and have fun doing the activity.

ACTIVITY: Offering of Peace

White is the color used as a symbol of peace. In the Bible white doves are symbols of peace. During war, in some parts of the world, the white poppy (a flower) is a symbol of peace. Make this white dove as a reminder of God's lasting peace in your life.

YOU WILL NEED:

- White paper
- Colored construction paper
- Glue
- Scissors

STEPS:

- 1. Place your hand on a white piece of paper with your fingers spread out. Trace around your fingers with a pencil.
- 2. Cut out the drawing of your hand.
- 3. Glue it to a colored piece of paper.
- 4. Cut out or draw a bird beak and an eye. Glue or color onto the thumb of your dove.
- 5. Add more details if you would like.
- 6. Put this in a place where you can see it and remember God's lasting peace in your life.

MEMORY VERSE:

John 14:27 "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

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