## Newsletter

## Peace APRIL 2021



## SAY IT:

Peace means proving you care more about each other than winning an argument.

## KNOW IT:

#### ASK A KID:

- Have you ever heard your parents or teachers say "try to keep the peace"?
- What does that saying mean to you?
- Think of some times that you were able to be a peacemaker in a situation. This might have happened at school with classmates or at home with siblings. Also, think of a time when you were unable to keep the peace. How did each scenario make you feel? What was the outcome in both situations?

#### ASK A GROWN UP:

- Have there been times as an adult when you were unable to keep the peace? Discuss the circumstances, the people involved and the outcome.
- Now, share a time when you were able to be the peacemaker. Discuss specific positive contrasts from the example when you weren't able to keep the peace.

## SEE IT:

As a family, view this clip from the movie *Pocahontas:* 

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FD9d9WSU5TQ. This particular clip depicts Pocahontas saving John Smith. Her father states that his daughter comes with courage and understanding and he will not begin a war. Pocahontas demonstrates what it means to be a peacemaker. She is living out love and peace instead of hatred.

## BE IT:

This month, focus on being a peacemaker. Find ways to de-escalate and diffuse confrontation at school, home, church, ball practice, etc. Make it a point to show others that you care more about them than winning an argument. This will require lots of patience like we learned about last month. As a result of keeping the peace, there will be much more happiness and harmony wherever you are.



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# It may seem like there is never enough time to get everything done.

Consider using the rhythm of your daily life to shape the values in your home – take advantage of the time you already have:

## **Morning Time:**

Be a coach. Help them find purpose by starting the day with encouraging words.

#### **Drive Time:**

Be a friend. Talk about life during informal conversations as you travel.

### **Meal Time:**

Be a teacher. Have conversation while you eat together.

#### **Bed Time:**

Be a counselor. Strengthen your relationship at the end of every day with heartfelt conversations about feelings.

**So don't miss it.** Use the time you have (without technology or distractions) to deepen relationships and encourage values in your home.

