

## CITY LG – March 2-3, 2024

**Today's Bible Story:** Whenever, Wherever (Live in Peace with Everyone) • *Romans 12:18*

**Today's Bottom Line:** Make peace whenever you can.

**Monthly Memory Verse:** *If possible, live in peace with everyone. Do that as much as you can.*  
Romans 12:18 (NirV)

**LG SUPPLIES:** One flashlight, 2 boxes that each contain a flashlight and batteries, 2 blindfolds

### WORSHIP

Movin Me  
Dance

**Have kids get into their small groups Before you start Large Group**

**SLIDE: Theme**

Hi, everybody! It's so great to see all of you here today. My name is [your name] . . . and this month, we're finding out why it's important to live in peace.

**SLIDE: Virtue**

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

**SLIDE: Theme**

Peace is pretty powerful! Peace helps us stay connected. And with God's help, we can switch on the power of peace.

You know what? I've got a fun game for us to play that will help us practice switching on the power—with some flashlights.

*Hold up a flashlight.*

Let me have two Small Group Leaders come join me up on stage.

*Bring up the Small Group Leaders. Give them each a blindfold and a shoebox containing an empty flashlight and the right number of batteries to make it work.*

Leaders, you may go ahead and put on your blindfolds.

*(To audience)* When I say 'go,' your blindfolded leaders will open the box in front of them and try to get their flashlight to work. That means they'll have to find the batteries in their box . . . put those batteries in the flashlight the right way . . . THEN switch on the flashlight—all without being able to see what they're doing.

You can cheer for our leaders, and when they get their light to turn on, you'll let them know by shouting, 'Light's on,' and their name. So for example, you'd say, 'Light's on, [name].' Make sense? We'll keep going until both lights are shining! Let's get started. Three, two, one, go!

**AUDIO: Fun music**

*Comment on the action. Celebrate big as each leader gets their flashlight to work. Keep going until all of them have been successful. Then dismiss them to their seats.*

Today we're looking at something the apostle Paul wrote to the followers of Jesus who lived in Rome. We can find this letter that Paul wrote in the book of Romans in the Bible. *(Hold up Bible.)*

When Paul was younger, he tried to stop people from following Jesus. He even had Jesus-followers arrested and put in prison. But then Jesus spoke to Paul on the road one day, and everything changed!

From that point on, Paul traveled all over, teaching people about Jesus and starting new churches everywhere he went. Paul wrote the letter we know as Romans to the believers who lived in Rome. Paul wanted to encourage the Romans in their faith and tell them that he hoped to visit them soon. Let's check out what happened...

**VIDEO: Bible Story**

It's so important for us to live in peace with other people! Anytime we run into a difficult situation or things don't go our way, it's easy to just get upset and say the first thing that pops into our head. But that doesn't usually work out very well, does it? It's always better to pause and think about how to make peace. Stand up and let's check out our bottom line.

**VIDEO: Bottom Line**

**SLIDE: Bottom Line**

**Make peace whenever you can.**

That's what Paul wrote about in his letter to the Romans, which is where we find our Memory Verse, Romans 12:18. Let's say it together.

**SLIDE: Memory Verse (Romans 12:18)**

*Open the Bible to Romans 12:18 (NIRV) and read.*

*If possible, live in peace with everyone. Do that as much as you can. (NIRV)*

That's right! And we know that God can help us do that. When we decide to follow Jesus, we can have TRUE peace with God—the kind of peace that nothing can take away. God gives us the gift of the Holy Spirit to live inside us and help us make peace with the people around us. With God's help, we can make peace and **treat others the way we want to be treated.**

Let's decide that we're going to be people who make peace. Before we react, let's pause and think before we speak. Let's listen to what the other person has to say. And remember, if you're ever in a situation where you're not sure HOW to make peace, you can always ask an adult to help you too.

Let's pray and ask God to help us do that.

**SLIDE: Theme Background**

Dear God, thank You so much for reminding us that we should live in peace with others, whenever we can. Please give us the wisdom to know how to live in peace with the people You've put in our lives. Give us the wisdom and the courage to make peace instead of getting angry or frustrated. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

## OFFERING

What mission are we supporting this year? Yes, Morning Star Mission! Morning Star Helps People who are struggling financially. They help them with their basic necessities AND they help them with whatever it is they need to do, to be able to get in a better place and support their families. One of the things the kids need are supplies to help them succeed in school. One of their programs to help kids get the school supplies they need is called Jump on the Bus. If you have your offering, bring it up as we watch this video...

**VIDEO: Jump on the Bus**

So, let's help the kids be ready to jump on the bus this year! Missions of Hope prepares all year to be able to help underprivileged kids start their school year off right. So, when you look at your blessings, think of ways you can help kids in need in our area!

**SLIDE: Theme**