

# CITY SG – 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)

## 1. Power Up Peace

*Bible Story Review*

**What You Need:** "Power Up Peace" Activity Page (1 per group-keep hidden), whiteboard, marker and eraser (one per group)

### What You Do:

- Tell the kids you're going to draw blanks on the whiteboard to represent a word from the Bible story. (this is like the hangman game, but using the parts of a peace sign)
- Pick a word from the "Power Up Peace" Activity Page, but don't tell the kids what it is.
- Use the marker to draw a blank line on the whiteboard or poster for each letter in the word.
- *Optional: Fill in the first letter of the word to help get kids started.*
- Invite kids to take turns guessing a letter.
  - If the letter is in the word, fill in those blank(s) on the board.
  - If the letter is not in the word, draw a part of the peace sign as shown on the "Power Up Peace" Activity Page.
- Challenge the kids to guess the word before you draw all five parts of the peace sign.
- Invite any kids who think they know the word to solve it at any time during the game.
- When the kids guess a word correctly, ask if they remember what it has to do with today's story. (Possible responses listed below.)
  - Paul: *wrote a letter to a new group of Jesus-followers in Rome*
  - Letter: *Paul's letter helped explain what it looks like to follow Jesus.*
  - Romans: *a letter written by the apostle Paul to the believers in Rome*
  - Peace: *a feeling of calm; proving you care more about each other than winning an argument*
  - Listen: *We can show peace by listening to people even if we don't agree.*
  - Everyone: *Paul wrote: "If possible, live in peace with everyone. Do that as much as you can." (Romans 12:18, NIRV)*
- Repeat with each word from the "Power Up Peace" Activity Page.

## 2. Letter Together

*Application Activity*

**What You Need:** "Letter Together" Activity Page & pen (one per kid and leader), and Bible

### What You Do:

- Remind the kids that Paul wrote letters teaching people how to follow Jesus.
  - Use the Bible to read Romans 12:18 aloud to the group. Remind kids in this verse Paul wrote about peace.
  - Explain the kids will write a letter of their own about peace.
  - Give each kid a "Letter Together" Activity Page and a pen.
  - Keep one "Letter Together" Activity Page for yourself.
  - Read the letter on the "Letter Together" Activity Page out loud, saying "blank" for each blank.
  - Instruct the kids to fill in the blanks in the "Letter Together" Activity Page to give advice on how to keep the peace.
- \*Help those kids who have trouble spelling the words*

- Once the kids have filled in the blanks, invite them to share their letters (with the whole group or with a partner), as time and comfort allow.
- Say, “Just like Paul, you all did a great job writing letters to share how to **make peace whenever you can!**”

### 3. Act It Out

#### *Memory Verse Activity*

#### **What You Need:** Bibles

#### **What You Do:**

- Depending on the age/ability of your group, you can either:
  - Give each child a Bible and look up the memory verse together.
  - Read the memory verse to the group.
  - *If possible, live in peace with everyone. Do that as much as you can. Romans 12:18*
- Read the verse out loud a few times together.
- Instruct the kids to come up with hand motions and other movements to go along with the verse.
  - Kids can work in pairs or groups, or you can keep everyone together to share ideas.
- Give the kids a few moments to create motions.
- Recite the verse with the motions a few times together—allow the kids to lead when appropriate.

### 4. Pray

- “God, thank You for sending Jesus so we can have peace with You. Thank You for giving us Your Holy Spirit, who helps us make peace with others. This week, help us to stop and think about ways we can make peace with others instead of reacting quickly when we don’t feel peaceful. We love You and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

**PARENT PICK UP POINT:** As adults arrive to pick up, encourage kids to share their letters. Invite kids to ask their family how they can choose to make peace in their lives.