

SPECIAL  
SUNDAY

PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY  
CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY



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This children's activity plan is part of the Peace with Justice pastor and leader kit and connects with the theme "God's Promise of Peace." It can be adapted for your context and integrated into your children's Sunday school or other program.

## SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- Construction paper
- Markers or crayons
- Scissors
- Glue
- Printouts or digital images of peacebuilders (see below for some ideas)
- Magazines that the children can cut up

## BEGIN WITH A SONG ABOUT PEACE LIKE ONE OF THESE:

- "Let There Be Peace on Earth"  
by Rise Up Junior Choir
- "We Can Make a Difference"  
by Mrs. Dawn Miller

## INTRODUCE THE SCRIPTURE AND PEACE WITH JUSTICE THEME

Please repeat after me today's memory  
verse from 2 Corinthians 13:11:

*"Rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you."*

Today is Peace with Justice Sunday. Our church has a special focus on how we can be peacemakers and justice builders.

These are some examples of some young people who can inspire us to be peacemakers and justice builders (select 3-4):

- Greta Thunberg began demonstrating for climate justice outside of the Swedish parliament when she was 15 years old. She is a leader in the global creation care movement.
- Joshua Wong works for human rights and democracy in Hong Kong. At 17 years old,





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he was a leader in the 2014 “Umbrella Movement”—nonviolent demonstrations for fair elections. Protestors carried umbrellas to shield them from attacks.

- X González (formerly known as Emma González) survived a shooting at their high school when they were 18 years old. They work for peace by reducing gun violence in the United States and cofounded March for Our Lives, an organization that advocates for gun control legislation.
- Xiuhtezcatl Martínez (also known as X) has been speaking up for environmental and indigenous justice in the US since he was six years old. He is a hip-hop artist and was the youth director of Earth Guardians, an environmental advocacy organization, and has spoken at the United Nations and at other international events.
- Malala Yousafzai began advocating for girls’ education in Pakistan when she was 11. When she was 15, she survived an assassination attempt and continued to work for women’s rights through the Malala Fund. In 2014, when she was 17, she was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

### CREATE A “PEACE WITH JUSTICE” COLLAGE

Taimani Emerald is a peacemaker and justice builder who uses art to inspire children and

others to be “world changers.” Today we are going to make inspiring art as we think about how we can be world changers (learn more about Taimani Emerald and show an example of her work here: <https://www.emeraldcreative.org/>)

Write the words “peace with justice” on a strip of construction paper and glue it to the middle of a full-sized sheet of paper or cardstock.

Write “2 Corinthians 13:11” on another strip of construction paper and glue it anywhere on the full-sized sheet of paper.

Now, find images in magazines or draw your own pictures and symbols that represent peace-making and justice-building and cut them out.

Glue the images on the full sheet of paper around the words “peace with justice” and “2 Corinthians 13:11” to create a collage.

How will you be peacemakers and justice builders in the community, church and at school? Write these ideas or draw them on your paper as part of your “peace with justice” collage.

### CLOSE WITH THE MEMORY VERSE:

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