

SPECIAL  
SUNDAY

PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY  
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



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This children's message 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 worship service.

## **ASSEMBLE MOST OF A PUZZLE BUT SET ASIDE ENOUGH PIECES TO GIVE EACH CHILD A PUZZLE PIECE.**

**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."*

You each have a puzzle piece that has a different meaning from the peace that we hear about in today's memory verse. The puzzle is in pieces and is waiting to be restored. Sometimes it can feel frustrating when we can't find the right piece to complete or restore the puzzle. Maybe it makes you feel sad or mad. But what happens if you work together with other people to complete the puzzle? (Allow the children to respond) It becomes more fun, we can help one another, we feel like we are not alone.

You often hear us say in church, "Peace be with you." Today's memory verse comes from a letter that Paul sent to a church.

He asked them to live together in peace, which means getting along, not arguing and working together for wholeness.

Can you find where your piece of the puzzle fits? Maybe you can help a friend if it is hard for them. When we work together and cooperate, it makes it easier to be successful. It is true for completing a puzzle, but it is also true in how you help people who are struggling in school, or when you play with a classmate who is lonely or when you show kindness to someone who is sad. And God is with us to help us know how to be peacemakers by filling in our piece of the puzzle.

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## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE SUMMARIZED FOR MISSION MOMENT

Teach the children a memory verse from 2 Corinthians 13:11 (NIV): *“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.”*

On Peace with Justice Sunday, this children's message explores how each person holds a piece of the puzzle to build peace. Using a puzzle as an object lesson, teach children about creating peace through cooperation and friendship. When we work together to put the pieces in place, we are part of restoring peace. And God is with us to help us know how to be peacemakers.

