

Peace

Word Forms:

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| - peace (n) | Most people want peace in their lives. |
| - peaceful (adj) | Most people want to live peaceful lives. |
| - peacefully (adv) | Most people want to live peacefully. |
| - peacemaker (n) | A peacemaker helps enemies to get along with each other. |
| - make peace (v) | Sometimes a father needs to make peace between his children. |
| - pacify (v) | Sometimes it's difficult to pacify a crying baby. |
| - pacifier (n) | Some babies like to suck on a pacifier. |
| - Pacific Ocean (n) | The Pacific Ocean separates Asia from North America. |

Related Words:

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| - calm (adj) | Jonathan is a very calm baby. |
| - calm (v) | Sometimes it's difficult to calm a crying baby. |
| - harmony (n) | Most people want harmony between their family members. |
| - settle down (v) | Sometimes it takes children awhile to settle down after playing. |
| - reconcile (v) | It's good for enemies to reconcile themselves to each other. |

Exercises:

1. Yesterday the weather was stormy. Today, though, it's _____.
2. Primary school teachers often need to _____ their wild students.
3. Everyone was happy when the war ended and there was _____ again.

Questions:

1. What is the most peaceful place you have ever been to? Why was it peaceful?
2. Why do you think it's difficult to have peace in our lives?
3. What do you do to have more peace in your life?

Bible Readings:

1. Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." (John 14:27, NIV)
2. "Don't worry about anything, but in all your prayers ask God for what you need, always asking him with a thankful heart. And God's peace, which is far beyond human understanding, will keep your hearts and minds safe in union with Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:6-7, TEV)
3. "Jesus himself is our peace....having reconciled us to God through the cross." (Ephesians 2:14, 16, NIV)

Questions:

1. What do you think Jesus means when he says that the peace he gives is not like the peace that the world gives? (reading 1)
2. What can we do to receive God's peace? (reading 2)
3. Why are we able to receive peace from God? (reading 3)

4. How did Jesus “reconcile us to God through the cross”? (reading 3)