

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

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DAY 1

Read 2 Thessalonians 3:16

Most likely, the last time you were in an argument you weren't thinking about peace at all. When there's a disagreement, all we want to do is win or be right or make the other person see it "our" way. But peace doesn't work like that. In fact, sometimes the most peaceful thing you can do is to give up and let it go. After all, you can show you care about others by walking away from a fight.

Read the first sentence of today's verse again. Who gives you peace? Where does it come from?

Yep, God gives peace. And the good news is, He has an endless supply!

Read the statement below, pausing after each line. Repeat it four times, picking a different voice for each round.

May the Lord who gives peace
Give you peace
At all times
And in every way.

Ask God to give you peace at all times, in every way, so that you can show you care by walking away from a fight.

DAY 2

Read Romans 12:18

When you're mad, like really mad, peace is hard. When someone says something mean, it's hard to walk away. That's when what you focus on becomes really important. Instead of thinking about what's been said or what's been done, what if you shifted your focus to peace, instead? There are actually lots of things you can do.

- You can stop.
- You can ask God to help you.
- You can walk away.
- You can talk to an adult.
- You can choose kind words instead of unkind words.

This week, when you find yourself getting really mad about something, instead of focusing on what's been done to you, try to focus on what you can do. **Ask God to help you live in peace with everyone, as much as you can.**

DAY 3

Read Romans 14:19

When Paul wrote these words, there was a lot going on in the early church. Jews, who followed all kinds of laws about what to eat and wear and act, were worshipping right alongside Gentiles who had very different views. And anytime you get two different groups with two very different ideas together, there will definitely be some disagreements. Paul wanted them to stop finding fault and work hard to build each other up.

It's a good reminder for us too. Instead of insisting on our own way, we should seek to peace and look for ways to encourage each other. And when there's a disagreement or fight, sometimes the best way to bring peace is to simply walk away.

Hidden Words:

Find each word from the verse in the grid below by moving from square to square, in any direction. We've done one for you as an example. Then write down the five unused letters below to find the key word.

Live Work Hard ~~Build~~ One

B	I	D	E	N
U	E	L	K	O
L	I	A	R	E
P	V	O	C	D
E	W	H	A	R

KEY WORD:

DAY 4

Read Isaiah 32:17

Draw lines to connect the words below that have opposite meanings.

HIGH	RIGHT
LIGHT	SLOW
LEFT	END
FAST	LOW
BEGINNING	DARK

What is the opposite of peace? Fighting!

Doing what is right brings peace and rest.

Choosing to listen instead of yell, stopping to take a deep breath instead of making a point, or walking away instead of throwing something at your brother is always the better choice. When you choose to do what is right instead of what you might WANT to do in the moment, you bring calm to the situation.

The next time you get into a disagreement with someone and you feel yourself getting angry, stop and simply walk away. You might be surprised how doing the opposite of what you feel like doing in the moment turns things around!

You can show you care about others by walking away from a fight.

Key word answer: PEACE

