

WEEK TWO: Love All

Big Idea: Jesus gives us peace.

HANG OUT What is a food that you don't love? Why don't you like it?
What does your face look like when you have to eat it?
(Have all the children pretend to eat their very least favourite food.)
Then ask: What is it like when you need to be nice to someone who isn't nice to you? It's kind of like how we feel when we eat a food we don't like, isn't it?

But, Jesus wants us to love even the people who aren't nice to us, and he can help us do that because JESUS GIVES US PEACE!

HEAR Show the children your Bible. Let them know that your Bible may not have cool pictures like the Bibles for kids, but that the Bible is God's amazing story and that you love to read from it. Today, instead of a story, you are going to show them how you look up things in your big Bible that Jesus taught his friends.

Read Matthew 5:39-41.

Briefly recap this by explaining that what Jesus is saying is that if someone is mean to you, don't be mean back, but instead, be kind and loving.

Ask children how they could be kind and loving

...when someone says mean things?

...if someone pushes you?

...if someone says you can't play with them?

HUDDLE Pray with children that they would learn to love others even when it is hard.
On the back of this page, encourage them to draw a picture of how they can show love to friends even when it is not easy.

Find the new song, "Jesus Gives Us Peace" from The Meeting House to play, sing, and dance along to with children at parents.themeetinghouse.com.