

Think of a time when someone played with your toys. Did this person respect you and your belongings? How can you respect others?

# Making Choices



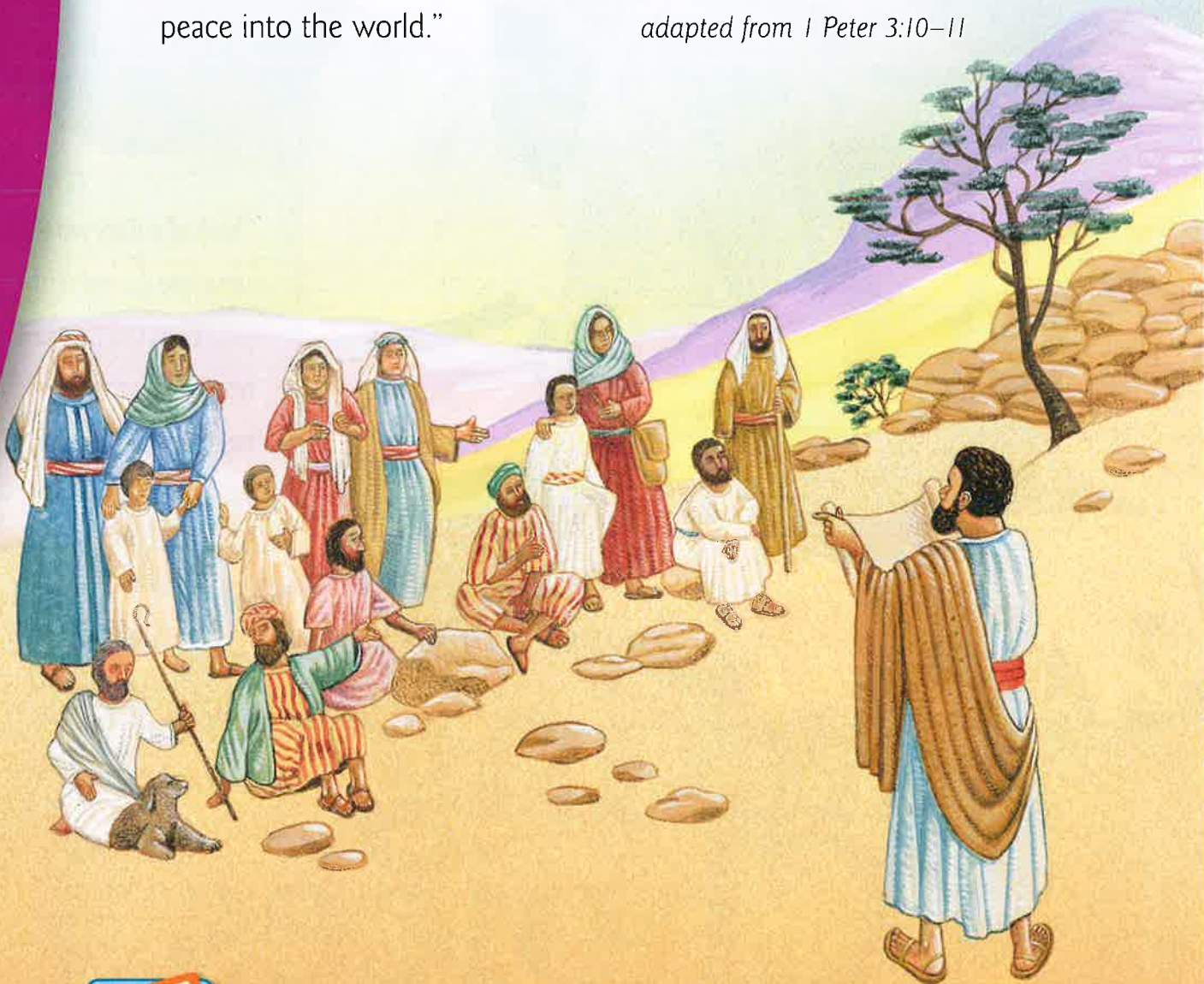
## Prayer

*Jesus, you want all people to live in peace. Teach me to be respectful of others.*

## A Community of Believers

Peter wanted to teach Christians about God's plan for them. So he wrote a letter.

Peter wrote, "Whoever loves their life should not tell lies or say evil things. Do what is right and stay away from evil. Bring peace into the world."  
*adapted from 1 Peter 3:10–11*



### Reading God's Word

If you want to be happy, do not say bad things or tell lies. Always be peaceful with one another, and do not sin.

*adapted from Psalm 34:12–15*



## Living in Kindness

God wants us to be **peacemakers** and to live in kindness. He wants us to be kind to one another and to enjoy the kindness others show us.

When we steal, lie, or say unkind things, we sin. God wants us to make up for what we have done. We ask for forgiveness. We return what was stolen. We stop saying hurtful things. Then we can live in kindness as God wants us to.



# Kindness



### Ready for the Sacraments

As we become more like Jesus, we follow him more closely. We make choices based on what we know Jesus wants for the world. He wants us to help others and to stay close to God the Father in prayer.

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## Prayer

### Quiet Time with Jesus

Imagine you are sitting quietly by yourself. As you sit there, Jesus walks up to you.

You begin talking to Jesus about how you have grown closer to him this year. Maybe you talk about the happy and sad times you have had. Know that you can share whatever you want with Jesus.

You can ask him for whatever you need.

Spend some quiet time listening to Jesus. Talk to him from your heart. Listen to what he wants you to know.



## Respecting Others

How can you show respect to others at home, in school, and in your community?

### Showing Respect

Write **R** if the person is being respectful.

Write **NR** if the person is not being respectful.

1. \_\_\_\_ Tucker makes fun of Corey's haircut.
2. \_\_\_\_ Sara reads her sister's journal when she is not home.
3. \_\_\_\_ Kevin thanks Holly for helping him.
4. \_\_\_\_ Yoon-Soo eats his brother's sandwich without asking him.
5. \_\_\_\_ Maria cleans her sister's bike after borrowing it.



### Link to Liturgy

The **sign of peace** at Mass is one way we show respect for others.

## Faith Summary

Jesus teaches us to respect people and to make peace. We will be happy if we show kindness in our words and actions.



### Words I Learned

peacemaker  
sign of peace

### Ways of Being Like Jesus

Jesus respected everyone. *Show respect in your words and deeds.*



### Prayer

*Thank you, Jesus, for all you have taught me. Help me to respect everyone I meet.*



## With My Family

**Activity** Discuss with your family how you can show respect for one another and what you can do to live peacefully together.

**Ready for the Sacraments** Sometimes we are tempted to be better or more popular than others. Jesus offers another vision of life, one that helps us recognize others' gifts, and celebrates who we are and who we belong to—God our loving father.

**Family Prayer** *Dear God, help us use respectful words and actions in our home.*