

## SMALL GROUP RESOURCE

Peace is trusting and serving Jesus.

### SCRIPTURE READINGS & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

#### Genesis 3:1-24

What is the root cause of unrest and suffering in the world?

#### Isaiah 53:1-6; Romans 5:1-2, 8-11; Colossians 1:19-22

According to these passages, how does God make peace?

#### Matthew 5:9, John 14:16-18 & 15:5

How is peacemaking a partnership?

Is peacemaking necessarily peaceful?

#### Ephesians 4:1-6

How are believers to pursue peace with each other?

What will change at church as we do this?

What will change between churches?

#### Matthew 10:11-14; Romans 12:14-21

How are we to offer peace to the world?

#### Matthew 5:10-11 & 10:32-36; John 15:18-27

How might some people respond to your offers of peace with God through Jesus?

Should this change your approach to peacemaking?

### PRAYER FOCUS

Ask God to help you trust Him with our non-peaceful world.

If you haven't yet, pray to accept  
God's offer of peace in Jesus.

If you have accepted God's peace,  
pray to be a peace maker among His people.

If you have accepted God's peace,  
pray for the faith to accept persecution  
in your role as a peacemaker.

## FAMILY RESOURCE

Big Idea: Peace is trusting and serving Jesus.

### READ ACTS 8:1-3 & ACTS 9:1-2

Why did Christians want to avoid Saul?

Why did Saul want to hurt so many people?

Play a game of tag.

How do you choose who to tag?

### READ ACTS 9:1-9

What did Saul plan to do?

How did Jesus change Paul's plans?

Draw a picture of something you were going to do,  
but got stopped from doing because...

### READ ACTS 9:10-19

How did Ananias feel about Saul before he met him?

How did Ananias feel about Saul after he met him?

Talk about people you are afraid to meet  
and why you don't want to meet them.

### READ ACTS 9:20-22

Why did people listen to Saul?

Work together to make an ad for Jesus.

### READ ACTS 9:23-25

Why did the Jews want to kill Saul?

Find unusual places in your home/yard where you can  
hide, then play Hide & Seek.

### READ ACTS 9:26-28

How did the disciples overcome their fear of Saul?

What can you do to help people  
stop fearing & fighting each other?

What can you do to help others to find peace with God?

Make 2 signs, one to remind you not to fear others  
and another to remind you to trust God.

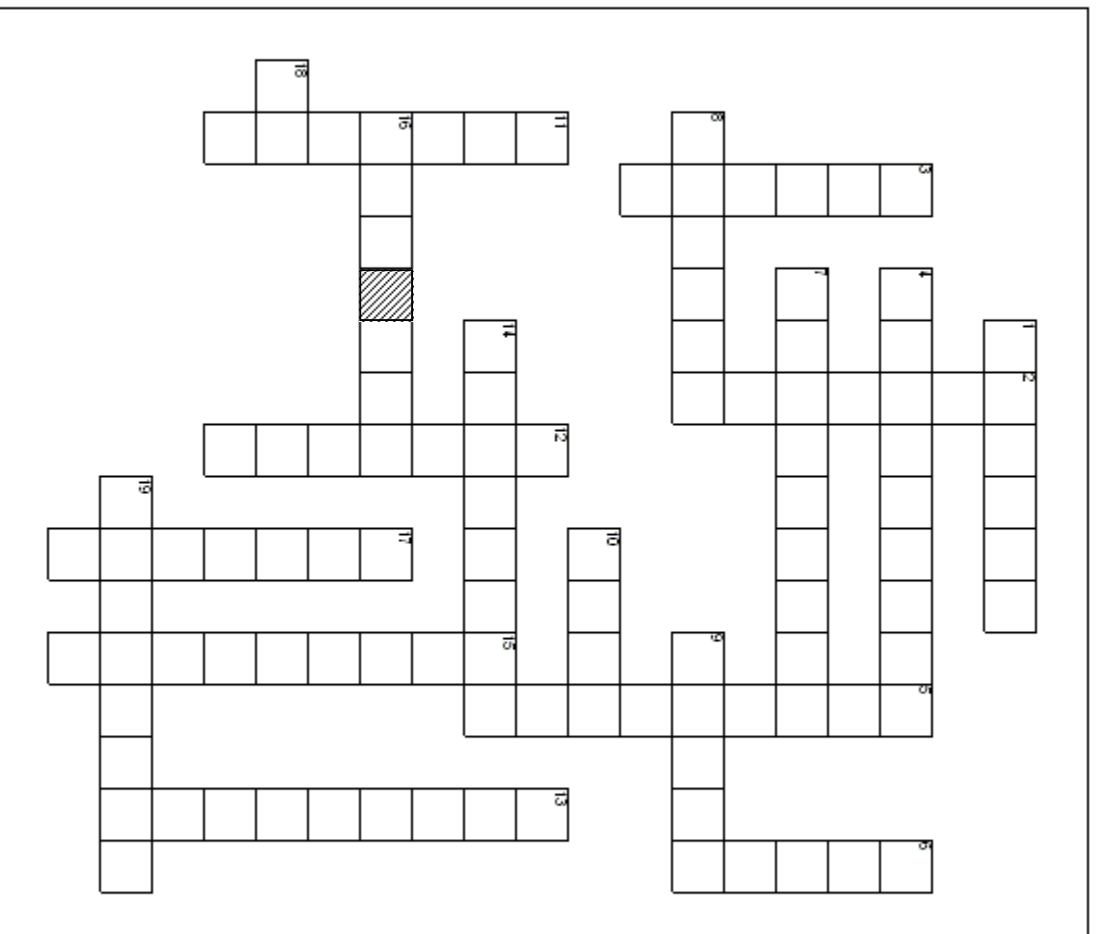
### MEMORY VERSE:

But the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ spirit is \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, peace, patience,  
kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness,  
and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

Galatians 5:22-23

# Trusting God Brings Peace

All clues are from the NIV version of the Bible.



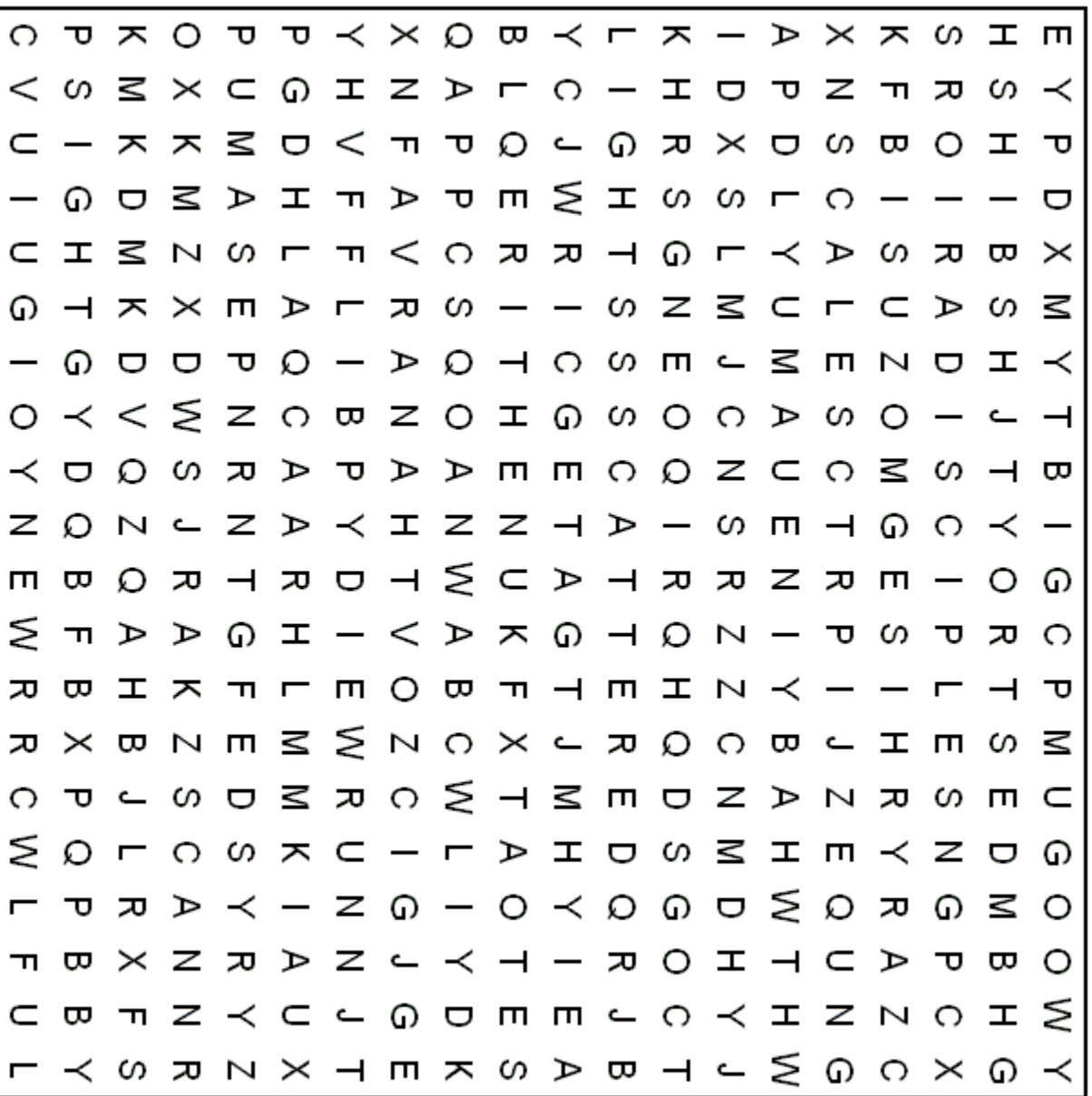
## Across

1. woven container (Acts 9:25)
4. went in many directions (Acts 8:1)
7. those in jail (Acts 9:2)
8. fish skin (Acts 9:18)
9. what Saul had lost (Acts 9:12)
10. he put Christians in jail (Acts 8:3)
14. he wasn't afraid of Saul (Acts 9:27)
16. name given to Jesus' followers (Acts 9:2)
18. move it! (Acts 9:15)
19. people who were not Jews (Acts 9:15)

## Down

2. he was afraid to meet Saul (Acts 9:13)
3. one way to tell others about Jesus (Acts 9:20)
5. they were afraid of Saul (Acts 9:26)
6. what Saul saw (Acts 9:3)
11. hurt or ruin (Acts 8:3)
12. what Saul was doing after he met Jesus (Acts 9:11)
13. harm (Acts 9:4)
15. permission (Acts 9:14)
17. confused (Acts 9:22)

# Trusting God Brings Peace



gentiles

basket

Ananias

preach

persecute

the way

scattered

go

scales

Saul

baffled

prisoners

authority

destroy

sight

praying

disciples

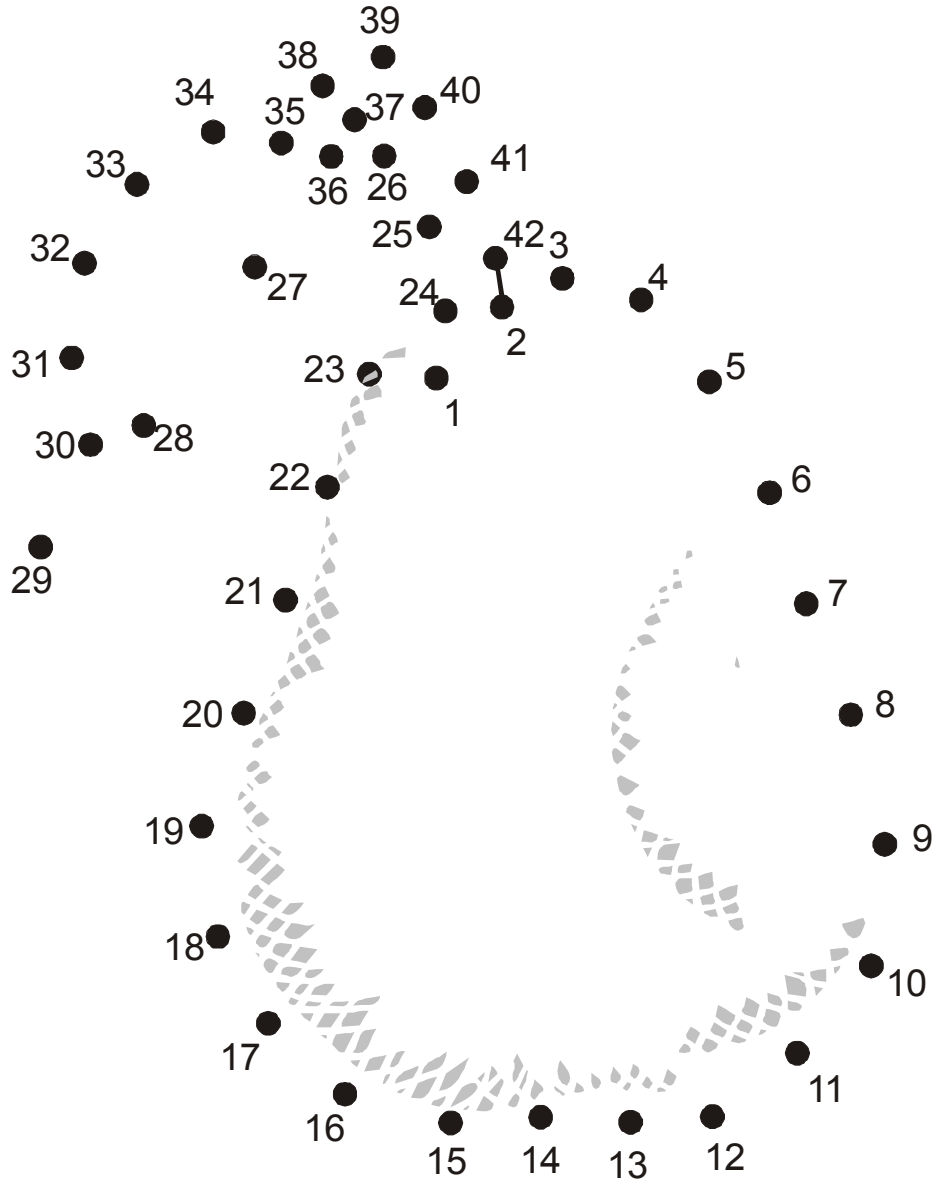
Barnabas

light

**PEACE** The pear represents peace. Because of its shape a pear tends to stay in one place. It is shaped and weighted like one of those boxing bag toys. Though it can be rocked/hit, it resettles. It is content/solid. Pears are also picked "green" and then they ripen over time - off the tree. Peace often requires that kind of process - taking the time to choose, pursue and deepen a relationship.

Eat some pears.

Better yet, SHARE them with someone else!



**What word is found in every verse?**

(This makes a great Bible drill tool!)

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|---------------|---------------|
| Luke 21:14    | 1 Samuel 9:20 |
| Matthew 6:25  | Luke 12:29    |
| Mark 13:11    | Matthew 6:28  |
| Luke 12:26    | Matthew 6:31  |
| Luke 12:22    | Matthew 6:34  |
| Matthew 10:19 | Luke 12:11    |

**FAMILY ACTIVITIES:**

When anyone starts to worry or whine do the

“PEACE” cheer:

Gimme a “P” (P!)

Gimme an “E” (E!)

Gimme an “A” (A!)

Gimme an “C” (C!)

Gimme an “E” (E!)

What does that spell?

PEACE, PEACE,

“GOD GIVES PEACE!”

Make a “peace man” using a balloon & attaching cardstock feet. What would a “peace” hero look like?

Have kids pantomime something that scares them and have the others guess who/what it is. Ask for suggestions as to how to stop being afraid.

Make scary people/monsters out of playdough. Why are we afraid of them? OR make sources of light - candle, flashlight, sun, etc.

**Bible Verse in sign:** But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, **PEACE...** the sign shows that agreement makes life smoother.

**MUSIC:**

Galatians 5:22-23

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God Provides

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I've Got Peace

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**Additional Bible verses:** Romans 12:18; John 14:27

**GAMES:**

Set up an obstacle course and go through it blind-folded. Then have a person give you vocal directions as you go through. Next have a person lead you through by the hand. Which do you find more peaceful?

Play What/Who is in the basket? (What you put in the basket will depend on how big the basket is!)

When the house is dark, play flashlight tag. (Notice how light effects your eyes.)

Peace relay - divide kids into teams of 2. Give each team an equally long string with each partner holding one end. They roll up the string (over tp rolls or into balls) until their rolls touch. (Peace brings people together, and it can take time and work and thought, and it means FACING the other person, but it is worth it.)

Find additional resources at  
[www.mygrandmatime.com](http://www.mygrandmatime.com)

## Trusting God Brings Peace

1. EDACSETRT      \_\_\_\_\_
2. YATHUOIRT      \_\_\_\_\_
3. LPCIISSD        \_\_\_\_\_
4. ARPEHC         \_\_\_\_\_
5. EROSSNRIP      \_\_\_\_\_
6. BSETKA          \_\_\_\_\_
7. AYZHTWE        \_\_\_\_\_
8. UALS             \_\_\_\_\_
9. OG                \_\_\_\_
10. AIAANSN        \_\_\_\_\_
11. DETRSOY        \_\_\_\_\_
12. ETESUCPER      \_\_\_\_\_
13. HGTIS           \_\_\_\_\_
14. AAABBSRN      \_\_\_\_\_
15. LHTGI            \_\_\_\_\_
16. SELCAS          \_\_\_\_\_
17. GNPARYI        \_\_\_\_\_
18. TNEIGELS        \_\_\_\_\_
19. FBDLAEF        \_\_\_\_\_