

CODNOR'S CHRISTIAN VALUES



peace

Talk about peace together

In school, children will be learning about our core Christian Value of **peace**, including the qualities of being a peacemaker when our peace is disturbed. Here are some questions to explore that theme you could discuss at home:

What kind of things can make people fall out with their friends and their families?

How do you feel when you fall out with people?

What can you do to help peace return to your friends and family?



Research it together

Why is the symbol of a dove so widely associated with the theme of peace?

Read about peace together

David Tries To Make Peace With King Saul

King Saul knew that he needed to keep an eye on young David. He had killed the giant, Goliath, and now people were saying that David should be king. David was a gifted musician and so Saul asked him to come and live in his palace and play soothing music to him when he was in a rage. David became more and more popular and a good friend of Saul's own son Jonathan. Saul became more and more angry and jealous. Finally, one day, as he watched David peacefully playing his harp Saul's fury erupted and he threw a spear at David narrowly missing him. David knew he must escape from Saul's palace and with Jonathan's help, he fled into the desert. Before long, hundreds of followers joined David. Saul was furious and, with 3000 of his finest soldiers, set out to hunt David down and kill him. One day, Saul and his men stopped by a huge cave. Saul went into the cave alone or so he thought! In fact, David and his friends had been resting in another part of the cave and when they saw Saul, David's men whispered, "This is your chance David. God has delivered Saul into your hands to deal with as you please. Let's kill him at once." David ordered his men to stay back while he crept forward and taking his knife from his belt, instead of killing Saul he simply cut off a corner of the king's cloak. As Saul left the cave, David called after him, "My King, why do you think that I want to harm you and cause a rebellion? Look, here is a piece of your cloak! I could have killed you but I wish for only peace between us." Saul was overcome with sadness for what he had done. "May the Lord reward you richly for the way you have treated me today. I know now that one day David you will indeed be king."

Person of Peace

Malala Yousafzai won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2014.



Peace Hall of Fame

Very few people had heard of **Rigoberta Menchu** when it was announced that she had won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1992. However, Rigoberta was one of the bravest women ever to have been awarded this prestigious prize. She was born in 1959 into a Mayan Indian family who lived and worked in Guatemala. The Mayan people were treated cruelly by the government and the army in Guatemala. The Menchu family were Christians and they believed it was their duty to fight against such injustice. The family learnt Spanish from the local priests so they could stand up for the rights of their people. One by one the members of the family were killed in the most dreadful way by the government soldiers. First, Rigoberta's 16 year old brother, then her father because he was a union leader and then finally her mother. Rigoberta knew she would be next, so she escaped to Mexico where she wrote her life story and made a film about the bad things happening in Guatemala. Rigoberta continues to this day to stand up against injustice and is now an Ambassador for the United Nations.



Create it together

This is an example of a peace sign. You will see it in collective worship and around school.



Your 'create it together' mission (just like Crystal Creator!) is to design your own peace sign with the people at home.

Try to use lots of colour and make it bright and attractive. Once you have completed it, bring it in to school and we will put them on display!



Colour me in



Bible verses



Philippians 4:7 (NIV): "And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Matthew 5:9 (NIV): "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."

Isaiah 26:3 (NIV): "You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you."

Colossians 3:15 (NIV): "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful."

John 14:27 (NIV): "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."

Pray together

O Lord Jesus Christ,

Who said to your Apostles:

"Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you."

Regard not my sins but the faith of Your Church,

And deign to give her peace and unity according to your Will.

Who live and reign, God, world without end.

Amen

