

Get Rich: Peace

Week 4

Props: Put up a large banner that says "Get Rich" in your large group space. Also, put up paper money with the words love, forgiveness and family taped across the bills.

-SLIDE- Welcome (Start kid's countdown once all classes are present)

Hey kids! Welcome to kid's church. I'm so glad you could be here today.

-SLIDE- Series Intro (2 min)

We're continuing our series called "Get Rich." Remember, it's all about being rich in God's love. First we learned what happens when we trust in Jesus. Does anyone remember? **(allow kids to answer)** Right, we're adopted into the BIGGEST, COOLEST family in the universe. Then we talked about getting to know God more and more. How can we do this? **(allow kids to answer)** Perfect, when our parents pray for us, reading the Bible and acting like Jesus. The last thing we learned was HOW God saves us, WHEN we get saved, and WHAT NOT to do once we are saved. Anyone remember what we shouldn't do? **(allow kids to answer)** You got it, we shouldn't brag about God's grace because we didn't earn it! It's a gift from God.

Today, we're going to talk about making peace. Does anyone know what peace means? **(allow kids to answer)** Those are good answers. We'll talk more about peace in a few minutes.

But first, let's stand and sing a song to God.

-SONG- No One Greater (3 min)

Good job. I think God loves to hear all your voices praising Him. Now, let's sit down and say our big idea together.

-SLIDE- Big Idea: Peace means you make friends, not enemies. (repeat)

-VIDEO- Rich 4 (4 min)

-SLIDE- Recap (3 min)

So, what did we learn from the video today? Let's review...

- True or False: Peace means we make enemies. (False)
- Jesus came to make peace between us and _____. (God)

- Who should we make peace with in our lives? (Everyone/others)

You guys are awesome! You see, Jesus came all the way down from heaven so that he could make peace between us and God. Who remembers what keeps us from being friends with God? **(allow kids to answer)** Right, sin! Our sin makes it so that we can't be buddies with God. But don't worry! Jesus died so that we CAN. All we have to do is put our trust in Jesus and we will have peace with God. We can be best friends with God! Isn't that cool?

But that's not all. Jesus doesn't want us to just have peace with God. He wants us to also have peace with others. Think of your brother, sister, or a close friend. When you get along and have fun together, it's awesome, right?! It's because you're at peace with them. God and your parents love that. But when you're fighting, stealing each others stuff, or breaking your sister's toys, that is NOT peace. What would you rather have, peace or fighting? **(allow kids to answer)** Right, peace!

That reminds me of our memory verse, let's all stand and read it together.

-SLIDE- Memory Verse: "For Christ himself **(point up)** has brought peace **(hands in prayer)** to us **(offer hands out)**." Ephesians 2:14a **(Repeat)**

You got it! Jesus came down to make peace between us and God. And, we should look to always make peace with others in our lives. This is what Paul was telling the church in the book of Ephesians and it's true for us today. We should be known for making friends, not enemies. Now, that doesn't mean you have to be BEST friends with everyone, but, you should be kind and loving to everyone because God did that for you. When we are friends with God and with others, we're rich in peace!

Now let's stand together and sing one last song to God.

-SONG- Everywhere I Go (3 min)

Okay, let's all say the Big Idea together one last time!

-SLIDE- Big Idea: Peace means you make friends, not enemies. (Repeat)

-SLIDE- Feed My Starving Children M&M campaign

Over the next few weeks, we will be doing our Feed My Starving Children fundraiser where we raise money to feed starving kids around the world. Here's what you do.

Pick up an M&M container from the KC desk, eat the candy, fill it with quarters and bring it back to church next week. A tube full of quarters is enough to give 63 kids a meal!

-SLIDE- Let's Pray (then dismiss)