

GRADE 1  
CHAPTER Twenty-one  
God's Kingdom

Objectives

- To learn that every Christian is asked to work for God's kingdom of justice and peace
- To identify personal talents that can be used to bring justice, peace and love into the world

Step One: Invite: Name your personal experience

- Draw a picture of a time when you were very happy. Talk about this picture and tell what makes you happy.
- Draw another picture showing other kids who are not happy. What is happening in their lives that makes them unhappy?
- Talk about how you can make a difference and bring some happiness to the child(ren) in your picture.

Step Two: Explore: Understand the meaning of God's Word

- Think about your playground or a team you belong to and share ways you could bring peace, justice and love to that place/group.
- Read the scripture on p. 200 and then read some of the ways in which Jesus tried to bring justice, peace and love to people of his day (p. 201).
- Complete the review and apply on p. 203
- Make a card like the one on p. 201. On the front, design it as it is shown and put your name in the blank space. On the back, write one way you can bring peace, one way you can bring justice and one way you can bring love to your world.
- Talk with your family about a project to bring justice that you can do together. (See the activity on p. 204 for ideas).

Step Three: Celebrate: Offer prayers of praise and thanksgiving

- Use the Asking Prayer on p. 202

Faith Activities: Tips

- Throughout each chapter, there will be sections marked "Activity."
- Feel free to choose as many activities as you wish to share with your family. At a minimum, choose one activity above and beyond what might be mentioned in Steps 1-3.
- Follow the directions for the activity, share popcorn or a treat, relax and enjoy it.
- Post any artwork until the next lesson and then use the next chapter's activity to take its place.