



# Cumbria Bible Challenge

## Finding Peace Collective Worship

“Today I am going to give you the opportunity to reflect on the concept of Peace”

“Can anyone give me the definition of peace?” take answers from the children.

“The dictionary definition of peace is– ‘The absence of war’- which is definitely one definition– but I wonder if it is the only definition . I don’t think it gives us a big enough picture of the meaning of peace. “

“I think peace can be about no war, no fighting. It can be to do with no noise, ‘peace and quiet’ is a saying we often hear. But I think there is something about an inner peace too. something about being calm inside.”

“Jesus was sometimes called the Prince of Peace, and Christians believe knowing Jesus and learning and following his ways enables them to have a deep kind of inner peace– a peace given by Jesus. A peace which even in the most difficult of times stays within us. “

“I don’t know about you, but when things are going wrong, when I’ve fallen out with someone, or broken something special, or forgotten what I need or hurt myself– I think it can be really easy to ‘lose it’. It’s easy to get angry or react in a not so cool way. What do you think– do you know what I mean? Lets just think about that for a moment. Lets just think how different things might be if we had peace inside us”

The peace that Jesus talks about is so powerful that it helps us to stay peaceful even in those times. Even when it seems impossible.

In the Bible , in Philippians it talks about ‘The peace of God which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds’.

“I’d like to show you an old Sainsbury’s Christmas TV ad now, it is based on a true story from 1914– so a very long time ago when our country was at war with Germany. Something amazing happened on Christmas day. In some places along the trenches the fighting stopped just for a little bit of time and the soldiers from both sides spend some time together making friends and spending time together. One could say that, that special kind of peace we just learned about in the Bible covered them all.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6KHoVBK2EVE> (search Sainsbury’s 2014 Christmas ad on you tube)

**Pray:**

**Worship song:** Silent Night

