

PEACE

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**¹³Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,
¹⁴“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”**

— Luke 2:13–14 (NIV)



EVERY NATION
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Start the conversation by saying...

The Christmas Truce of 1914 is perhaps one of the most famous stories of peace, momentarily stopping the endless destruction of lives along the Western Front of World War I.

ENGAGE



Go deeper with this...

No matter how hard we try, there will always be tensions and misunderstandings between people. How do you usually deal with these?

LINK



Connect to God's truth by sharing...

- Most people strive for peace and harmony with others, but all human efforts to reach peace are limited.
- The truth is, only God can bring lasting peace on the earth.
- In the Christmas story, a host of angels welcomed the coming of Jesus on earth. Giving glory to God acknowledges that there is someone above us whose perspective, goodness, and wisdom surpasses ours. This is what gives us peace.
- God promises that His peace, which goes beyond our understanding, will guard our hearts and minds when we bring Him our problems.
- When we are in Christ, not only will we have peace; we become God's agents of peace to the world.

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Pick a question and pray together...

Discuss Together (*pick one*)

- What things cause you anxiety and worry?
- Among your key relationships, are there conflicts that need resolving?

Pray Together (*pick one*)

- Pray for the peace of God to reign in your heart every day, especially when going through times of anxiety and worry.
- Pray for opportunities to bring peace to those you have conflict with.

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⁶Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

— Philippians 4:6–7 (NIV)