

YEAR OF GROWTH

PEACE WEEK 2

EXAMPLES

Old Testament:

Day One – Sunday

Reflect on the definitions of the words that God used to describe peace. Think back over the previous lessons. Read again the passages that you have written. Recall the verses you have memorized. Focus on the meaning of peace and prepare to explore important Bible examples.

Day Two – Monday

Genesis 26:24-31

The men of Gerar had been in conflict with Isaac over wells that had been dug in the land. Yet, on this occasion, leaders of Gerar approached Isaac seeking peace. Their motivation in seeking peace was the fact that they had seen that the Lord was with Isaac. By remaining faithful to the Lord and demonstrating godly character, Isaac was able to be at peace in Canaan.

Day Three – Tuesday

Numbers 25:1-13

Phinehas was given a covenant of peace by God. This meant that the priesthood would be carried on by his descendants. Interestingly, the reason for this covenant of peace was an act of violence and war. Phinehas put to death an Israelite and his Midianite lover who were committing open fornication as the congregation was weeping in penitence over their idolatry with Moab. True peace comes only when evil is opposed, battled, and defeated.

Day Four – Wednesday

1 Samuel 20:41-42

Jonathan and David could part from one another in peace because of the covenant they had made in the name of the Lord. Both sought the Lord's will and submitted to his authority. Thus, their friendship could remain in peace even during times of separation and trouble.

Day Five – Thursday**Esther 10**

Mordecai became prominent in the land of the Persians. Thus, he was able to seek the welfare and peace of his people. This came as a result of the actions of Esther and Ahasuerus the King. Because of Esther's faithfulness to God and to His people, the truth was revealed, and the Jews were spared. Peace was gained by submission to and trust in the Lord.

Day Six – Friday**Proverbs 3:1-7**

Remembering and obey the Word of God brings peace to one's life. God's Truth provides mercy, favor, and good understanding. Thus, one should bind it around his neck and never let it go.

Day Seven – Saturday**Isaiah 26:1-7**

The one who keeps his focus on and trust in God will have perfect peace. God desires for man to be humble, righteous, and upright in his heart and his deeds. Those who follow God's will find a peace that passes understanding.