# YEAR OF GROWTH

# PEACE WEEK 3

## **EXAMPLES**

#### New 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

#### Matthew 5:3-9

Jesus is the great peacemaker. He came to make peace between God and man. The Beatitudes teach the kind of heart needed to follow the Lord faithfully. One necessary attribute is to be a peacemaker. The children of God seek to make peace with Him in their own lives, then to show others how to be at peace with God through the Gospel.

## <u>Day Three</u> – Tuesday

#### Mark 5:25-34

The woman with the issue of blood sought to be healed by Jesus. She was healed when she touched Jesus' garment. After she told Him the truth, He said, "Go in peace." This miracle demonstrates Jesus' desire to make men whole by making peace between them and God. Again, Jesus is the great peacemaker and the example all should follow.

### Day Four – Wednesday

#### Luke 2:8-14

When Jesus was born, the angels praise God by acknowledging peace on earth. This peace would be made available because of the Savior born in Bethlehem. Jesus would die on the cross to pay the price for the sins of the world. Thus, those who come to Him in obedience will be cleansed and forgiven. They will find peace with God.

## Day Five – Thursday

#### Acts 10:34-36

Like Jesus, Peter was a peacemaker. His sermon on Pentecost is the one recorded in Scripture (Acts 2). He was the first to preach the Gospel to a Gentile audience at the house of Cornelius. Here, he preached peace, declaring that Jesus is Lord of all. Jesus is the only way to peace. And those who would be peacemakers must preach the pure Gospel of Christ.

#### Day Six – Friday

#### Romans 10:13-17

The Gospel of Christ is "glad tidings of good things!" Those who proclaim it preach the good news of peace. Like Jesus, Peter, and Paul, all Christians should be preachers of peace. If we cannot go, we should send those who can.

## <u>Day Seven</u> – <u>Saturday</u>

#### 2 Thessalonians 3:13-16

The Christian must never grow tired or weary in doing what is right. Sometimes, this means standing against those who do wrong or teach error. Yet, our stand must be in love, always seeking peace with God. If we live in such a way, the Lord will bless us with abundant peace.