

Center 1

Memory Verse

Fold a paper plate in half and punch a hole in the top. Give one plate ("dove") to each child. Have the children glue feathers on each side of the body of the dove. Then let them glue the googly eyes on each side. Then glue the yellow beak. Help them tie a string through the hole-punch so they can fly the dove of peace. Explain that doves are peaceful birds. Doves don't strike back when faced with an enemy. In the Bible God used a dove as a sign of peace to show He was with them and taking care of them. Go over the verse and talk with the children about how the Holy Spirit increases our peace as we trust in Jesus. Have them say the verse three times.

"We have been made right with God because of our faith. Now we have peace with him because of our Lord Jesus Christ." Romans 5:1

Supplies: Paper plate folded in half and hole-punched, feathers, googly eyes, 2 yellow triangles/1 diamond, white yarn

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Center 2

Doves of Peace Obstacle Relay

Set up two race lanes: a few beanbags at the starting line, a basket a few feet from the starting line, a hula-hoop midway down the lane, one chair at the end of each lane (for the children to run around).

Divide the group into two teams. The children will run the obstacle course relay while pretending to fly like doves. First, the child must throw a beanbag in the basket, then jump into the hula-hoop and recite the memory verse before jumping out, then run around the chair and back to the starting line, tagging the next child. Make sure they're flapping their "wings" like a dove the whole time!

Supplies: 2 chairs, 2 buckets, beanbags, 2 hula-hoops

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Center 3

Let God Handle It

Mix one tablespoon of cornstarch with two teaspoons of water in a bowl. Pick up the goo and quickly move it around with your fingers. Then set the goo ball in the center of your hand. Tell the children to imagine that the goo is something you're worried about. The more we keep trying to "handle" our fears on our own, the more anxious we become. Now stop! See how quickly your "worries" melt when you stop trying to "handle" your problems on your own? Remind them that we can stop worrying and pray to God the giver of PEACE. Repeat and let the children try with their own "worries" (goo).

"Do not worry about anything. Instead, tell God about EVERYTHING. Ask and pray. Give thanks to him for all He has done. Then God's peace will guard your hearts and minds because you belong to Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6-7

Supplies: Bag of cornstarch, bottle of water, tablespoon, teaspoon, 1 bowl (per child), 1 spoon (per child)

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Center 4

Bubbles to Peace

Have the children blow bubbles. Sometimes there are things that worry us. God wants us to tell him those things because he cares for us. How are blowing bubbles like giving our worries to God? What happens to our worries when we give them to God?

Supplies: 4 bottles of bubbles

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