

Scenario Card #1:

Scenario: You are waiting in line to go up the ladder and go down the slide on the playground. Another kid runs over and cuts in front of you in line. You push them out of your way before climbing the ladder. After all, it was your spot in line wasn't it? What do you do?

1. The small group shares what they would do to make peace in this situation.
2. Take out your Bibles and turn to Romans 12:18-19. Read aloud these two verses.

¹⁸"Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone. ¹⁹ Dear friends, never take revenge. Leave that to the righteous anger of God. For the Scriptures say, “‘I will take revenge; I will pay them back,’ says the LORD.”

3. What does the Bible tell us we should do? Take input from the children.
4. The Bible tells us we are to do whatever we can to be at peace with others. Should we ever take matters into our own hands if someone has done something wrong to us?

No, God tells us to never seek revenge because He will take care of it for us. He calls us to do our part to make peace with others no matter who started it. To make peace in this situation, we should go back to the child we pushed, apologize, and seek their forgiveness without mentioning the fact that they cut in line first.

Scenario Card #2:

Scenario: There is a child in your neighborhood who often calls you names. You do not know why they call you these names, but you do know that it hurts your feelings. You think maybe this other child could be jealous of you. What do you do?

1. The small group shares what they would do to make peace in this situation.

2. Open your Bibles now to Hebrews 12:14. Read aloud the verse to the class.

¹⁴ "Work at living in peace with everyone, and work at living a holy life, for those who are not holy will not see the Lord."

3. This verse tells us to strive for and pursue peace. We are to try to be at peace with all people. You are not at peace with another child if they are calling you names. The Bible tells us to seek to make peace with this child and find out why they are calling you names. By seeking to make peace you are showing the other child the peace you have in your heart.

Scenario #3:

Scenario: It is time to go to the library with your class. You and your classmates get to choose which book you will be reading and over the next few weeks. You have had your heart set on a certain book and everyone in your class knows you have been looking forward to reading it. There is only one of those books left and the student right before you gets it. What do you do?

1. The small group shares what they would do to make peace in this situation.
2. Open your Bibles to 1 Peter 3:10-12. Read aloud these verses to the class.

¹⁰ “For the Scriptures say, If you want to enjoy life and see many happy days, keep your tongue from speaking evil and your lips from telling lies. ¹¹ Turn away from evil and do good. Search for peace, and work to maintain it. ¹² The eyes of the LORD watch over those who do right, and his ears are open to their prayers. But the LORD turns his face against those who do evil.”

3. In this situation, it was not a nice thing for the student ahead of you to choose the book you wanted when they knew you had been looking forward to reading it. Your reaction could have been to speak a mean word to them and use your tongue for evil. In this passage God tells us to not use our tongues for evil, but to turn away from evil and pursue peace.
4. What does it mean to pursue peace? It means to go after it. Peace doesn't just happen on its' own, but we must try to make peace with others.
5. In this situation you could go tell that student that you understand that maybe they wanted to read that book, too. You can tell them that you were disappointed you missed out on reading it, but you plan to check it out from the local town library to read on your own. That would be making peace.