

If...a person feels peace and knows that it results from faith that Christ satisfied divine justice for him and converted his soul and united him to the Saviour, the peace he feels is genuine since it rests on the truth of God.

John Gerstner

God cannot give us happiness and peace apart from Himself, because it is not there. There is no such thing.

C.S. Lewis

God the Father is called the "God of peace"; God the Son, the "Prince of peace"; God the Holy Ghost, the "Spirit...of peace".

Thomas Watson

And therefore you who think so basely of the Gospel and the professors of it, because at present their peace and comfort are not come, should know that it is on the way to them, and comes to stay everlastingly with them; whereas your peace is going from you every moment, and is sure to leave you without any hope of returning to you again. Look not how the Christian begins, but ends.

William Gurnall

God can work peace through us only if He has worked peace in us... Those who are in the best of circumstances but without God can never find peace, but those in the worst of circumstances but with God need never lack peace.

John MacArthur

Peace is such a precious jewel that I would give anything for it but truth.

Matthew Henry

He has great tranquility of heart who cares neither for the praises nor the fault-finding of men. He will easily be content and pacified, whose conscience is pure. You are not holier if you are praised, nor the more worthless if you are found fault with. What you are, that you are; neither by word can you be made greater than what you are in the sight of God.

Thomas à Kempis

We cannot enjoy peace in this world unless we are ready to yield to the will of God in respect of death. Our times are in His hand, at His sovereign disposal. We must accept that as best.

John Owen

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Where *peace* originates  
What *peace* brings

### **Peace Promised**

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Pieces of peace  
Promises of peace

### **Peace Has Come**

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Jesus' life declared it  
Jesus' death accomplished it

### **The Way Life Ought To Be**

**Romans 5:8; Philippians 4:6,7**

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# Kids Notes

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### The Questions

Answer the following questions. The answers are on the back.

- The angelic message to the shepherds was that:*
  - the baby Jesus was the One bringing peace with God.
  - property values in Bethlehem were about to drop.
  - all their lambs were going to be born spotless.
  - all of the above.
- Peace, in the Bible, means:*
  - the state of well-being, especially in relation to God.
  - the end of hostility and war.
  - completeness, wholeness, health and well-being.
  - all of the above.
- Those who are following Christ:*
  - live at peace with God.
  - enjoy the peace of God.
  - know peace because they know Him.
  - all of the above

For Family Discussion: *How does your family enjoy the peace that we have before God? How is Christmas a time for peace in your home?*

Space to Doodle

### Did You Hear It?

Mark the times you hear these key words:

PEACE _____	TOTAL: _____
ANGELS _____	_____
SHALOM _____	_____
WELL-BEING _____	_____
CHRISTMAS _____	_____
GOD _____	_____

### Word Search

Find the following words in the scramble below. Letters are sometimes used twice, and words may go around corners.

PEACE ANGELS SHALOM WHOLENESS HEALTH COMPLETION  
 SOUL CHRISTMAS GOD YEAR CHOIR EARTH PLEASED FAVOR  
 JESUS BABY MANGER MARY JOSEPH WAY PRINCE ISAIAH  
 PROPHETS HOPE JOY LOVE CHRIST PROMISE

B P R S K F N I T J S Q J R T L S  
 E A R W S W C L J B A F D S U H F  
 X O B O Y E S R L X M G M O A S H  
 G A K Y M I N W G H T R S L G U P  
 H T R A E I A E O A S M O S K S E  
 H T L A E H S P L R I M T V S E S  
 R K E F Q G E E P O R E B R A J O  
 N O I T E L P M O C H E R P M F J  
 P L E A S E D I H P C W A E A M X  
 C P R Y E A R O O N P S N A R N K  
 U H O E R V I R I W J J G C Y R X  
 Y Z R H G R P R B Y X I E E A R P  
 I B Q I M N P O O Z G V L G W Y N  
 W S V J S E A J N T W I S A I A H  
 V F U R H T P M K E V O L P F X U