

Chapter 10

Peace

Peacemakers will be called God's Children.

Matthew 5:9

For the Parents:

In chapter 10 your child learned to:

- Evaluate peaceful/non-peaceful situations
- Determine ways to be a peacemaker

Peacemakers are those who try to avoid violence as a means of resolving conflict. Disciples of Jesus were taught by him to “Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you” (*Luke 6:27*). Jesus asks that the anger and resentment, which could lead to violence, be replaced by compassion and reconciliation. The fifth commandment also cautions against vengeance, bloodshed, and unjust war. Followers of Jesus are called to find peaceful ways to resolve difficult issues.

The fifth commandment forbids the taking of innocent human life, but it does not end there. Going beyond the commandment that “you shall not kill” means not only that human life is precious and human dignity is to be upheld, but also that God's people are called to care for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the marginalized, the very young and the very old.

With Your Children:

1. Make a peace poster. On the poster, write words that will remind you to love your enemies and to bring peace.
2. One evening sit in comfortable place in your home and talk about how your family can promote peace. Talk about ways that you can be a peaceful family. Talk about ways that you can settle family arguments without fighting.
3. Read about Archbishop Oscar Romero on the Review and Explore page.