



Flowing from the guideline of human dignity, we are all called to honour the link we have to one another. As sisters and brothers, we are all called to work for peace in our own lives and communities, as well as around the world, especially in places of conflict.

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PRESENTATION OUTLINE

- Building on the ideas of human dignity – how we're all sisters and brothers of one another – and the idea of being part of a global community, is the idea of solidarity. We're all linked in a special way.
- If someone else is hurting or suffering, in some way, we're also suffering with them. If our best friend is upset, we're also likely to feel upset.
- More than just feeling upset, we're called to do something positive. If our friend was sad, we'd do all we could to make them happy. In the same way, if someone in our global family is hurting, we should do all we can to help them.
- Peace is about respecting others, and not causing them harm. If someone hurts us or does something to upset us, we shouldn't try to hurt them back. We should let them know it's upset us, but also try to make friends, or at least to apologise to one another, and not do the same thing again or to other people.



SCRIPTURE

Peace I leave with you, my own peace I give to you.

John 14:27

- This is called reconciliation.
- We know that hurting others is wrong. It normally happens when we're angry or feel we're not being treated fairly. There can be misunderstandings between people. Sometimes this can lead to adults hurting one another, and horrible situations like the wars and fighting in Israel/Palestine and Syria.
- Hurting others is wrong. Murder is always wrong.
- Peace starts with us. It begins with the way in which we treat other people. It also starts with us being prepared to say sorry when we do something wrong, or hurt other people.

ACTIVITY

Could you use some music/songs here, as a time of reflection?

Invite the children to think of different ways of promoting peace, maybe make posters to put up.



For the times we have hurt other people. Lord, we are sorry. R/

For the times when we have not said sorry. Lord, we are sorry. R/

For the times we have refused to make friends with others. Lord, we are sorry. R/

Loving God, help me to be a person who brings peace,
who says sorry when I have done something wrong,
and makes friends with all those I meet.
Amen.