

The Wonder Of Peace

The Wonder Of Christmas

Duke University did a study on "peace of mind."

- 1) The absence of suspicion and _____.
- 2) Not living in the _____.
- 3) Do not waste time and energy fighting conditions you cannot _____.
- 4) Force yourself to stay _____ with the living world.
- 5) Refuse to indulge in _____ when life hands you a raw deal.
- 6) _____ the old-fashioned virtues--love, humor, compassion, and loyalty.
- 7) Do not expect too much of _____.
- 8) Find something _____ than yourself to believe in.

Week 1: The Wonder Of His Birth

- Jesus came to save messy people.

Week 2: The Wonder Of Hope

- Jesus is the greatest gift ever given.

Week 3: The Wonder Of Joy

- The Journey was always leading you to Jesus.

Week 4: The Wonder Of Love

- When you're chosen, you know you're loved.

Week 5: The Wonder Of Peace

- Thankful for the Good Shepherd's peace.

Piece #1

The _____ of Peace

John 14:27 "I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid." (NLT)

_____ vs. _____

Leviticus 26:6 "I will give you peace in the land, and you will be able to sleep with no cause for fear. I will rid the land of wild animals and keep your enemies out of your land." (NLT)

Romans 14:19 So then, let us aim for harmony in the church and try to build each other up. (NLT)

Matthew 5:9 "God blesses those who work for peace, for they will be called the children of God." (NLT)

Colossians 3:15 And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace. And always be thankful. (NLT)

_____ vs. _____

Psalms 23:1 The Lord is my shepherd; I have all that I need. **2** He lets me rest in green meadows; he leads me beside peaceful streams. **3** He renews my strength. He guides me along right

paths, bringing honor to his name. **4** Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me. Your rod and your staff protect and comfort me. **5** You prepare a feast for me in the presence of my enemies. You honor me by anointing my head with oil. My cup overflows with blessings. (NLT)

John 10:14 "I am the good shepherd; I know my own sheep, and they know me, **15** just as my Father knows me and I know the Father. So I sacrifice my life for the sheep." (NLT)

Piece #2

The _____ of Peace

Psalms 23:1 The Lord is my shepherd; I have all that I need. (NLT)

Matthew 11:28 Then Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." (NLT)

Luke 12:31 "Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and he will give you everything you need. **32** "So don't be afraid, little flock.

For it gives your Father great happiness to give you the Kingdom." (NLT)

Luke 11:9 "And so I tell you, keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you." (NLT)

Piece #3

The _____ of Peace

Psalms 23:2 He lets me rest in green meadows; he leads me beside peaceful streams. **3** He renews my strength. He guides me along right paths, bringing honor to his name. (NLT)

John 10:27 "My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me." (NLT)

- Following the Prince of Peace on the path of peace doesn't mean life will always be peaceful.

John 16:33 "I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world." (NLT)

John 8:12 Jesus spoke to the people once more and said, "I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won't have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life." (NLT)

Piece #4

The _____ of Peace

Psalms 23:4 Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me. Your rod and your staff protect and comfort me. **5** You prepare a feast for me in the presence of my enemies. You honor me by anointing my head with oil. My cup overflows with blessings. (NLT)

Matthew 1:23 "Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel, [Isaiah 7:14; 8:8, 10] which means 'God is with us.'" (NLT)

Matthew 28:19 "Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son

and the Holy Spirit. **20** Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age." (NLT)

Philippians 4:6 Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. **7** Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus. (NLT)

Psalms 23:6 Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will live in the house of the Lord forever. (NLT)

God _____ the **PEACE** you need
on the _____ of life,
and He _____ to be _____
with you _____.