

SABBATH SCHOOL

Preteen Sabbath Instruction Program — Teacher's Outline

Level K • Unit 9 • Week 4

PEACE

OBJECTIVE:

Children will understand the meaning of peace and learn how important it is to God through the story of Jesus healing Malchus' ear in John 18:10; Luke 22:50-51; Matthew 26:51-52.

ATTENTION GETTER:

Do: Bring a small toolbox with common household tools, such as a screwdriver, hammer, file and wrench. Show the toolbox to the children.

Ask: Who uses tools like these? [Fathers, carpenters, builders.]

Why do they use tools? [To build something or repair something.]

Say: Tools are important and each one has a purpose. They all do important work. Did you know God also uses tools? God uses human beings like you and me as tools to teach others about the love of God. He also gives us a wonderful tool, the Holy Spirit, which helps us to be good working tools.

We have been learning about the fruits of the Spirit. The Holy Spirit helps us to show the right way of life to others. The right way of life includes the fruits of the Spirit.

Today we are going to learn about peace.

BIBLE LESSON:

Ask: Does anyone know what peace means? [Quiet, calm, don't argue and don't get angry.]

Say: We all need to be peaceful and that is what the Bible tells us in Galatians where we read about the fruits of the Spirit.

Do: Read Matthew 5:9: "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God."

Ask: Can anyone tell me what a peacemaker is? [Someone who solves arguments, doesn't fight back, stays calm and gets along with everyone.]

Say: There is an example in the Bible where Jesus Christ used a miracle in order to teach the importance of peace.

Do: Read Matthew 26:51-52, John 18:10 and Luke 22:49-51. Tell in your own words how this example shows that Jesus did not like violence and healed Malchus' ear as a sign of peace.

Ask: Can any of you think of an example of how people do not live peaceably in this world? [Wars, fights at school and people hurting each other.]

What can you do to live more peaceably? [Don't fight with brothers and sisters, don't get mad, share with others.]

Do you remember at the Feast of Tabernacles we learned about a time without war when everyone will be able to live in peace? Do you remember an example God gave us about animals that teaches us about peace? [The children with the lion and the lamb.]

Say: Won't it be wonderful when we are all in the Kingdom and everyone lives without fighting and arguing and when we can live in peace even with wild animals?

LESSON APPLICATION:

The children will make a poster with the outline of a pear labeled with the word "peace." In the outline, they will paste a picture of a lion and a lamb and color it.

Supplies: Copies of pear outline (see end of lesson)
Copies of lion, lamb and "peace"
Glue sticks
Crayons or colored pencils

Have students color the pear outline and then paste the word "peace" on it. Next have them color the lamb and lion and paste them on the pear.

Music:

Have them sing "The Fruit of the Spirit" (from the audio tape, *Hide Them in Your Heart, Vol. 2* by Steve Green. The publisher is the Sparrow Corporation, P. O. Box 5010, Brentwood, TN 37024-5010).

If we live by the Spirit let us keep in step with the Spirit.

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness.

The fruit of the Spirit is faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

If we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step, keep in step with the Spirit.

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MEMORY VERSE:

Psalm 34:14 "Depart from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it."

family activity

THE POINT:

Children will understand the meaning of peace and learn how important it is to God through the story of Jesus healing Malchus' ear in John 18:10; Luke 22:50-51; Matthew 26:51-52.

ASK ME...

- What is a peacemaker?
- Did Jesus want Peter to fight?
- What did Jesus do when Peter cut off Malchus' ear?

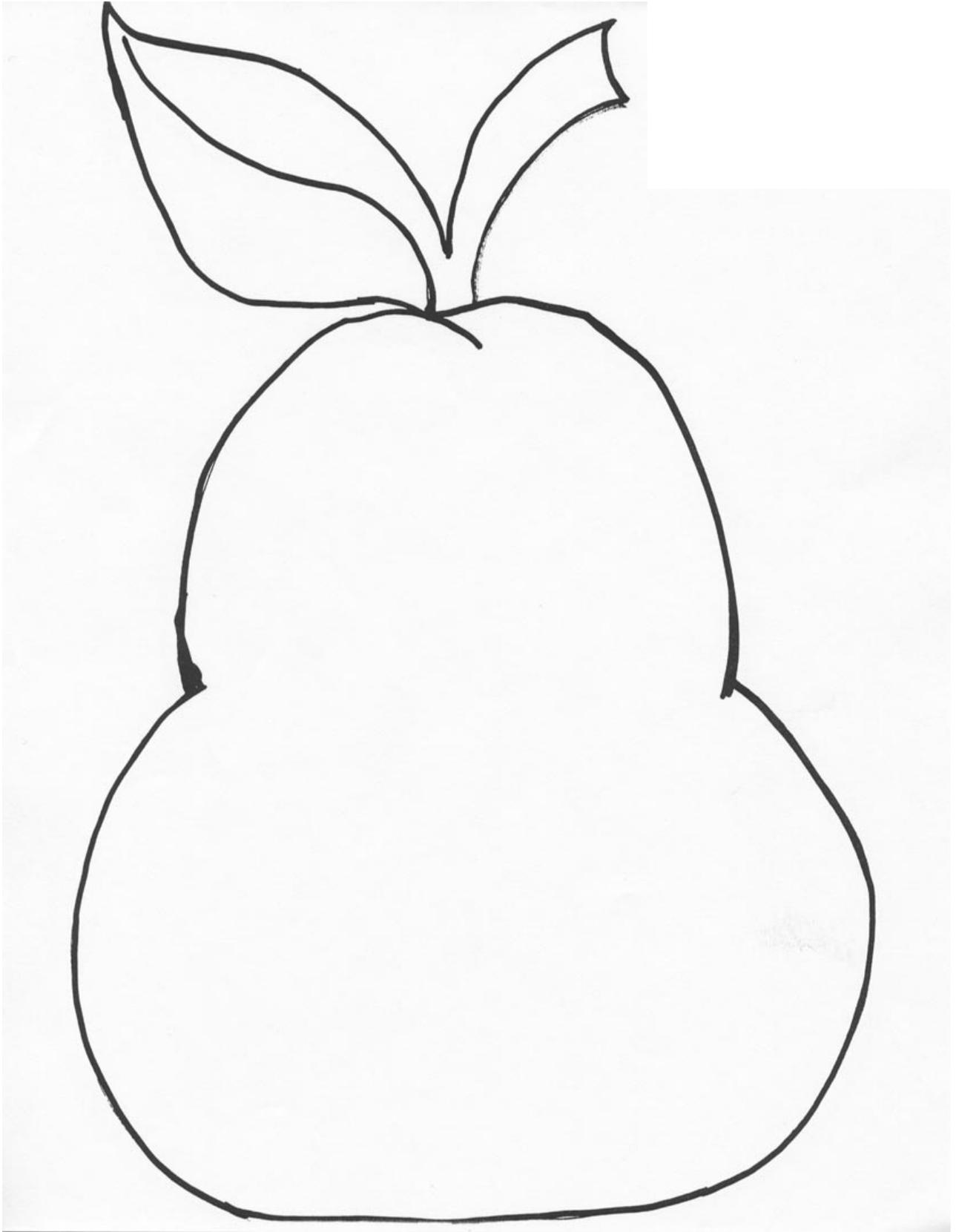
FAMILY TOGETHER TIME:

Make a fruit salad together. Have different members of the family cut up different fruits. (Let young children use a plastic knife.) As you prepare the salad and later eat it, talk about the fruits of the Spirit.

Read something from the newspaper that demonstrates war and peace.

MEMORY VERSE:

Psalms 34:13 "Depart from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it."



Have students color the pear outline. Cut out the word "PEACE" and then paste it on the pear. Next have them color and cut out the lamb and lion and paste them on the pear.

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