

Family Faith Guide

The Beatitudes – Week 7

Blessed Are the Peacemakers

Matthew 5:9



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for they shall be called
sons of God.*

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Big Idea

Jesus calls us to more than avoiding conflict—He calls us to actively pursue peace by bringing God's shalom into broken relationships. True peacemakers reflect the heart of God.



Peacemaking vs. Peacekeeping

- Peacekeeping avoids the conflict; peacemaking addresses the root causes with love and truth.
- Peacemaking is active, humble, and healing.
- Romans 12:18 – “If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.”



The Two Human Defaults

- Peace Breaker – reacts in anger, spreads conflict.
- Peace Faker – hides hurt, avoids truth, keeps score.
- Jesus calls us to be Peacemakers—those who bring God's wholeness into the mess.
- True peace starts with inner transformation.



Peacemaking Starts in the Heart

- Peace begins with inward transformation by the Holy Spirit (Galatians 4:6).
- Our flesh defaults to conflict; God transforms us to reflect His heart.
- Peacemakers have a heart filled with grace, humility, and love.



Peacemakers Reflect Jesus

- Jesus crossed the greatest divide to reconcile us to God.
- He moves us toward broken relationships, not away from them.
- Peacemakers are called “sons of God” because they reflect His nature and love.
- Ephesians 3:14 – “Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.”



Bible Examples

- Joseph forgave his brothers and brought peace to his family. (Genesis 50:15–21)
- David sought peace, even with those who wronged him. (1 Samuel 24:17–22; Psalm 34:14)
- Jesus reconciled us to God through His cross. (2 Corinthians 5:18–20)



Talk About It

1. What keeps you from being a peacemaker?
2. How can you take the first step toward peace in a tough relationship?
3. What does it mean that peacemakers are called “sons of God”?



Family Challenge

This week, identify one relationship that needs healing. Pray for that person daily, look for a way to show kindness, and take a small step toward peace.



Prayer

Father, thank You for the promise that the peacemakers are called sons of God. Help us to be peacemakers who reflect Your love and make You known. Amen.

