

## **TITLE OF GAME: PEACE**

**Bible:** 1 Peter 3:11 (NLT)

### **SUPPLIES**

- Sheets of Small Stickers
- Upbeat Music
- Small Prizes for winners of the game

### **GAME PREP**

Take the sheets of stickers and cut them into sets of three.

Have students stand side-by-side in a straight line with their backs to you.

Next, have the students close their eyes and put their hands behind their backs.

Take a set of three stickers and put it in one student's hands.

### **HOW TO PLAY THE GAME**

**Say:** Get ready to play a really awesome game!

I have just secretly put some stickers in someone's hands.

If it was you, don't tell anyone.

In fact, try to hide those stickers from everyone else.

When the music starts to play, you are going to try and put those stickers on other people's backs without them knowing that you've done it.

If someone sees you as you're putting the sticker on them, they will tag you, and then your turn is over.

If no one sees you and you can get rid of all of your stickers, then you win that round and you will get a prize.

Then, everyone will line up again and I will secretly put some stickers in someone else's hands.

**Option:** Give two students stickers to see who can get rid of their stickers the fastest and declare them as the winner of the round.

*Play as many rounds of the game as you would like.*

## TEACH

**Ask:** Have you ever lost something and you couldn't find it anywhere?

Tell me what you were looking for and how you finally found it.

*Allow a few responses from students.*

*Share a personal story of when you misplaced something and how you found it.*

Raise your hand if you have ever seen a picture of a detective who is holding a magnifying glass to help him find something.

It isn't that they are using a magnifying glass to find something really tiny.

It's that it helps them focus on what they are looking for.

Have you ever noticed that you never realize something is lost until you need to use it?

That's usually how you realize something is missing.

But it's a great feeling when you find whatever you were looking for.

It's actually a really awesome feeling!

**Read 1 Peter 3:11.**

*Turn away from evil and do good. Search for peace, and work to maintain it.*

Let's take a look at this Bible verse and see what we can learn.

It starts by telling us to, "Turn away from evil and do good."

**Ask:** Why is it important to turn away from evil?

What are some "evil" things we might have allowed to be part of our lives?

*Allow a few responses from students.*

Most of us don't try to be evil; it's not something we really want to do.

But you actually have to turn away from evil, go in the opposite direction, and do good.

That means when you're on YouTube and a video comes on that you shouldn't be watching, you turn it off immediately, and turn your heart towards doing something godly.

When your friends start saying something that's inappropriate, you leave the conversation.

If you don't actively turn away from evil, then you will begin to do those "evil" things.

The next part of the scripture says to "search for peace."

Sometimes peace is hard to find; that's why we have to search for it.

We find peace when we seek after God and godly things.

And then we have to "work to maintain it."

Raise your hand if you have ever brushed your hair.

Okay, good—that's everyone!

You can't just brush it one time, look in the mirror, and think it's going to look good forever.

You have to maintain it and take care of it.

You even have to protect it from getting damaged—keep it away from your brother when he's holding scissors, keep it away from the campfire when you're roasting marshmallows—you get the idea.

The same is with peace in our lives.

Once we have it, we have to maintain it.

That means when you want to fight or argue, you realize that those actions will remove the peace in your life.

**Ask:** Can you think of any other things that might take your peace away?

*Allow a few responses from students.*

The entire world is searching for true peace that can only come from God.

Today, I want you to remember to seek after God, turn away from evil, do good, search for peace, and then maintain it in your life.

If you do those things, you will have peace in your heart, mind, and soul.