

Peace Be With You – Activity Ideas

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To sing the song:

- This song works well as a “call and response” song, with the leader singing “Peace be with you” and the group responding “and with you.”
- You can also have different groups singing back and forth to each other
- Give a handshake or a hug as you “pass the peace” and sing this song to each other
- You can even do it as a “square dance” and dance around the room, linking arms and swinging each other around as you sing!

Activity ideas:

- Do a “word search” in Matthew 28, Luke 24, and John 20 and 21 and make a list of the “first words” of Jesus to his friends in these stories. What do you notice?
- Draw cartoon strips to tell those stories, including “word balloons” coming out of the characters’ mouths.
- Read the beginnings and endings of some of the letters in the New Testament (Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians...), and notice how the letter writer says “hi” and “bye.” Write a letter to someone you know, and wish them “grace” and “peace” in your letter, too.
- Make it a habit to “pass the peace” by saying (or singing!) “peace be with you... and with you” with other members of your household/family/congregation.