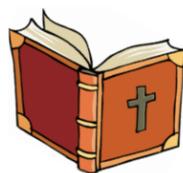
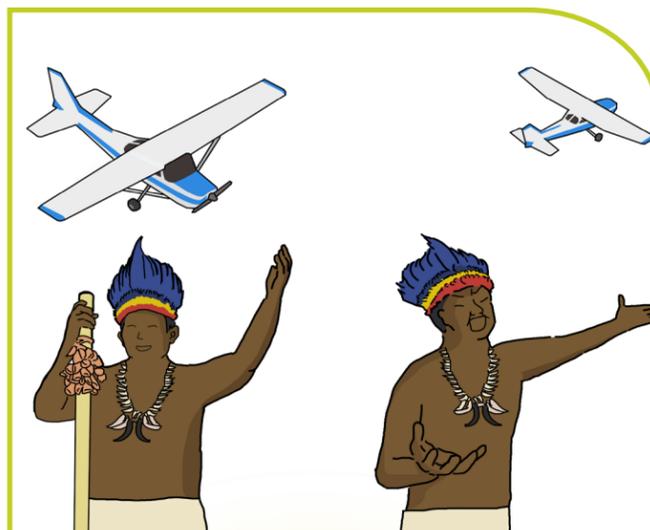
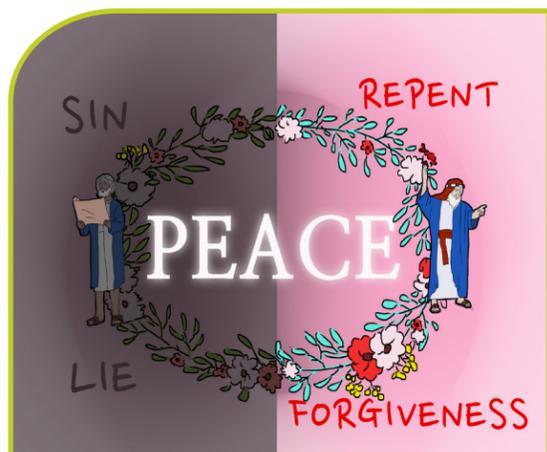


# Peace : One Heart with God



## Let's read the Bible

Habakkuk 2:1-4, 3:16-19  
Zephaniah 3:1-10  
Jeremiah 6:6-17

## We consider together

Dear Father God, thank you very much for giving us the 'one heart with You' through Your Son, Jesus Christ. Please give the same peace to all nations through Your Word.



Do you know about the word 'peace'? In the Bible, the word 'peace' come out a lot of times. In the times of Jeremiah, the people waited and waited for peace, but for some reason, only hardships continued. In order for there to be peace between God and the people of Judah, the people would have to ask God for forgiveness, and turn away from their sin. But Judah wanted to continue to live in their sin while having peace as well, and false prophets would comfort the people of Judah with their lies, telling them that God would give them peace. Peace, this warm and beautiful word – how do people who speak other languages express this word?

Jim, who was helping Bible translations for the Muinane people of Colombia, was thinking about how he could translate the word 'peace' into the language of the Muinane people.

It just happened that Jim was flying to Aracuara with the Muinane chief, Fernando. Walking there took four days, but by plane it only took twenty minutes, so it was an exciting day. But after hearing that the plane would not be able to fly because of the bad weather, Chief Fernando, who had been so excited to fly in a plane for the first time in his life, was frustrated and started to walk towards Aracuara instead. One hour after the chief had left, Jim got another radio call that the plane would be able to fly. Jim sent a man to catch up to the chief and get

him back. But it took too much time for the chief to return, and after waiting for some time, the pilot told them that they would have to leave without the chief, as the day was getting too dark and it would be dangerous for them to flyback to the base.

You may imagine just how mad the chief was when he returned to find no plane there. He yelled angrily at everyone through the radio and recorder tape. But Jim kept on hearing one word that the chief was repeating. "I do not have one heart." "I do not have one heart." Jim asked the chief if he would have this 'one heart' if things changed for the better. The chief said yes, and he explained. 'Having one heart' meant that there is no trouble, no debt, and because their thoughts and hearts would agree with one another, they would become friends who are comfortable with each other, with no war or fear.

Yay! This was the 'peace' in the Bible that Jim was trying to figure out. This was the 'peace' that the Israelites and God had wished for in the book of Jeremiah. The people of Israel did not return to God, and even though the false prophets told lies, God prepared a promise of peace to His people (Jeremiah 29:7, 33:10, 46:27). That is how God sent His son Jesus to us. Though the death of Jesus everyone was able to have the peace of God. Let us praise the God who continues to give His peace today to everyone who believes in Him.

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