

What is Peace?

Choose two volunteers. Give them wigs, fake names and even perhaps fake mustaches. Situation #1—Let's pretend that our friends here are mad at each other. They are always picking on each other calling each other names. Once they even got in a fight. Is this peace? No. Situation #2—Now let's pretend that they don't know each other. They see each other in a grocery store and nod to each other. Is this peace? No. Peace is more than the absence of conflict. It's more than just not being at war or in a fight with someone. God's kind of peace is an inner fullness, an inner confidence that God is with you that He will always take care of you. This is a great illustration to go along with the story of Jesus calming the storm (Mark 4:35-41) and the kind of peace that the disciples could have had, even in the middle of the storm.