

Hang on Loop for the

Live in Peace
Week 2 / Shalom



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Small Group Leaders Lead

Small Group Icebreaker (5 min.)

- **Introduce** yourself. **Welcome** students by name. **Check in** with them to see how they're doing.
- Icebreaker: **If you designed a puzzle, what would the art on it look like?**

Welcome (30 sec.)

- Welcome everyone and say our three simple Loop rules: **Respect your leaders. Respect each other. Respect the room.**
- **Invite** everyone to stand and **join in** worship.

Transition to Episode (30 sec.)

- Get students excited for this week's episode of *The Loop Show*!
On this week's Loop Show, we'll learn about God's real and lasting peace. But will there be any peace for Ricky and Jayme? Let's find out now! Countdown with me: 3-2-1 ...

Offering and Announcements (2 min.)

- **Recap** teaching in one sentence.
- **Celebrate** hands raised during the salvation video.
- **Show** the spot where students can give their tithes and offerings.
- **Pray** for tithes and offerings.
- **Say:** Who can you think of who might like to join you at Loop next week? **Invite** them! Loop's always more fun with more friends. We'd love to see them here with you next week.
- **Transition** to Activity.

Activity (10 min.)

Game Objective

Walk to the wall that best represents your answer of how you could bring shalom to the scenario your leader reads.

You'll Need

Shalom activity supplement (1 set of 4 pages per room)
Sticky tack (as needed)

Set Up

1. **Hang** one sheet from the 4-page Shalom activity supplement on each wall of your room using the sticky tack provided.

How to Play

Say: Today, we learned that Jesus brings shalom, or a flourishing completeness, to us. We learned that shalom comes from being in a right relationship with God, others, creation, and ourselves. Let's play a game about that right now.

1. Students **stand** toward the center of your room.
2. **Point out** and **read** the words hanging on each wall.
 - Wall 1: Right relationship with God
 - Wall 2: Right relationship with creation
 - Wall 3: Right relationship with others
 - Wall 4: Right relationship with yourself

Say: I'm going to read a problem to you that shows an example of something that's missing shalom. You'll walk to the wall that represents the kind of shalom that's missing and how you'd fix it. I'll start with an example.

3. **Read** through the example on the Shalom activity supplement printed on the back of this guide and **talk through** how students might choose to answer.
4. **Read** a scenario from the Shalom activity supplement printed on the back of this guide.
5. Students **walk** to the wall that represents their answer.
6. **Ask** a few students to **share** why they chose the wall they did and how shalom could be brought to the situation if they'd like. **Offer** an answer or two that you or other leaders think of, as needed.
7. **Reset** and **play again** as time allows, repeating steps 4-6, reading a new scenario each round.

Small Group Discussion (10 min.)

Today's Main Idea

I am part of God's plan. Jesus invites us to bring shalom to others, ourselves, and our world.

Review Today's Big Question

How can you copy the ways Jesus brought shalom?

Note: *Remind students as needed that shalom is a flourishing wholeness that comes from being in a right relationship with God, others, ourselves, and our world.*

Review Today's Bible Verse

- **Locate Bibles** in the room, **look up** the verse together, and **talk about** what's the same and what's different if it's in a different translation.

John 20:19 NIV *On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"*

- What do you find interesting or even surprising about today's Bible verse?

More Questions to Keep Your Group Talking

- What stood out to you the most from today's *Loop Show*? What's one thing you learned?
- Which one of these do you think are flourishing in your own life: relationship with God, creation, others, or yourself? Which one could use some work?
- Who is someone you can trust to help you when you don't feel any peace or shalom?

Pray Together

Check in with your group. How are they doing? Anything they want to ask or thank God for? Pray together!

Leader Tip

Loopsters are asking themselves, "Who are my friends?" **Use small group time to help them see they're included, accepted, and valued by their peers!**

YouVersion Bible Plan

Our YouVersion Bible Plan this week is called **Increase Your Peace**. It will teach you how to live your life filled with the amazing peace only God can give!

Start it today by yourself or invite a friend to read it with you using the Plans With Friends feature! Find it at: www.go2.ic/LoopBiblePlans



Shalom Activity Supplement

EXAMPLE: You can't play basketball in your neighborhood anymore because the court is covered in trash.

Possible Answer Choices*

Wall 2, Creation *(People aren't caring for the earth well. You could start a clean-up drive!)*

Wall 3, Others *(People are throwing trash in a place that shows no care for others' needs. Maybe you could ask others to help clean it up.)*

***Remind** *students there are truly no wrong answers. The point of this game is to help us see the roots of various issues and help us think of ways we could join with Jesus to bring shalom.*

Scenarios for the Shalom Activity

1. Every time you hang out with that one friend, you get into a fight.
2. People stop praying because they don't think God's listening.
3. You didn't think anyone would notice, so you took something small that didn't belong to you.
4. When you make a mistake, you get extremely embarrassed and get really down on yourself.
5. You hear someone say, "The Bible isn't worth reading at all."
6. People decide church isn't really worth going to.
7. You often use disrespectful words toward your parents.
8. There are some people near where you live who don't have enough food to eat.
9. When people disagree, they tend to throw insults at one another.
10. Your teacher gave a hard assignment, so you talk bad about her to your friends after class.
11. Your friend gets heartbroken and stressed when they think about stray animals who need rescuing.
12. Your friend told you they broke a huge family rule, but they're too scared to admit what they did to their parents.
13. You and a sibling have stopped talking to one another.
14. Someone made a rude joke about someone else, and everyone around laughed at it.
15. Nobody really talks to that one kid at school.