



## PeaceWiseYouth Course 5

Years 7–8 (12 to 14-year-olds)

### Course Framework

| MODULE 1: Understanding conflict<br>Understanding God’s plan for peace with Him and others.           |  |  |   |  |  |
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| Topic   | Learning intent  | Goal 1   | Goal 2  | Goal 3   | Bible Reference  |
| <b>1. What is conflict?</b><br><br><i>Conflict is a part of everyday life.</i>                        | Conflict is a part of our everyday lives, but we can choose peace!<br><b>Slippery Slope</b>  | Explore different types of conflict.   | Recognise the three main ways people respond to conflict.                                     | Reflect on our own responses to conflict.  | Matthew 5:9<br>Genesis 3   |
| <b>2. Where does conflict come from?</b><br><br><i>Conflict happens when we don’t live God’s way.</i> | Conflict comes from putting what we want ahead of God and others.<br><b>Roadblocks to peace</b>  | Identify that conflict can come from our own selfish desires.  | Identify that conflict began when people didn’t live God’s way.                               | Recognise the roadblocks to peace in our own lives.  | James 4:1  |
| <b>3. What is God’s peace plan for us?</b><br><br><i>Jesus is the ultimate peacemaker.</i>            | God is the God of peace. God wants us all to live at peace with him and other people.  | See that peace is possible, through Jesus, the ultimate peacemaker.  | Identify God’s peace plan that involved the sacrificial death of his son, Jesus.              | See their part in God’s peace plan.  | Colossians 1: 19-20<br>John 8:1-11<br>Luke 19:1-10<br>Matthew 18:21-35<br>Philippians 2:1-11 |
| <b>4. How can conflict be an opportunity?</b><br><br><i>Conflict can be an opportunity.</i>           | Conflict is not all bad! Conflict can be an opportunity to put God first, be kind to others and be more like Jesus.<br><b>3 opportunities</b>        | Understand that conflict is neither good nor bad – but it’s how we <i>respond</i> to conflict that makes the difference. | Investigate the 3 opportunities for growth in a conflict.                                     | Explore personal responses to conflict and compare/contrast to the opportunities for growth. | 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1   |
| <b>5. How do we become peacemakers?</b><br><br><i>The Bible shows us how to be peacemakers!</i>       | There are 4 parts to peacemaking – GOD (Put God first), ME (Own my part), YOU (Talk it over) and US (Make things right).<br><b>Peacemaking Pizza</b> | Identify the four pieces of the Peacemaking Pizza needed for biblical peacemaking.                                       | Understand that every piece of the Peacemaking Pizza is important in the peacemaking process. | Explore personal responses to conflict and compare/contrast to the opportunities for growth. | Romans 12:18<br>1 Corinthians 10:31<br>Matthew 7:5<br>Ephesians 4:15-16<br>Ephesians 4:32    |

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| MODULE 2: Responding to conflict   |  |   |  |   |                          |
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| Learning to take responsibility for my part in the conflict & speak the truth in love.   |  |   |  |   |                          |
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| <p><b>6. How can my heart desires get me into trouble?</b></p> <p><i>Conflict starts in the heart, causes strong emotions and leads to consequences.</i></p> | <p>Conflict can be caused by sinful desires that start in our hearts. We want our own way and ignore God's wise way, but these choices have consequences.</p> <p><b>GOD piece</b></p>  | <p>Recognise that strong emotions, words and actions are the signs of heart desires.</p>  | <p>Investigate the various consequences that come from different choices.</p>                      | <p>Consider our own responses to conflict and how they are an outworking of personal heart desires.</p>   | <p>James 4:1-2</p>       |
| <p><b>7. How can I take responsibility for my part in a conflict?</b></p> <p><i>God helps me own my part in a conflict.</i></p>                              | <p>We can learn to own our part, confess our sins to God and receive his forgiveness.</p> <p><b>ME piece</b></p>   | <p>Review our responses to conflict.</p>  | <p>Understand the meaning of repentance and its relationship to owning our part in a conflict.</p> | <p>Explore our own experience of owning our part in a conflict, repenting and asking for forgiveness.</p> | <p>Matthew 7:3-5</p>     |
| <p><b>8. When can I overlook and when is the right time to speak up?</b></p> <p><i>Peacemakers learn when to speak up and when to overlook.</i></p>          | <p>We can overlook and forgive small hurts.</p> <p><b>ME piece</b></p>   | <p>Explore when it is appropriate to overlook and not overlook.</p>   | <p>Consider the role of empathy in overlooking a person's response to conflict.</p>                | <p>Reflect on our own conflict situations and apply the strategies to determine when to overlook.</p>     | <p>Proverbs 19:11</p>    |
| <p><b>9. How do I talk with someone I am in conflict with?</b></p> <p><i>We can solve much conflict by talking and listening to each other.</i></p>          | <p>We start a conversation by owning our part with an apology. Then we help the other to own their part in the conflict by speaking to them with honesty and a loving heart so they can understand the impact their part in the conflict is having on the relationship.</p> <p><b>5 A's of apology</b></p> | <p>Explore the challenges involved in talking with the other person we are in conflict with about how their actions have caused hurt.</p> | <p>Learn how to make a good apology and why this matters.</p>                                      | <p>Personally apply the aspects of talking, listening and giving a good apology.</p>                      | <p>Philippians 2:3-4</p> |



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| <p><b>10. How do I forgive and what does reconciliation mean?</b></p> <p><i>God wants us to forgive, as he forgives.</i></p>                       | <p>We can choose to forgive even if they aren't ready accept their part. A friendship can be restored when both give and receive forgiveness.<br/><b>YOU piece</b><br/><b>PAUSE process</b><br/><b>4 choices of forgiving</b></p> | <p>Learn what forgiveness is and isn't.</p>   | <p>Understand that reconciliation occurs when both parties own their part, follow the 4 choices of forgiving and negotiate issues well.</p> | <p>Reflect on our own experience of forgiving and apply what has been learnt.</p>         | <p>Ephesians 4:32 – 5:1</p> |
| <p><b>11. What do I do if they aren't ready to accept responsibility for their part?</b></p> <p><i>Peacemakers learn when to ask for help.</i></p> | <p>When seeking peace on your own fails or is not possible, it is good to take one or two others you can trust.</p>   | <p>Investigate ways to deal with a conflict situation where the other won't own their part.</p> | <p>Understand that forgiveness is possible even when reconciliation hasn't occurred.</p>  | <p>Apply the peacemaking process of getting help when appropriate in their own lives.</p> | <p>Romans 12:19-21</p>      |

| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>MODULE 3: Peacemakers for life</b><br/>Learning the art of being a peacemaker everywhere, all the time, for life.</p> |  |   |   |   |   |
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| <p><b>12. How can I change my attack responses?</b></p> <p><i>A peacemaker replaces attack responses with peacemaking strategies.</i></p>               | <p>Attacking during a conflict is not trusting God and damages relationships. Peacemakers use the peacemaking pizza strategies to respond to conflict.</p> | <p>Explore in detail the range of attack responses to conflict.</p> | <p>Understand how attack responses may demonstrate a lack of trust in God and his ways. This leads to damaged relationships which can affect the broader community.</p> | <p>Recognise our own use of attack responses and learn to replace them with peacemaking responses in order to influence the communities we are a part of.</p> | <p>Romans 12:14-18<br/>Proverbs 28:13<br/>Ephesians 4:15<br/>Ephesians 4:26<br/>Ephesians 4:31-32</p> |
| <p><b>13. How can I change my escape responses?</b></p> <p><i>A peacemaker can replace escape responses with peacemaking.</i></p>                       | <p>Escaping during a conflict is not trusting God and damages relationships. Peacemakers use the peacemaking pizza strategies to respond to conflict.</p>  | <p>Explore in detail the range of escape responses to conflict.</p> | <p>Understand how escape responses may demonstrate a lack of trust in God and his ways. This leads to damaged relationships which can affect the broader community.</p> | <p>Recognise our own use of escape responses and learn to replace them with peacemaking responses in order to influence the communities we are a part of.</p> | <p>Jonah 1-2</p>  |



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| <p><b>14. How can we build a community of peace where we are?</b></p> <p><i>I can be a peacemaker everyday wherever I am.</i></p> | <p>To build communities of peace where we live, work and play lead by following Christ and his example. A culture of peace starts with me!</p> | <p>Explore the communities we are part of and how we can be peacemakers.</p>                          | <p>Explore the role of being a member of a community as a peacemaker in the model of Christ.</p> | <p>Reflect on the difference that we can make to our communities by being peacemakers</p> | <p>Ephesians 4:25-32</p>                            |
| <p><b>15. How can peacemaking point people to Jesus?</b></p> <p><i>I can point people to Jesus by being a peacemaker.</i></p>     | <p>We can point people to Jesus by linking the way we live as a peacemaker with Jesus being alive in us.</p>                                   | <p>Recognise how living life as a peacemaker can point people to the ultimate peacemaker – Jesus.</p> | <p>Identify the differences in our relationships when we live as peacemakers.</p>                | <p>Evaluate how we can apply the peacemaking principles to our own lives.</p>             | <p>2 Corinthians 5:17-20a<br/>Philippians 4:2-5</p> |