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# “Make Peace and Keep Friends” Craft

## Ideas for Conflict Resolution Matthew 18

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In this lesson and craft emphasis, children will focus on the importance of making peace with one another, even in times of trouble or conflict. The Gospel of Matthew gives us a model for dealing with sinners or those who have conflict with us. In these crafts, kids consider the importance of making and keeping friends as they “make” some friends in craft form!

### Bible Verses or Craft Captions to Consider...

*“Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.” -Matthew 18:19-20*

*“If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. -Matthew 18:15*

*Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they will be called children of God. -Matthew 5:9*

*Let disagreement bounce off...keep peace!*

*Friends are everywhere...make them, keep them, enjoy them!*

### Extra Activities and Ideas for Sunday School:

- Discuss times when children have experienced conflict with others. What helped to get things “fixed”?
- Write a note to someone who you have experienced trouble with in the past. Apologize for arguments, if necessary.
- Where two or more are gathered: create a schedule for prayer, and invite others to join in!

See the demonstration of this [children’s sermon](#) on our [YouTube channel](#). Don’t miss the related [Sunday School Craft](#) demonstration.



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# Craft one: “Let it Bounce Off Ball”

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## You will need:

- Rubber bands (varied colors, if possible)
- Pom pom or small ball
- Verse caption or extra decoration (optional)

## Procedure:

1. Begin with a rounded base: metal washer, ball, pom-pom, or rubber ball.
2. Wrap a rubber band around the base.
3. Continue wrapping rubber bands around each other, criss-crossing directions, and observing the ball getting larger and larger.
4. Add a verse or caption if desired. Try out the bounciness of the rubber band ball!



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# Craft Two: “Friendly Sock Puppet”

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## You will need:

- Glue and/or tape
- Old (or new) clean, blank socks
- Scissors/yarn (optional)
- Caption or verse (Optional)
- Markers or crayons (Fabric or Sharpie recommended)
- Jewels, eyes, stickers, or other decorations (optional)



## Procedure:

1. Cut the sock to adjust size, if necessary and desired.
2. Decorate the sock with captions, verses, colors, gems, stickers, or otherwise.
3. Add markers, googly eyes, yarn, or other decoration as desired.
4. Use your puppet as a little “friend” or put on a show with multiple sock puppets!



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# Craft Three: “Pin Pal”

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## You will need:

- Clothespin, popsicle stick, or other wooden figure.
- Decorations (gems, google eyes, etc.)
- Scissors
- Fabric or paper (optional)
- Caption or verse
- Tape and/or glue
- Sharpies, markers, or paint
- Safety pins



## Procedure:

1. Decide what kind of base you prefer for your “pin pal” friend.
2. Use markers or other coloring to add a face to your pal.
3. Glue on paper or fabric “clothes” if desired.
4. Add eyes, verses, or other decoration as preferred.
5. Glue or tape a safety pin to the back. Carry or pin around your “friend” and enjoy!





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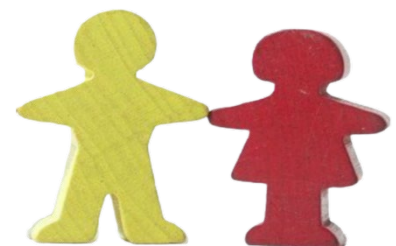
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