

TALKING ABOUT PEACE AT HOME

Dear Parents,

In school, your child has been learning about the importance of resolving conflict and building peace. With lessons developed in collaboration with the United States Institute of Peace, the program encourages students to become peacebuilders in their everyday lives.

An important part of building peace is working with the people around you to resolve conflict and find practical ways to make a difference. Use the activities below to start building peace with your family.



GO ON A HUNT



Identify examples of people and organizations who are building peace. As a family, go on a peacebuilding scavenger hunt using newspapers, magazines, or news websites. Find an example of a conflict and an example of conflict resolution. Discuss what you can learn from the examples you found. Use them to write tips you can follow as a family for more peaceful interactions.

GET IN ACTION



Create a peacebuilding action plan together. Research organizations that work to make the world a more peaceful place. Then, develop a realistic plan for how you can contribute to one of those organizations. Tailor your plan to your family's resources. You might donate items the organization needs, choose days when the family can volunteer, or raise money to donate to the organization.

LIST IT! SOLVE IT!



Have your family compile a "worry list" of world issues. Let each person discuss why the issues concern them, then brainstorm ways to help. Consider addressing the world's problems with small actions. For example, to help the environment, your family might make a plan for reducing energy use. To resolve an international issue, you might write a letter to Congress.

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For more information about how to be a peacebuilder, visit the United States Institute of Peace website at [USIP.org](https://www.usip.org).

