Interactive Children's Message
Peace in Relationships

For Ages: 5–11
Theme: How Jesus Gives Us Peace in Our Relationships (Joseph's Example)

Opening – What Makes Relationships Hard?

Hold up a **small mirror**.

Ask: "When relationships get difficult, who is the one person I can actually control?"
Let them respond until someone says: *"Myself."*

Say: "Right. We cannot control others, but God teaches us how He can change *us* so we bring peace into every relationship."

Picture 1: The Age of Perpetual Offense



Ask: "Have you ever seen people get mad over something small?"
Let them share.

Say: "The Bible calls us to be slow to anger and quick to listen. Sometimes the most peaceful thing we can do is step away and pray."

Picture 2: Joseph Shows Strength Through Mercy



Ask: "If you were Joseph, how would you feel learning something shocking about Mary?"

Say: "Joseph could have embarrassed her. Instead, he chose mercy. Real strength isn't about being loud—it's about being steady, gentle, and faithful."

Object Lesson – The Two Cups

Place two cups on the floor: - One labeled **“Anger”** filled with **vinegar** (don’t drink it) - One labeled **“Peace”** filled with **clean water**

Say: “When someone hurts us, our reactions come from what’s inside us.”

Ask: “If my heart is full of anger, what will come out of me?”

Let them respond.

Say: “But if my mind is trained by Scripture—like Joseph’s—peace comes out instead.”

Picture 3: Renewing the Mind



Ask: “What things do you fill your mind with every week?”
Let them answer.

Teach: “Whatever fills your mind shapes your reactions. God renews our minds through His Word so we become people of peace.”

Closing Challenge

Say: “This week, try one Joseph-style action: choose mercy over anger, silence over shouting, prayer over payback. Let Jesus’ peace begin with you.”

Prayer: “Lord Jesus, give us hearts like Joseph—steady, kind, and full of peace. Help us bring Your peace into our friendships and families. Amen.”

Transition to Sermon

“Today’s sermon will teach us how God helps us bring peace into our relationships—just like Joseph. Listen for how Jesus trains your heart to respond with grace.”