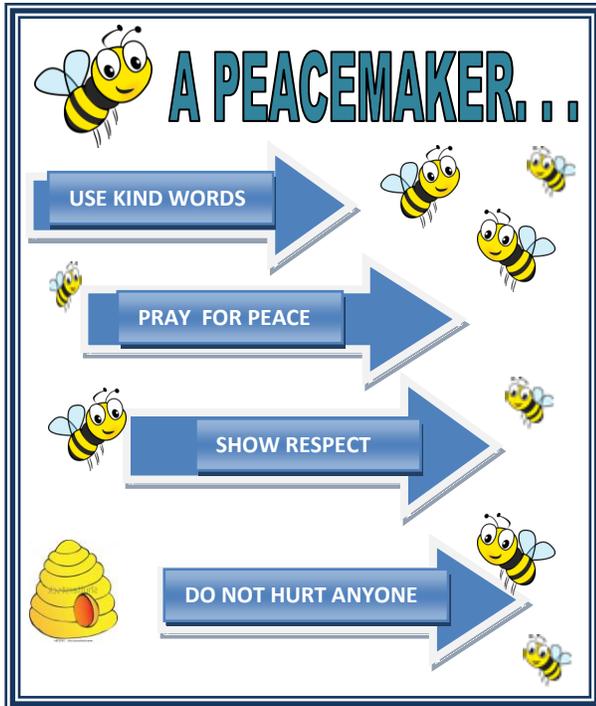


January—Virtue of Peace

Peacefulness is being calm inside. You are practicing peacefulness when you ...

- ***Create inner peace with daily reflection or prayer,***
- ***Use peaceful language even when you are angry,***
- ***Speak gently and respectfully,***
- ***Avoid harming anyone,***
- ***Appreciate differences,***
- ***Find peaceful solutions to every problem..***

Primary



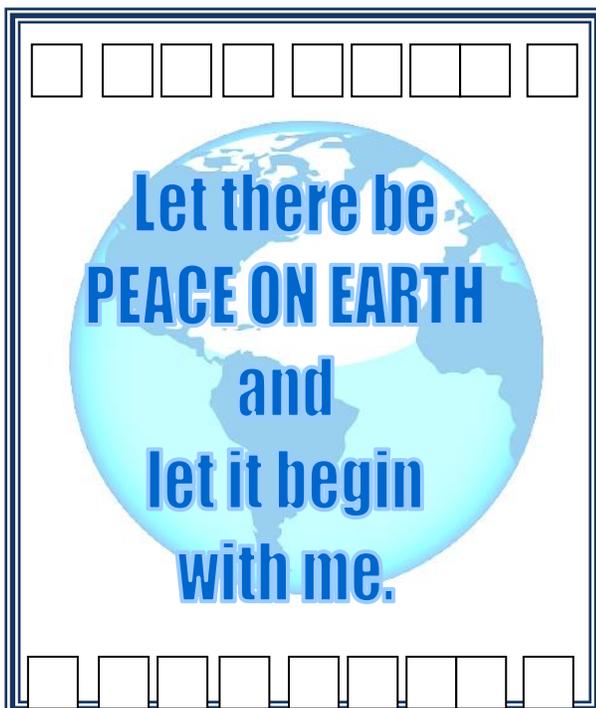
Explain to the students what it means to be a peacemaker. Discuss each of the qualities on the arrows which are pointing them in the right direction. Use the analogy of how hard bees have to work to accomplish their goal of building a beehive:

- Every bee needs to work at it.. They don't leave it up to just a few bees.
- They need to work at it all of the time.
- All of the bees are included.

Add a "bee" to the bulletin board each time you see the students working together to be peacemakers.



Upper



One hundred years ago, in 1916, Pope Benedict XV extended the Church Unity Octave observance which is celebrated during January, to the universal church. This provides an opportunity for us to reflect on the need to restore peace among all believers. For 1,000 years after the ascension of Christ there was one Lord, one faith and one baptism, because there was one Church, the Church founded by Jesus Christ for all mankind, the Catholic Church. The doctrinal chaos of denominational religion didn't begin until a few hundred years ago, when proud men rejected Christ's Church. Today, the differences among all faiths has led to conflicts throughout the world. Use this bulletin board as a springboard for discussing tolerance for all believers and to emphasize the need to pray for peace among the members of all religions. Use Ephesians 4: 5-6 as a scriptural reference. Use student pictures as border

