

SKIT # 3 SEEK PEACE BY PROMOTING JUSTICE

Narrator: Good Morning!

Today we are returning to our Seeking Peace Series. So far we've learned about "Seeking Peace with your Neighbours" and "Seeking Peace by Forgiving". Today's lesson is called "Seeking Peace by Promoting Justice" which means "Seeking Peace by being Fair". These are my 3 grandsons, Caleb, Kadin, and Jacob...and they are going to help me out this morning. Jacob...could you say something for me right now...(gives Jacob the mike and he says) "That's not fair!" Do any of you ever say that? Jacob used to say it a lot....like whenever he didn't get what he wanted, or whenever things didn't go his way. But that's not what we're talking about today. We're talking about when things truly aren't fair....and how that can make people go from peaceful people to angry people. You stay sitting there...and we're going to put on a little skit..to show what I mean....

Stage: Tom and Lisa, standing, wearing sun hats, holding hoes, and hoeing

Lisa: Hello, my name is Lisa. Isn't this a beautiful peaceful morning?

Tom: Hi...my name is Tom. It sure is...look at that clear blue sky (looking up)...and listen to those birds singing (holds hand to ear). It's absolutely a wonderful, peaceful morning!

Lisa: And the temperature is just right, too. I'm sure glad we got through that really weedy patch back there(points behind her)...that was hard work.

Tom: It sure was....but you kept right up...you're a very good worker, Lisa.

Lisa: Thank-you....I do my best. I'm so glad to have this job. I really need the money, so I'm trying as hard as I can. The boss seemed really nice, too, don't you think.

Tom : He sure did...he even said he'd bring us some water and a snack later on this morning.

(Tom and Lisa keep hoeing)

Kadin walks across holding Sign which says...."2 Hours Later"

Tom: Now it's getting pretty warm out here(takes hat off, and wipes his forehead)....hopefully that water will be coming soon.

Lisa: That's for sure...Oh look...there comes the boss now.

Boss: (walks on stage holding a small cooler) How is it going?

Tom: Oh fine sir.

Lisa: Very good sir. We're surely looking forward to that water, though.

Boss: (looking around) It looks like you're both doing a great job.

Tom and Lisa : Thank-you.

Boss : But I really only brought water and a snack for you, Tom...I figured "as a man", you probably need it more....(gives him water and snack)

Lisa: But I'm thirsty, too...and I've been working just as hard as he has.

Boss: (speaks forcefully, slowly and directly to Lisa..pointing at her) Yes... you... have! (then speaks to audience, with hands out to his side) but I really don't care! (Lisa is shocked)

By the way, Lisa, I wanted to let you know that I'm going to pay you quite a bit "less" than I first told you, and Tom, I'm going to pay you a bit "more" than I originally told you)

Lisa: But..but... That's not fair! Why are you doing that?

Boss: (looks her up and down) I don't like the colour of your.... hat, for one thing.

Lisa : My hat! (holds both hands on her hat)

Boss : And don't you live over there on Green street?....(then to audience)...on the other side of the tracks.

Lisa: Yes,... I do.

Boss : Well, I really don't like the people who live on Green Street.

Lisa: But that doesn't make any sense. You said I was doing a good job....You are not being fair!

Boss : (again, directly to Lisa, forcefully, slowly.. and pointing at her) You.. are.. so.. right, Lisa!...(then to audience, holding hands out on sides) but I really don't care...because I'm the boss...and I can do what I want!!! (turns and walks away)

Lisa: Of all the nerve! I am so angry right now....aren't you? Can you believe how unfair he is?

Tom: Actually...I'm fine...He seems to like me...I've got water,(holds it up) a snack (holds it up)...and I just got a raise! (smiling and looking proud of himself)

Lisa : Well, then ...I'm angry at you , too,! Don't you care about anyone but yourself! I am so angry...I just feel like fighting with someone!!! (throws down hoe..., stamps her feet, puts her fists out, and screams)

(Actors get off stage...Narrator speaks to children/congregation)

**Oh my...did you see what just happened?
Did you see how Lisa went from being a very peaceful happy person, to a very angry person, who wants to fight with someone?**

Unfortunately, things like this happen all the time in the world...and they make people go from peaceful happy people to angry fighting people.

People get very angry when they are not treated fairly.

People get very angry when they do the same job as someone else, but get treated differently and are paid less.

The skit made fun of Lisa's hat being the wrong colour, but many people are not treated fairly, because of the colour of their skin.

And many people are not treated fairly because of where they're from, or where they live.

Our skit was about an unfair boss, and sadly, there are leaders of countries who behave just as badly as he did...and treat the people in their country very badly. They are called dictators, and many people get very very angry with them, and want to fight with them.

People also get angry with people , like Tom, who just stand by and do nothing, because it's not affecting them.

So we have to all try to be fair, and treat all people fairly....the way we would want to be treated. And if all people treated other people fairly, there would be a lot less fighting in the world....and much more peace.

So today, we'll hang up the sign." Seek Peace by being fair". (Caleb brings the sign and we hang it on the Peace Tree.)

You can go to your seats now.

Note: We memorized the lines for this skit, so that we could hold the hoes, and do the actions.