

# Peace resources

## Resources for children:

*And to Think That We Thought We Would Never Be Friends.* Crown Publishers, 1999. This story in rhyming verse takes on quarrelling and its consequences.

*The Big Book For Peace.*

Dutton Children's Books, 1990. Anthology of 17 stories, pictures, and poems about many kinds of peace.

*Children and War, Children and Peace.* Project Peacemakers, 2001. A curriculum with a video and stories of children caught in warfare and people building peace.

*Finding the Fruits of Peace—Cain and Abel.* Jewish Lights Publishing, 2001. The biblical story is recast in a way that invites a conversation about anger.

*Folktales of Peace.* Mennonite Central Committee, 1996-97. Two videos with peacemaking stories from around the world. Suited for kindergarten to Grade 6.

*Kids and Conflict: Resolving Problems the Jesus Way.* Faith and Life Press, 1997. A Vacation Bible School program on how Jesus handled conflict.

*The Sun and the Wind.* Faith and Life Press, 1983. A fable about power.

## Parenting:

*But Why Don't We Go to War: Finding Jesus' Path to Peace.* Herald Press, 1993. Six sessions for children and their parents.

*Growing Toward Peace.* Herald Press, 1993. Stories about children learning to live peacefully.

*Parent Trek: Nurturing Creativity and Care in Our Children.* Herald Press, 2001. A resource to help children live out the vision of enough for everyone.

*Parenting for Peace and Justice.* Orbis Books, 1990. A revised edition of a classic.

*Raising Peaceful Children in a Violent World.* Lura Media,

1995. An action book with down-to-earth examples for teaching children to become peacemakers.

## Youth:

*Bridge to Forgiveness.*

Mennonite Media, 2001. This 13-minute video by comedians Ted and Lee depicts the story of Jacob and Esau, with youth sharing their experiences of forgiveness.

*Decide for Peace: A Guide for Personal Bible Study and Reflection on Conscientious Objection.* Faith and Life Press, 1996.

*Fastlane: Bible Studies for Junior High.* Faith and Life Press. Topics include "Peace heroes" and "Living without violence."

*From Kosovo to Colombine.* MCC, 2000. Four-session study on the roots of violence and the way of peace.

*Games that Byte: Helping Youth Evaluate Computer Games.* Faith and Life Press, 1998. Offers youth leaders outlines for three interactive workshops.

*Images for a Peaceful Planet.* National Film Board. Seven intergenerational films for peace studies, including "If you love this planet" and the perennial favourite, "The big snit."

*Leap, Twist, Spy, Listen.* Mennonite Church USA, 2001. This youth curriculum outlines the principles of nonviolence.

*Peace: Just Live It.* Faith and Life Press, 1995. Ten active sessions on biblical peacemaking.

*Peace: The Ultimate Trick.* MCC, 2003. 12-minute video featuring a skateboarder who talks about MCC's relief and peacemaking work.

## Adult groups:

*Change of Command.* MCC, 1999. A 42-minute video featuring stories of military veterans whose lives were changed.

*A Force More Powerful.* Films for the Humanities and Sciences, 2000. A two-part documentary on how nonviolent power overcame

oppression in places such as India (Ghandi), USA (civil rights movement), South Africa (apartheid), Denmark (Nazis).

*Journey Toward Forgiveness: From Rage to Reconciliation.* Mennonite Media, 2002. A 60-minute video with seven stories of the process toward forgiveness.

*Little Books of Justice and Peacebuilding.* Good Books, 2003. This series of short books presents key concepts and practices from the fields of restorative justice and conflict transformation.

*Making Peace with Conflict.* Herald Press. Practical guide to transforming conflict based on biblical and Anabaptist principles.

*A Mennonite Statement and Study on Violence.* Faith and Life Press. Includes a bibliography, stories and a study guide.

*Prayer: In the Peace of Christ.* Mennonite Church Canada, 2003. A five-week guide for worship, prayer and study.

*Second Mile: A Peace Journey for Congregations.* Faith and Life Resources. A 20-session guide for worship, study and action.

## Worship/Leadership:

*Bread for the Enemy: A Peace and Justice Lectionary.* Mennonite Church Peace and Justice Committee, 2001.

*Conflict in the Church.* MCC,

1999. Two-part video that offers helpful ways of dealing with conflict in congregations.

*Come and Eat: Invited to the Dinner Table; Called to be Peacemakers.* MCC, 2004. This Peace Sunday packet with worship materials connects food and justice.

*Transforming Conflict in Your Church: A Practical Guide.* Herald Press, 2002. Practical workbook for the congregation on the nature of conflict and how to transform it.

## Web sites:

[www.mccc.on.ca/peaceandjustice/](http://www.mccc.on.ca/peaceandjustice/)—A new web site from the Peace and Justice ministry, Mennonite Church Eastern Canada.

[www.peace.mennolink.org](http://www.peace.mennolink.org)—Mennonite Church USA's Peace and Justice Support Network.

[www.mennonitechurch.ca/resourcecentre/](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/resourcecentre/)—A catalogue of 7000 items, specializing in Anabaptist titles.

[www.mbicresources.org/](http://www.mbicresources.org/)—Resources from the Mennonite and Brethren in Christ Resource Centre in Kitchener.

[www.ecapc.org](http://www.ecapc.org)—Every Church a Peace Church's web site, with resources for individuals and congregations.

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## Call to Prayer

**Lord, as we gather, in our ordinary way,  
in your presence, and in the presence of one another,  
we are all too aware that much is amiss in the world.  
We are all too aware, that even in this quiet moment,  
some of your beloved people and parts of your beloved earth  
are being visited by death and destruction.  
For the sake of the world you love,  
we pray that our simple commitment to the routines of worship  
will not be an escape from life  
but a sacrament of hope  
that turns us back to the needs of the world  
more grounded in your love.  
May our attention to ordinary things  
be a way of saying that we trust you  
as the one who cradles the world and its people  
in your all-embracing arms.**

**In Jesus' name,  
Amen.**

**—Mary H. Schertz**