Pear-fect questions to jump into the fruit bowl!

Let's continue to explore the fruit of the Spirit – love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control (Galatians 5:22-23.) These are the amazing, God-given traits that we grow in us through the Holy Spirit.

This month, we are going to learn more about peace. It's one in a melon!

Bunch up for a grape question time with your family.

What is the worst storm you have ever been in?

What is peace?

When have you experienced peace?

Who is someone you know who is peaceful?

I wonder, what colour is peace in your mind? What sound do you hear when you think of peace?

How do you share peace?

Doves are often connected with peace. Did you know that when it is hot, doves pant like a puppy to cool off? Doves are often used as messengers, even used during wartime!

Enjoy our colouring page with Diego Dove who shares the message of our memory verse for this month.

"We have been made right with God because of our faith. So we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." Romans 5:1

Here you can learn more about doves.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cZHUhRTRUXM

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cmoup9r_QfA

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bF57caYaiwQ

God's Story

Jump into the story! Jesus invited his disciples into boat when a big storm blew up. The wind, waves and rain were terrifying to the disciples – talk about a not-peaceful situation! Meanwhile, Jesus was asleep in the back of the boat. You can find this story in Mark 4:35-41.

Let's look deeper at what is going on in this story…
I wonder… how the disciples felt to be invited into the boat with Jesus.
I wonder… how you would feel if Jesus invited you out onto the lake with him?
I wonder… how you would react to the big waves? How do the disciples react?
I wonder… how Jesus could sleep through a storm like that?
I wonder… what were the disciples hoping Jesus would do when they woke him up?
I wonder… If there is a time when you need to be quiet and still before Jesus?
I wonder… why Jesus asked the disciples why they were afraid?
I wonder… if there are times when you feel afraid? What do you do in those moments?

Imagining Story

Imagine yourself into the story of Jesus calming the wind and waves. How would you react in the same position as the disciples when the storm blows in? Have you ever been in a boat? Were the waves big? Did you like that feeling of rising and falling with the waves?
As the storm rages, and you feel afraid like the disciples, are you holding on to something or someone in the boat? How do your tummy and head feel? How do you react when you see Jesus sleeping peacefully in the back of the boat? What feelings might you have? What might you want to say to Jesus?
Jesus wakes up and commands the waves to stop. What do you hear the disciples saying around you? What do you want to say to Jesus?
Jesus challenges you about your fear and faith. I wonder what you might ask of Jesus in that moment?

Make your own story! You could write it down, or create it in drawings. You could create it out of play dough or lego bricks. Be creative!

Story prompt:
It was a cloudy day, but still lovely for a walk. Jesus, Diego Dove and I were having an afternoon wander, hoping to bump into some friends along the way…
As we walked, a storm started blowing in. As the breeze picked up and the leaves rustled, we saw our friends Finn Frog and Pedro Penguin looking for cover.
"Over here!" we called out to them!
When they saw us, we could see the fear in their eyes. The storm was too much…

Prayer time… the cherry on top!

God thank you for giving me peace. I praise you because…
Thank you that your peace is so big. Help me to share it by…
Help me share your peace with…
Thank you that I see your peace at work in these places…
God, thank you that Jesus brings peace between us and you. Help me see that at work each day…
God, help me be a peacemaker by also being a person who forgives. Forgive me, and help me forgive…