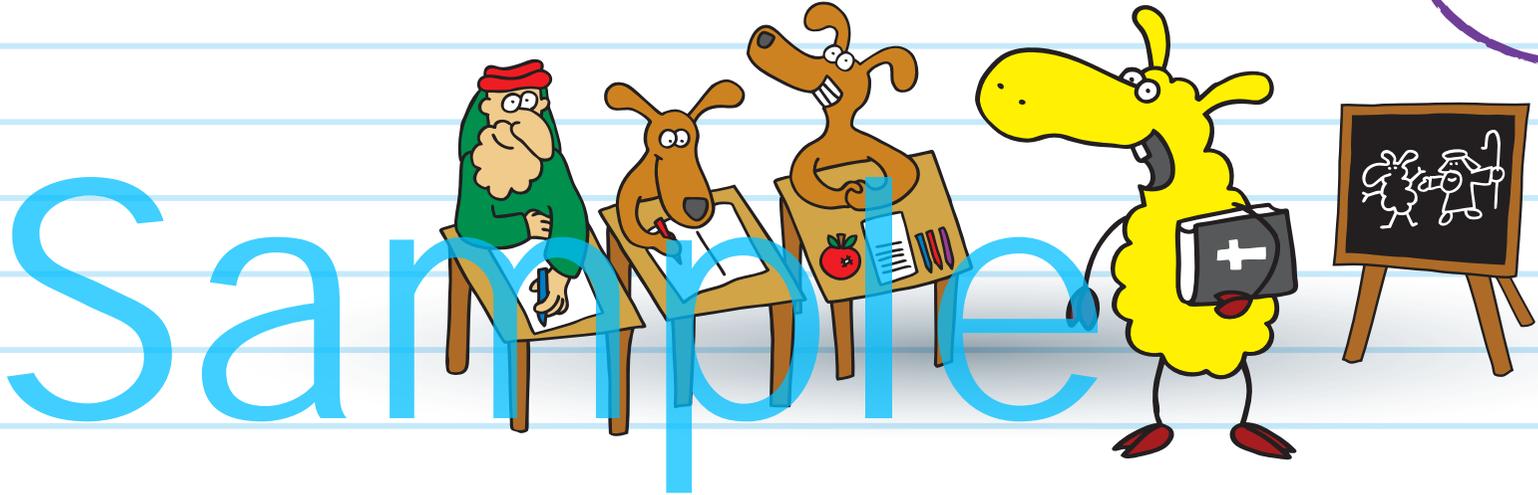




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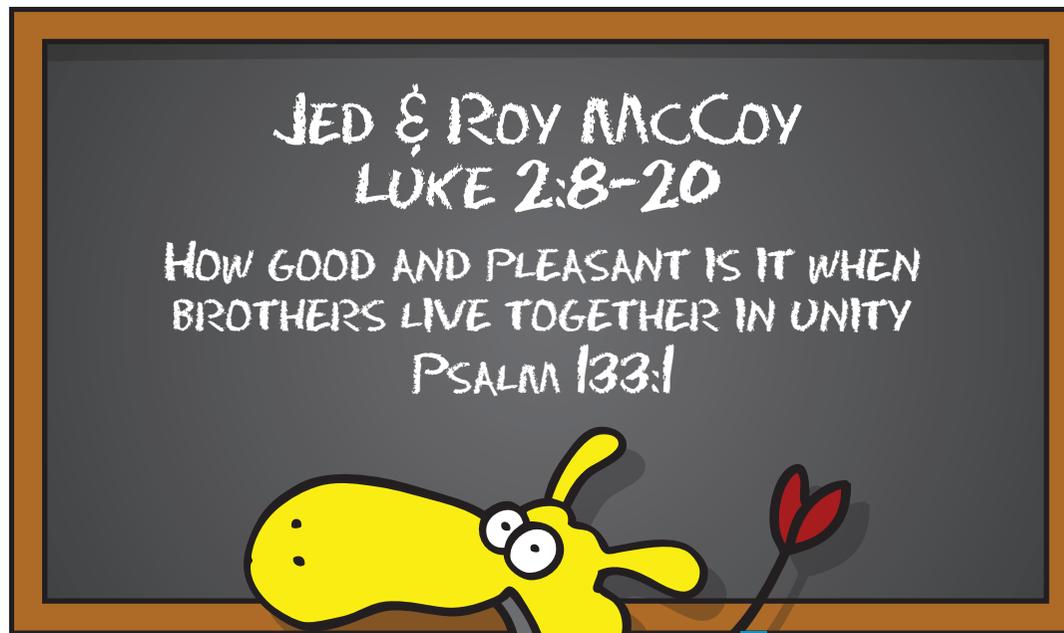


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# Introduction



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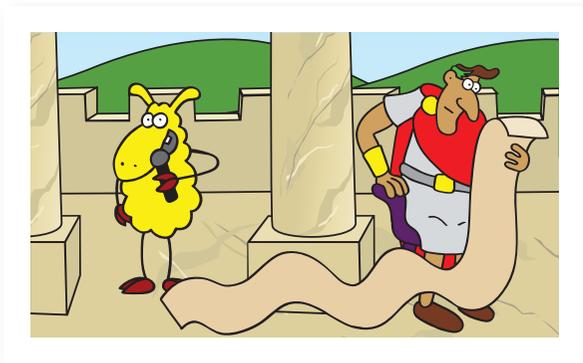
What is it with brothers? They always seem to be fighting. Look at Cain and Abel, Isaac and Ishmael, Jacob and Esau, Joseph and his brothers—and that's all in the first book of the Bible! What makes it even worse is that all brothers are meant to be part of God's family. If there is fighting within families, what hope is there for society? Someone needs to bring peace and harmony to the families of the earth.

Don't despair! Open your Bibles to [Luke 2:8-20](#), where we meet two feuding shepherds, the brothers Jed and Roy McCoy. Actually, their names aren't mentioned in the Bible, nor is their feud, but all the important stuff is there, like the birth of a Saviour who brings peace to all people.

If you'd like to know more about shepherds, have a look at my Cecil the Lost Sheep Sheepdog School lesson. You'll find everything there. Peace!

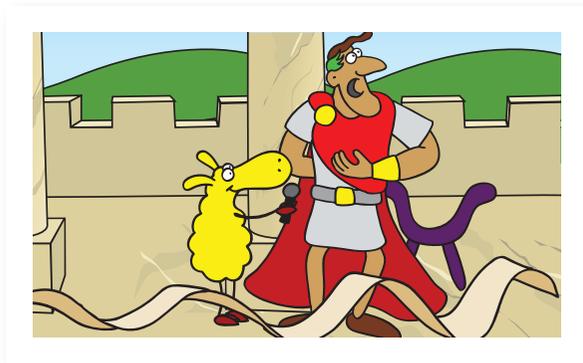
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# Interviews



Hello, this is Cecil the Lost Sheep on an assignment for Sheepdog School. I'm on a quest for peace on Earth, and I thought I should start by speaking with world leaders. If anyone can bring peace throughout the world, it is the world's leaders. And there is no world leader more powerful than Caesar Augustus, the ruler of the Roman Empire mentioned in [Luke 2:1-3](#).

Hello, Caesar. I know you're a busy man, but could you spare us a few moments to share your views on bringing peace on Earth?

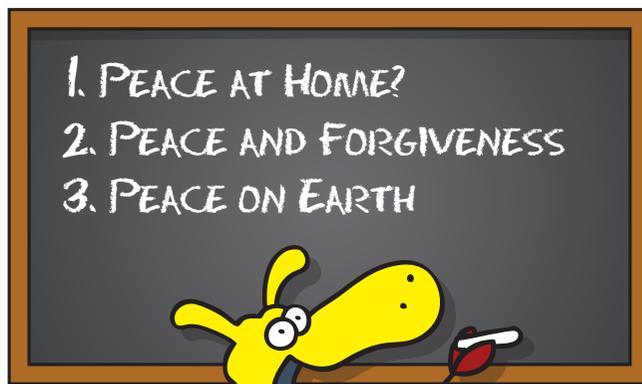


Busy? Peace on Earth? You wouldn't believe how busy I've been trying to bring peace on Earth! When I took over the Roman Empire, the place was a mess! Civil wars, anarchy, lawlessness! The Empire was falling apart at the seams! So I've made my motto "pax Romana," or for those of you who didn't study Latin in school, "Roman peace." I've waged wars, pacified provinces, forgiven foes, rounded up robbers, pulled the plug on pirates, and laid down laws. My aim has been to keep the people safe and happy so they can get on with life. If you keep people safe and happy, they won't stir up trouble.



There are three ingredients you need for peace on Earth. First, you need good administration. You need to keep everything well organised. For example, I've just conducted a census of the whole Roman Empire. If I know how many people there are and what they are up to, I can maintain law and order and keep the peace. The second ingredient is religion. People love religion. While you're in Rome, you must visit the Augustan Peace Altar, a temple I've dedicated to Pax, the goddess of peace. The third ingredient is soldiers. When anyone disturbs the peace, it's always handy to have a few soldiers to sort things out.

# Teaching Tips



## Peace at Home?

I know the children in your Sunday school class may seem like angels, but believe me, if they have a brother or sister, they know how to fight! Whether it is arguing in the backseat of the car, wrestling in the living room, or glaring at each other over the last slice of pizza, children fight. This is important to realise because the place where children learn to handle conflict is in the home. Jed and Roy's story is a safe and fun way to explore how to resolve differences. Who knows, if Jed and Roy had an excellent teacher like you when they were boys, they may have sorted out their problems before everything escalated into a tangled mess. If you teach your children how to properly resolve conflict with their brothers and sisters, you will have prepared them well for relating to others throughout life.

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# Bible Verses

## 1 Samuel 10:1 NIV

Then Samuel took a flask of olive oil and poured it on Saul's head and kissed him, saying, 'Has not the Lord anointed you ruler over his inheritance?'

## 1 Samuel 16:1,11-13 CEV

One day he said, "Samuel, I've rejected Saul, and I refuse to let him be king any longer. Stop feeling sad about him. Put some olive oil in a small container and go visit a man named Jesse, who lives in Bethlehem. I've chosen one of his sons to be my king." . . . Do you have any more sons?" "Yes," Jesse answered. "My youngest son David is out taking care of the sheep." "Send for him!" Samuel said. "We won't start the ceremony until he gets here."

Jesse sent for David. He was a healthy, good-looking boy with a sparkle in his eyes. As soon as

David came, the Lord told Samuel, "He's the one! Get up and pour the olive oil on his head." Samuel poured the oil on David's head while his brothers watched. At that moment, the Spirit of the Lord took control of David and stayed with him from then on.

## 1 Samuel 17:26-29 CEV

David asked some soldiers standing nearby, "What will a man get for killing this Philistine and stopping him from insulting our people? Who does that worthless Philistine think he is? He's making fun of the army of the living God!" The soldiers told David what the king would give the man who killed Goliath. David's oldest brother Eliab heard him talking with the soldiers. Eliab was angry at him and said, "What are you doing here, anyway? Who's taking care of that little flock of sheep out in the desert? You spoiled brat!

You came here just to watch the fighting, didn't you?" "Now what have I done?" David answered. "Can't I even ask a question?"

## 1 Kings 1:39 CEV

Zadok the priest brought some olive oil from the sacred tent and poured it on Solomon's head to show that he was now king. A trumpet was blown and everyone shouted, "Long live King Solomon!"

## Psalms 2:2 NIV

The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together against the Lord and against his anointed.

## Psalms 133:1

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is when brothers dwell together in unity!

## Isaiah 9:6-7 CEV

A child has been born for us. We have been given a son who will be our ruler.

His names will be Wonderful Advisor and Mighty God, Eternal Father and Prince of Peace.

His power will never end; peace will last forever.

He will rule David's kingdom and make it grow strong.

He will always rule with honesty and justice.

The Lord All-Powerful will make certain that all of this is done.

## Isaiah 53:5-6 CEV

He was wounded and crushed because of our sins; by taking our punishment, he made us completely well. All of us were like sheep

that had wandered off. We had each gone our own way, but the Lord gave him the punishment we deserved.

## Micah 5:2-5 CEV

Bethlehem Ephrath, you are one of the smallest towns in the nation of Judah.

But the Lord will choose one of your people

to rule the nation—someone whose family goes back to ancient times.

The Lord will abandon Israel only until this ruler is born, and the rest of his family returns to Israel.

Like a shepherd taking care of his sheep,

this ruler will lead and care for his people by the power and glorious name of the Lord his God.

His people will live securely, and the whole earth will know

his true greatness,  
because he will bring peace.

#### Matthew 16:16-22 CEV

Simon Peter spoke up, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

Jesus told him: Simon, son of Jonah, you are blessed! You didn't discover this on your own. It was shown to you by my Father in heaven. So I will call you Peter, which means "a rock." On this rock I will build my church, and death itself will not have any power over it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven, and God in heaven will allow whatever you allow on earth. But he will not allow anything that you don't allow. Jesus told his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah. From then on, Jesus began telling his disciples what would happen to him. He said, "I must go to Jerusalem. There the nation's leaders, the chief priests, and the teachers of the Law of Moses will make me suffer terribly. I will be killed, but three days later I will rise to life." Peter took Jesus aside and told him to stop talking like that. He said, "God would never let this happen to you, Lord!"

#### Luke 2:1-4 CEV

About that time Emperor Augustus gave orders for the names of all the

people to be listed in record books. These first records were made when Quirinius was governor of Syria. Everyone had to go to their own hometown to be listed. So Joseph had to leave Nazareth in Galilee and go to Bethlehem in Judea. Long ago Bethlehem had been King David's hometown, and Joseph went there because he was from David's family.

#### Luke 2:8-20 CEV

That night in the fields near Bethlehem some shepherds were guarding their sheep. All at once an angel came down to them from the Lord, and the brightness of the Lord's glory flashed around them. The shepherds were frightened. But the angel said, "Don't be afraid! I have good news for you, which will make everyone happy. 11 This very day in King David's hometown a Saviour was born for you. He is Christ the Lord. You will know who he is, because you will find him dressed in baby clothes and lying on a bed of hay." Suddenly many other angels came down from heaven and joined in praising God. They said: "Praise God in heaven! Peace on earth to everyone who pleases God." After the angels had left and gone back to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see what the Lord has told us about." They hurried

off and found Mary and Joseph, and they saw the baby lying on a bed of hay. When the shepherds saw Jesus, they told his parents what the angel had said about him. Everyone listened and was surprised. But Mary kept thinking about all this and wondering what it meant. As the shepherds returned to their sheep, they were praising God and saying wonderful things about him. Everything they had seen and heard was just as the angel had said.

#### Colossians 1:15-20 NIV

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

#### Ephesians 2:11-18 CEV

Don't forget that you are Gentiles. In fact, you used to be called "uncircumcised" by those who take pride in being circumcised. At that time you did not know about Christ. You were foreigners to the people of Israel, and you had no part in the promises that God had made to them. You were living in this world without hope and without God, and you were far from God. But Christ offered his life's blood as a sacrifice and brought you near God. Christ has made peace between Jews and Gentiles, and he has united us by breaking down the wall of hatred that separated us. Christ gave his own body to destroy the Law of Moses with all its rules and commands. He even brought Jews and Gentiles together as though we were only one person, when he united us in peace. On the cross Christ did away with our hatred for each other. He also made peace between us and God by uniting Jews and Gentiles in one body. Christ came and preached peace to you Gentiles, who were far from God, and peace to us Jews, who were near God. And because of Christ, all of us can come to the Father by the same Spirit.

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# The End



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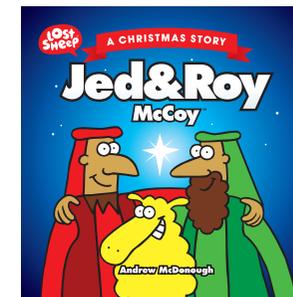
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