



## Older Children's (5th-8th Grade) Activity Sheet

### Symbols of Peace

These symbols are to be used as a part of the Older Children's Lesson Plan.

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|    | Dove with an Olive Branch | The dove is a symbol of the Holy Spirit. A dove with an olive branch was used in the story of Noah to symbolize new beginnings and peace.   |
|    | Rainbow                   | Also used in the story of Noah, the rainbow represents God's forgiveness and hope as the covenant between God and God's people is restored.   |
|   | Victory Sign              | The V for victory sign has been used as a sign of both victory and peace. It was first used in Europe during World War II, when Vs were painted on walls as symbols of freedom from the occupying forces. |
|  | Peace Sign                | This symbol was created by Gerald Holtom in 1958 to be used by the anti-nuclear movement. It has become a universal symbol for peace.   |
|  | Olive Wreath/<br>Crown    | A prize given to winners of the ancient Olympic games, it is seen as a symbol of peace because wars were suspended during the Olympic games.  |
|  | Peace Crane               | An origami crane became a symbol of peace when Sadako Sasaki, who developed leukemia following the Hiroshima atomic bombing, spent her final days constructing paper cranes.                              |

Design your own symbol of peace! Draw and describe your symbol.



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**Peace in Every Nation**

Research each country’s flag and how to write “peace” in the country’s official language. Learn more about the PC(USA)’s work in these countries at: [www.presbyterianmission.org/co-worker-map/](http://www.presbyterianmission.org/co-worker-map/)

| <b>Country</b> | <b>Flag</b><br>Draw the country’s flag | <b>Peace</b><br>How do you say “peace”? | <b>Peacemaking</b><br>through the<br>Presbyterian Church<br>(U.S.A.)   |
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| Ghana          |  | Indigenous Language:<br>Akan            | Through church partnerships in Ghana, peacemaking and reconciliation programs address building wells, agriculture, and education.  |
| Iraq           |  | Language: Arabic                        | Through the Peace & Global Witness Offering, churches in Iraq receive aid to use for offering food, water, clothing, fuel, and shelter to people after years of war.             |
| Indonesia      |  | Language: Indonesian                    | The PC(USA) works to unite Muslims and Christians in peaceful relations.   |
| Colombia       |  | Language: Spanish                       | Promoting lasting peace in a country ravaged by internal armed conflict, the church has a ministry of presence with some of Colombia’s six million internally displaced persons. |
| South Korea    |  | Language: Korean                        | The PC(USA) pursues efforts in peace education, reconciliation, and reunification.   |