



FOR KINDERGARTENS • AGES 3–6



Peace Kindergarten 2027

Playful ways to practise peace with children aged 3–6: friendship, kindness, sharing and making up — with six project ideas, a short Peace Day programme and simple rules to keep the youngest children safe.



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Peace for the youngest children

Kindergartens and early childhood settings are warmly welcome as Peace Kindergartens. This supplement shows how the ideas in *Become a Peace School 2027* can be adapted for children aged 3–6, so that they can take part in the same movement as older children around the world.

What peace means at this age

For young children, peace is not about wars or politics. It is about everyday life together:

- **Friendship:** playing together, including someone who is alone.
- **Kindness and care:** helping, comforting, saying something nice.
- **Sharing and taking turns:** toys, space, attention.
- **Making up:** saying sorry, finding a solution, being friends again.
- **Feelings:** recognising when I or someone else is sad, angry or happy.
- **Being different and belonging:** we can be different and still play together.



Five principles for working with peace at this age

1. **Play first.** Children learn peace through play, songs, stories, movement and making things, not through long talks.
2. **Short and repeated.** 10–20 minutes at a time, repeated over days and weeks, works better than one long session.
3. **Close to the child's world.** Start from situations children know: the sandpit, the cloakroom, the lunch table.
4. **Every child's voice counts.** Children can show their ideas through drawings, gestures and choices, not only words.
5. **Safe and gentle.** Never ask young children about war, violence or frightening news. If a child brings up something difficult, listen calmly and talk with the parents.

Time needed

From a single theme week to small activities spread over the year, leading up to the International Day of Peace on 21 September 2027. Everything can be done with ordinary kindergarten materials.

Six projects for ages 3–6

The six project ideas from the guide, in a version for the youngest children. Choose one, or let small activities from several projects run through the year.



1. How does peace look?

From: What Does Peace Look Like?

Children draw, paint or make collages of "a good day with my friends", "how we are kind" or "a peaceful place". Hang the pictures as a small **Peace Exhibition** and invite parents to see it.

10–20 min

paper, paint, crayons, magazines

2. The peace circle

From: Peace Talks

A short **circle time** with a "peace teddy" or a talking stone: the child holding it may speak, the others listen. Questions such as: *What makes you happy at kindergarten? How can we help a friend who is sad? What can we do when we both want the same toy?* Children who do not want to speak simply pass it on.

10–15 min

a soft toy or stone

3. A visit for peace

From: Ask a Leader

Invite someone from the local community: the kindergarten leader, a mayor, a librarian or a grandparent. Before the visit, children decide on one or two simple questions or show a drawing: *How do you help people be friends?* Afterwards, children draw the visit.

30 min visit

prepared over 2–3 days

4. Friendship pictures across borders

From: Peace Letters Across Borders

Children make drawings, handprints or a small group picture for a **partner kindergarten in another country**. The adults add a short greeting. When the reply arrives, look at it together on a map: *Where do our new friends live? What do they like to play?*

over several weeks

paper, paint, a world map

5. Our peace song

From: Our Peace Film

Learn or make up a short song or rhyme about friendship. Record it as **sound only**, or film children's hands, drawings or a shadow play, so faces are not shown. Share it with the partner kindergarten.

a few minutes a day

phone or tablet for sound

6. Our peace rules

From: Our Peace Goals

Together, agree on three to five simple **peace rules** for the group, for example *We help each other, We take turns, We say sorry and make up*. Children draw each rule. Hang the poster where everyone can see it and return to it when conflicts happen.

2–3 short sessions

large paper, pens

More small ideas

- **Paper doves** with a drawing or a word from each child, hung as a mobile.
- A **Peace Wall** with handprints in many colours: "We are different, and we belong together".
- A **Kindness Day**: every child does something kind for another child or adult.
- **Picture books** about friendship, sharing and feelings, followed by a short talk.
- A "**making-up corner**" with a bench or two cushions where children can go to solve a conflict with help.



Working with older children too?

Many kindergartens are part of a school. Younger and older children can work on the same project: the youngest draw the Peace Wall, older pupils write the peace letters, and everyone celebrates Peace Day together.

Peace Day in the kindergarten

On 21 September 2027, the International Day of Peace, Peace Kindergartens and Peace Schools around the world mark the day together. For the youngest children, a short and joyful programme of 30–45 minutes is enough.



Time	Activity
5 min	Welcome in the circle. "Today, children all over the world are thinking about peace, just like us."
10 min	Our peace song and a look at the peace rules poster.
10 min	The Peace Exhibition: children show their drawings, paper doves or the Peace Wall to each other and to parents.
5–10 min	Greetings from our friends: look at the pictures or song from the partner kindergarten. If possible, a short wave on a video call, with adults present.
5 min	A kind act: every child gives a paper dove or a drawing to someone.

Tip

Invite parents to the last part of the morning. Many families will remember "the day our children thought about peace with children all over the world".

Taking part as a kindergarten

1. **Register for free** at childrenofworldpeace.org/kindergartens.
2. **Tell parents** about the project (see section 4 and the sample consent letter).
3. **Choose your activities** and, if you wish, ask us to find a partner kindergarten in another country.
4. **Share what you created** with us, following the safety rules below. With your consent, your kindergarten is shown on our world map of Peace Kindergartens and Peace Schools.

Keeping the youngest children safe

Young children cannot decide for themselves what is shared about them. That is why we use stricter rules for children aged 3–6.

What we share

- drawings, paintings and handprints, **without names**
- photos of artwork, the Peace Wall or children's **hands**
- sound recordings of songs, without names

What we do not share

- children's faces outside the kindergarten, unless parents have agreed in writing
- names, birthdays, addresses or other personal details
- anything a child does not want to share

- All contact with partner kindergartens goes through the adults and the kindergarten's official channels.
- Video calls take place in the kindergarten, with adults present, and are not recorded.
- Follow your country's rules on child protection and data protection (for example the GDPR in the EU). The kindergarten collects and keeps parents' consent.
- Children of World Peace collects no personal data about children.

A short note to parents

Dear parents,

Our kindergarten is taking part in Peace Kindergarten 2027, a free international initiative by Children of World Peace. Through play, songs and drawings, the children will work with friendship, kindness, sharing and making up, and exchange pictures with a kindergarten in another country. On 21 September 2027, the International Day of Peace, we will celebrate together. Children are never shown with their names, and we only share photos of children with your written consent. You are welcome to ask us if you have any questions.

A full sample consent letter is available from Children of World Peace and in the Teacher's Guide.

"Peace begins with the youngest among us."

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