



## Ambassadors of Christ - Sharing the Message of Reconciliation

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2 Corinthians 5:20 - "We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God."

## Setting the Scene

**Key Concept:** As Christ's ambassadors, we represent His love and message of reconciliation to the world. Just like ambassadors in real life represent their countries, we are called to share God's message of peace and love with everyone we meet.

### Engaging Analogy:

"Imagine you're a special representative sent to another country to share important messages on behalf of your king. Your job is to show people what your kingdom is like and to invite them to be a part of it. That's what it means to be Christ's ambassador!"

What message would you want to share if you were sent as an ambassador for your family or school?

**Invitation:** Encourage participants to think about ways they can represent Christ in their daily lives. Challenge them to consider how they can share His love and bring peace to others.

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## Section 1: Reflect and Discuss

### Reflection Questions

1. What does it mean to be an ambassador? How can we be ambassadors for Christ?
2. Why is it important to share God's love with others?
3. How can you show kindness and forgiveness to someone this week?
4. Have you ever helped bring peace between friends or family members? What happened?
5. What does it mean to be an ambassador? How can we be ambassadors for Christ?
6. Why is reconciliation important in our relationships with God and others?
7. Can you think of a time when you helped bring peace between friends or family members?
8. How can showing kindness and forgiveness help others see God's love?

### Family or Group Discussion

- Share personal stories of resolving conflicts or helping others feel loved and accepted. Reflect on how these moments can show God's love.
- Brainstorm practical ways to be peacemakers in everyday situations, such as forgiving someone, including a new friend, or helping others work out misunderstandings.

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## Section 2: Hands-On Activities

### Activity 1: Ambassador Badges

**Objective:** Create a fun visual reminder that we are Christ's ambassadors.

#### Materials Needed:

- Paper or cardstock
- Markers, crayons, or colored pencils
- Stickers and decorative items
- Pre-designed badge templates for younger children
- Safety pins or tape

#### Instructions:

1. Have participants design their own ambassador badge, writing their name and a phrase like "Ambassador of Christ" or "Sharing God's Love." For younger children, provide pre-designed badge templates to color and decorate.
2. Decorate the badge with symbols of peace and reconciliation, such as hearts, doves, or crosses.
3. Attach the badge with a safety pin or tape and wear it as a reminder of their role as Christ's representatives.

**Reflection:** Discuss how wearing the badge can remind them to act with kindness and share God's love throughout the day.

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## Activity 2: Building Bridges Craft

**Objective:** Create a symbolic bridge to represent reconciliation and connection.

### Materials Needed:

- Popsicle sticks or craft sticks
- Glue or tape
- Construction paper or cardstock
- Markers and stickers
- String or ribbon (optional for decoration)

### Instructions:

1. Use popsicle sticks to construct a small bridge, gluing them together to form the base and sides. Alternatively, participants can draw and color a bridge if craft materials are unavailable.
2. Write words like "Love," "Forgiveness," and "Peace" on the bridge to represent what reconciliation builds.
3. Decorate the bridge with hearts, doves, or connected hand symbols to show unity.
4. Display the bridge as a reminder of how Christ's love helps us connect with others and God.

**Reflection:** Ask, "How can we build bridges of love and forgiveness in our relationships?"

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### Activity 3: Reconciliation Role-Play

**Objective:** Practice resolving conflicts and showing Christ-like love.

**Setup:** Create simple scenarios involving misunderstandings or conflicts, such as a disagreement over sharing toys, forgetting to include someone, or a misunderstanding at school.

**Instructions:**

1. Assign roles to participants and have them act out the scenario.
2. Encourage them to demonstrate reconciliation by apologizing, forgiving, or finding a peaceful solution.
3. After the role-play, debrief by asking, "How did it feel to resolve the conflict in the role-play? How can we apply this to real-life situations?"

**Reflection:** Ask, "What does it feel like to help bring peace and forgiveness to a situation?"

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## Section 3: Music and Creativity

### Memory Verse Song

Set 2 Corinthians 5:20 to a familiar tune, such as "Row, Row, Row Your Boat." For example:

*We are Christ's ambassadors, / Sharing His great love. / Be reconciled to God today, / Sent by Him above.*

Encourage participants to sing the song together and add clapping or hand motions to make it more engaging for younger children.

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### Creative Writing Prompt

Write or draw a story about being an ambassador for Christ. Imagine being sent on a mission to share God's message of reconciliation with people in a faraway land. What challenges might you face, and how could God help you succeed?

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## Section 4: Closing Reflection and Prayer

### Reflection:

- What is one way I can be an ambassador for Christ this week?
- Encourage participants to think about how they can bring peace and reconciliation in their relationships.

### Prayer:

Lead a prayer asking God to help participants be loving and forgiving ambassadors of His message. Thank Him for the opportunity to represent Christ and share His love.

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