

# Waiting for God’s Peace

**Isaiah 2:2 – 4; Acts 17:26 - 28**

**Devotional Reading: Revelation 5:8 - 14**

**Background Scripture: Isaiah 11:6 – 10; John 18:28 – 38;  
Ephesians 4:4 – 6, 13 - 19**

**LESSON AIMS:** the students will:

- **Summarize** the main points of Isaiah’s prophecy
- **Explain** how God’s peace is already present in the world but not fully manifest until Jesus returns
- **Create a plan** for fostering peace in a specific context where unresolved conflict exists

**INTRODUCTION:** Isaiah foretells of a messianic age when God will establish His kingdom and peace will reign. Isaiah encourages his audience to look beyond their present situation, which at the moment seemed hopeless. The idea that all nations will come to know God is a prominent theme in Isaiah, whose root is found in Genesis 12:3. God’s peace leads to a time when weapons of war will no longer be needed.

**KEY VERSE:** *3 And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.*  
Isaiah 2:3

**LESSON OUTLINE:**

Final Peace Among Nations

Isaiah 2:2 - 4

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Divine Origin of Nations

Acts 17:26 - 28

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**SUMMARY:** Paul addressed the Areopagus in Athens, appealing to the religious and philosophical sensibilities of his audience. To a people who were surrounded by idols and altars to various gods - - including one dedicated “to the unknown god” - - Paul introduced them to the Creator and Sustainer of life, who is ultimately made known through Jesus Christ. For Paul, Jesus’ resurrection is not an isolated event. It is the beginning of something greater. He insists that Christ’s resurrection and the resurrection of believers are linked. Christ is “the firstfruits” of those who have died. Jesus’ resurrection is the guarantee of future resurrection for all believers.

**QUESTIONS:**

1. *What steps do you need to take to learn God’s ways better?*
2. *In what ways is the message of the Gospel one of peace [see Romans 5:1; 2 Peter 3:14]?*
3. *What common starting points from contemporary secular culture can you draw on to introduce people to the Gospel?*

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<b>DAY / DATE</b>	<b>SCRIPTURE</b>	
<i>Mon., Mar. 23<sup>rd</sup></i>	A Kingdom Not of this World	John 18:28 – 38
<i>Tue., Mar. 24<sup>th</sup></i>	The Lord’s Peace	Numbers 6:22 – 26
<i>Wed., Mar. 25<sup>th</sup></i>	God is Exalted Among the Nations	Psalm 46
<i>Thur., Mar. 26<sup>th</sup></i>	God Guides the Destiny of Nations	Amos 9:7 – 12
<i>Fri., Mar. 27<sup>th</sup></i>	Glory and Honor of the Nations	Revelation 21:21 – 27
<i>Sat., Mar. 28<sup>th</sup></i>	The Nations Shall Gather to God	Isaiah 2:1 – 5
<i>Sun., Mar. 29<sup>th</sup></i>	All Peoples are Kin	Acts 17:22 - 28