"Prince of Peace"
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INTRODUCTION
This week we look at Jesus as the Prince of Peace, Isaiah's fourth name for the child that will be *born to us* and *given to* us (Isaiah 9:6). In the Hebrew language the word Peace is SHALOM. Ryan describes SHALOM as universal flourishing. Today we will learn that we must trust Jesus as our source of peace.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS
1. What does the "universal flourishing" mean to you?
2. JESUS CAME TO BRING PEACE BETWEEN YOU AND GOD
   - **Read Romans 3: 22-24, Colossians 1:19-22.** Why do we need Jesus to bring peace between God and us?
3. JESUS CAME TO BRING PEACE BETWEEN YOU AND OTHERS
   - There was a time when Jews and Gentiles were completely separated and even hostile to one another. In Ephesians 2, the Apostle Paul says that because of Jesus, they can now live in peace with one another. **Read Ephesians 2:11-14.**
   - Maybe you have made peace with God, but do you struggle having peace with others? Discuss as a group.
   - **Read 2 Corinthians 5: 16-17 and Romans 12:18.** Why do you think it is important that we make peace with others?
4. JESUS CAME TO BRING PEACE BETWEEN YOU AND YOU
   - **Read Philippians 4:6-7.** What areas are you most anxious?
   - **Read Proverbs 3:5-6.** What do these two passages tell us to do?
   - Is it difficult? Why?

When you trust Jesus as your source of peace, you are able to experience SHALOM peace (universal flourishing) in every area of our life. This new year, make it your goal to make peace with God, make peace with someone and make peace with yourself. Daily ask God to help you TRUST JESUS as your PRINCE OF PEACE.

COMMIT TO MEMORY
"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."
Philippians 4:6-7

PRAY FOR EACH OTHER
Share prayer requests, and commit to praying for one another until you meet again.