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Peaceable Kingdom— Isaiah 11: 6-9

I am with you now, I will protect you everywhere you go. (Genesis 28:15)

Bible Lesson

In this Bible story we have an account of God's vision for the whole world. Last week we heard about Jacob's dream and God's promise of blessing to Jacob and his descendants. Today, we hear of an even bigger dream: God's dream of peace and well-being for all of creation. It is almost as if we have come full circle. We began this quarter learning about God's beautiful creation, and we are closing with a reminder of the purpose and meaning of all that has come to be. This dream is described as a time when all will live together in harmony and there will be no violence or pain. The writer wants us to imagine a place where children are safe and where enemies could live side by side and have no desire to hurt or destroy each other. We are invited to step into a new reality and imagine what the world could be. Each of us can participate in this dream. We can begin joining in God's vision by also being dreamers. When we read this Scripture, we can begin to wonder what kind of world God desires. We answer this call by offering compassion, kindness, and goodness to our hurting world. Imagine God's kingdom being here on earth, and a world where everyone can partake in this dream. What a blessing.

Today's faith word is *blessing*. A blessing is all the things God provides.

Wonder together:

- What might it be like to lie down with a wild animal?
- How can you be peaceful?
- How can you be a blessing for the whole world?
- What have you learned about the word *blessing*?

God wants us to live in peace.

Activity

What do you think God sees when God looks at the world? What do you see? Do you and God see the same things?

Use paper, magazines, scissors, and glue to make a collage about God's vision for the world.

Pray

God of hope, help us create a peaceful world for all.

Amen