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PEACE: I can be courageous in the face of hard things, because I know I don't go alone. I can be calm and grateful, because this perfect gift is with me and for me at all times.

In John 14, Jesus is getting ready to leave his friends. But, before he goes, he wants to make sure that they receive his gift-his peace. How do you feel when someone gives you the perfect gift?

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What do you think would be the perfect gift for you to give your friends and family this Christmas?

Now, Jesus tells us that his peace-- it's not like the kind other people or things give. Jesus describes THAT peace as "FRAGILE." Fragile means easily broken. What do you think of when you hear the word, "fragile"?

Jesus describes his peace as "PERFECT." In Hebrew, the word for this peace is SHALOM. It means, "Nothing missing, nothing broken." Why do you think he wanted to give us this gift?

Can you think of a time when you were asked to do something that was scary or new to you? How did you feel? What did you do?

How does the gift of perfect peace help us be courageous? Why?

How do you feel when you know that you are not alone? How does knowing this help you do hard things?

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