

**Wherever we are
He is our peace**

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Readings: Ephesians 2:11-22

2 Samuel 7:1-14a; Psalm 89: 20-37

**Breaking down
walls...**

Ephesians 2:14-15: For he is our peace; through his living example he has made separate groups into one and has broken down the walls that divide us, the hostility between us. He has done away with the rules and regulations that create artificial differences between us, so that there might be, through Jesus, one new community in place of the two, thus making peace...

You will need:

- ♦ 500gr or 1kg margarine lids
- ♦ magazines and catalogues
- ♦ scissors
- ♦ glue sticks
- ♦ adhesive plastic covering
- ♦ Blu-tac
- ♦ bricks photocopied onto red, orange or brown paper

Preparation:

- ♦ Photocopy the bricks onto red, orange or brown paper.
- ♦ Cut a template from cardboard or another lid the same size as the inside of the margarine lids you are using. (Use this for cutting the right sized adhesive plastic covering.)

What to do:

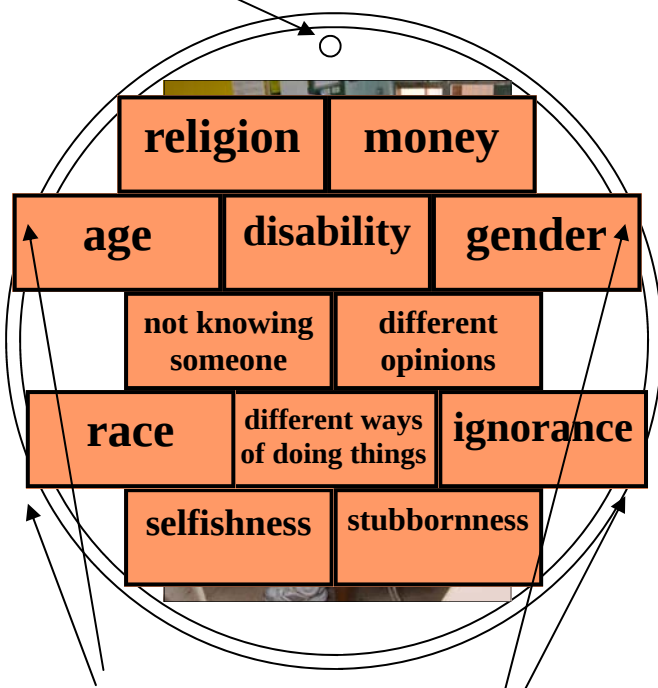
- ♦ Punch a hole in the top of the lid to thread the ribbon through, for hanging the finished plaque.
- ♦ Look through magazines and brochures for pictures of people getting along together in harmony. Look for pictures that are about the same size as the lids. See if you can find picture of people with differences (race, religions, ability/disability, gender, age, etc.) getting on together. Or look in your computer's clip art for pictures.
- ♦ Cut one out and glue it to the white side of the margarine lid.
- ♦ Using the templates prepared earlier, cut circles of plastic adhesive covering to cover the picture on the lid. (This is so the Blu-tac won't spoil the picture.)

Discuss:

- ♦ As a group, talk about the things that separate people, that build barriers between people, stop them getting on together. (different religions, age, gender, race, different customs, different opinions, ignorance, not knowing someone, different likes and dislikes, wealth and poverty, disability...)
- ♦ Children can write some of the words and phrases onto their bricks, one idea per brick.
- ♦ When they have filled all the bricks in their wall, cut the individual bricks out and rebuild the wall on the margarine lid, covering the picture. Trim the edges off those that overlap the edge of the lid.
- ♦ Attach them to the picture with small bits of Blu-tac.

Children can remove the bricks to break down the wall and reveal people getting on together.

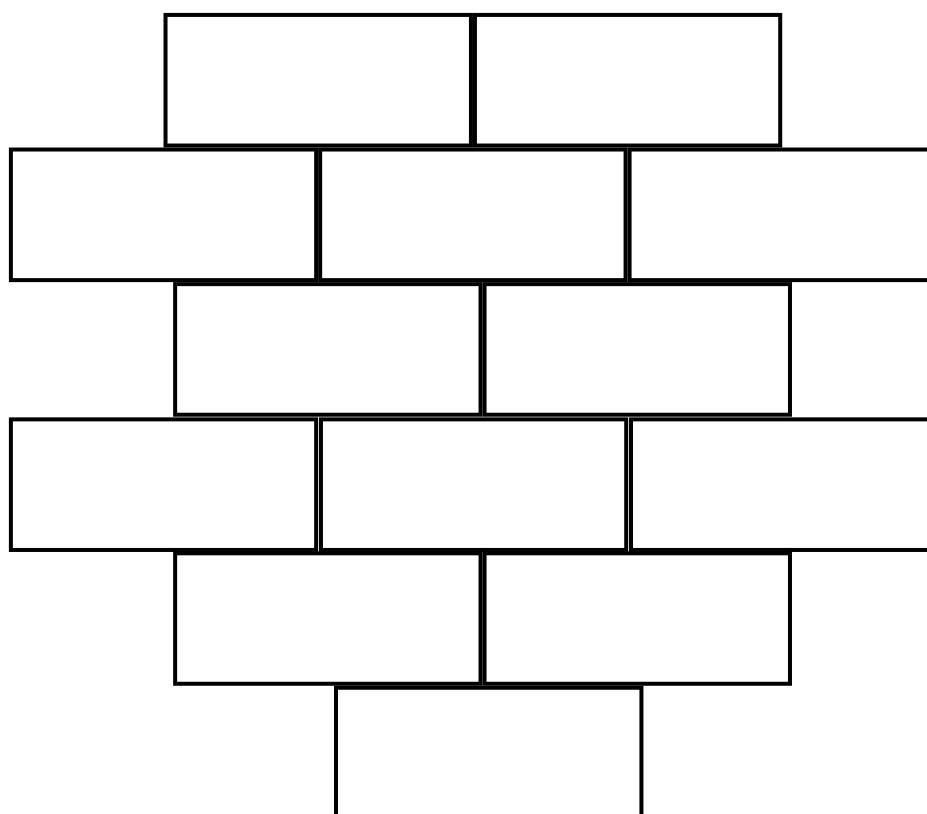
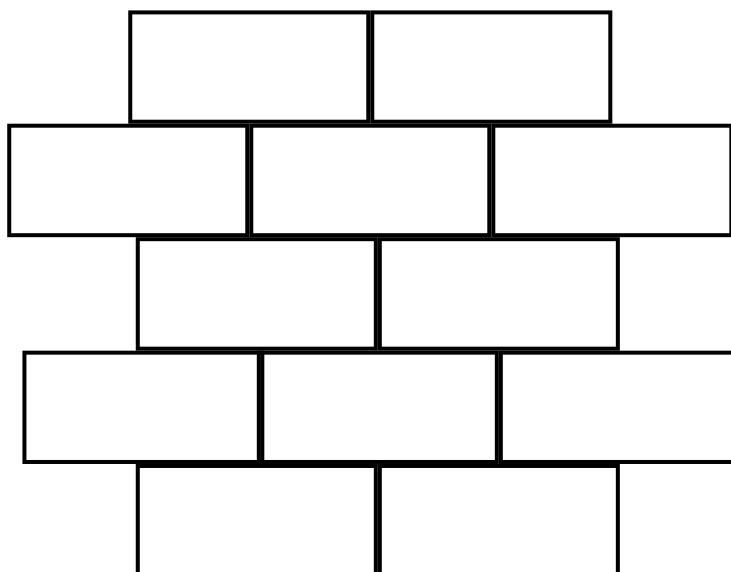
Thread ribbon
through hole to hang



Trim edges of any overlapping
bricks



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For 1KG lid ▲