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Making Peace

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Give peace a chance! That's the message PeaceJam, a global education program, wants kids to hear. Organizers hope it will inspire a new generation of leaders. PeaceJam draws on the work of 12 Nobel Peace Prize winners. The yearly prize for peacemakers is one of the world's highest honors.

A Billion Simple Facts

PeaceJam kicked off its biggest event on September 11. The Global Call to Action campaign pairs Nobel winners with young people who are helping their communities. The goal is to inspire a billion peace projects in 10 years. With guidance from Nobel winners, the kids of PeaceJam are tackling poverty, disease, pollution and more.

A Nobel Beginning

Ivan Suvanjiëff and Dawn Gifford Engle started PeaceJam in 1996. The Dalai Lama, the spiritual leader of Tibet's Buddhist people, was the first Nobel winner to join the cause. "Young people are the seed to developing a prosperous, peaceful world," he told TFK. "So much depends on them." He won the Peace Prize in 1989 for his efforts to promote nonviolence.

Archbishop Desmond Tutu won the Nobel in 1984 for his efforts to end racism in South Africa. "These young people have so much to give," he told TFK. "They simply need someone to show them the way."

Building A Better World

Callie Cohen, 10, and her two siblings are part of PeaceJam's Colorado chapter. Their group is collecting old Croc shoes that will be recycled into new shoes for needy kids. "It feels good to help," Callie says.

So far, 600,000 kids have started a million projects. PeaceJam programs coordinator Rudy Balles says the organization changed his life. "I felt like I could be a peacemaker," he says. "I want others to see that they can make a change." Will you answer the call too? Learn how at peacejam.org.



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Directions: Do you have a nose for the news? Find out by answering the following questions from this week's TIME FOR KIDS magazine. Just circle the letter next to the correct answer or write your answer below the question.

Article: "Changing the World" (Identify Main Idea)

1. **This story is mostly about**

- A. a service project that one group of kids took part in.
- B. community service around the world.
- C. life in the township of Soweto.
- D. one kid's trip to South Africa.

Article: "Changing the World" (Identify Author's Purpose)

2. **The author included a fact about Bushwick High School to show**

- A. that kids in Bushwick face big challenges.
- B. that kids in Bushwick have it easy.
- C. that the government needs to focus on education.
- D. that high school students should do more community service.

Article: "Changing the World" (Recall Facts and Details)

3. **To help the families in Soweto, the kids from Bushwick**

- A. tended vegetable gardens.
- B. cared for babies.
- C. bought groceries.
- D. All of the above

Article: "Changing the World" (Infer Character Traits)

4. **Which word does not describe Queen Clyde?**

- A. self-centered
- B. reflective
- C. compassionate
- D. concerned

Article: "Stronger, Faster... Bravest" (Make Inferences)

5. **Who competes in the Paralympic Games?**

- A. top athletes with disabilities
- B. the exact same athletes who compete in the Olympic Games
- C. athletes who tried out but did not qualify for the Olympics
- D. only athletes from the United States, South Africa and China

Article: "Top 5 U.S. States for Volunteering" (Recall Facts and Details)

6. **The top U.S. state for volunteering is**

- A. Montana.
- B. Alaska.
- C. Nebraska.
- D. Utah.

Article: "Making Peace" (Identify Figures of Speech)

7. **To make a point (in paragraph 3), the Dalai Lama used**

- A. personification.
- B. alliteration.
- C. a metaphor.

D. a simile.

Article: "Digging the Dirt" (Identify Fact and Opinion)

8. **Which statement is an opinion?**

- A. There are living creatures inside of soil.
- B. All farmers should use machines to punch seeds into soil.
- C. Each year, the Earth loses fertile soil.
- D. Soil is made up of sand, rocks, plants and dead organisms.

Article: "Digging the Dirt" (Identify Cause and Effect)

9. **Which is not a cause of soil loss?**

- A. construction
- B. conservation
- C. drought
- D. flooding

Article: "Changing the World" (Draw Conclusions)

10. **How did the trip change the lives of the Bushwick students?**