Lesson 4: Peacemaking

Each of us can be a peacemaker. We can help to settle conflicts. It takes skill to be a peacemaker. You have to practise. Here are some rules to help us in our work as peacemakers.

RULES FOR MAKING PEACE

Identify the problem.	What is happening? What is wrong? Where is the conflict?
Focus on the problem.	What needs to be done to put things right?
Attack the problem, not the person.	Do not get caught up in blaming one person or another. Find ways to bring about peace and agreement.
Listen with an open mind.	Do not take sides. Do not assume that you know what the story is about before you have heard it.
Treat the other person's feelings with respect.	Try to find a solution which will not make any one feel embarrassed or unimportant.
Take responsibility for your actions.	The person who is wrong must be prepared to deal with the consequences of his actions. People should admit when they are wrong.

YOUR CHALLENGE! Do you know anyone whom you think displays the qualities of a peacemaker? Why do you think this person is a peacemaker?

As a peacemaker I learned

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