Day 15
Prince of Peace

*For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given ...and he shall be called... Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6*

Have you ever seen two children fighting? There might be yelling, nasty comments, bickering. There might even be hitting and punching. It is definitely not peaceful!

When these two children calm down, sometimes there is real peace between them. They say they are sorry and mean it and decide to go and play a game together. But what if the two children refuse to say sorry and go away angry and upset with each other. This is not real peace even though the fighting has stopped.

Peace. What does it look like? It is far more than a fight stopping.
In the Hebrew language there is a word for real peace. It is the word ‘shalom’.

When a person heard the word ‘shalom’, they thought of lots of ideas all connected to ‘peace’. Harmony and completeness. Wholeness and abundance. To wish someone ‘peace’ or ‘shalom’ was to wish them a wonderful life filled with good things and filled with lots of good friendships. This was a life overflowing with peace.

‘For unto us a child is born’. Jesus is this child. He is ‘the Prince of Peace’. He will rule with peace and harmony. He will bring wholeness and abundance to people’s lives. He will bring peace between people and with God.

This peace starts right now. When people love Jesus and want to live his way, they begin a lifetime of being in harmony with God. Other things begin to happen too. People who love Jesus, start to love other people more and more. They start caring for the world around them. They want peace in every part of their lives.

Real peace, shalom peace, keeps growing throughout our whole life. We might have some ups and downs along the way, but when we know Jesus, we know the Prince of Peace. He will keep growing his peace in us.