**Peace Lesson for Montessori Education Week**

**Title:** Characteristics of a Peaceful Person
**Age:** Early Childhood to adult
**Aims:**

* characteristics of a Peaceful Person
* new vocabulary
* ways to be a Peaceful Person
* a kind of poetry
* synonyms
* Preparation: background - peaceful relaxing music



**Presentation:**

1. Gather a group of children
2. Pause to listen to the peaceful music
3. Show the children the word "Peaceful"
4. Ask the children what makes a peaceful person
5. Acknowledge their contributions
6. Show the children the letter "P" ask the children for words that begin with "P" that describe a peaceful person
7. Record the words and place them beside the "P"
8. Continue - show the next letter - the "E"
9. Again, ask for words that begin with "E" that make a peaceful person
10. Continue with each letter until you have spelled out PEACEFUL

See sample layout to the left

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**Points of Interest:**

* the music
* the words next to the correct letter
* describing peaceful people or things

**Control of Error**: Large letters P E A C E F U L and words matching to them begin with the same letter

**Language:** any words that children or you share

**Variations and Extension** - use your imagination and creativity

* Letters and words created can be placed on the shelf in a basket for children to take out and match again by themselves
* Children can copy the letters and the words in their notebook
* children can create their own word PEACEFUL and list words that begin with each letter and record as follows

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Let us hear from you
- Share your Montessori Education Week or Peace lessons or ideas

