



MARCH THEME

JUMP BALL

Finding PEACE in the Madness

BIBLE STORY

1 Samuel 25:1-35

Give Peace a Chance | Abigail
Intervenes

BOTTOM LINE

Prove you care more about others by
being part of the solution

MEMORY VERSE

“So let us do all we can to live in
peace. And let us work hard to build
each other up”
Romans 14:19, NIRV

LIFE APP

Peace | Proving you care more about
each other than winning an argument

BASIC TRUTH

I should treat others the way I want to
be treated

FOR LEADERS ONLY

GOD VIEW: the connection between PEACE and God’s character, as shown through God’s big story.

Key Question: What are ways you can be a peacemaker? It’s one thing to say that peace is important, it’s another thing to actively work toward making peace. As kids go about their day, we hope they stop, look around, and see how they can help make peace between people they know who are experiencing an argument.

In **1 Samuel 25:1-35**, Abigail intervenes when her husband picks a fight with David. Abigail immediately knew what was happening and made a plan to present gifts to David and calm his anger. Her quick actions promoted peace between the two men.

Bottom Line: Prove you care more about others by being part of the solution. Peace is often about helping stop an argument before it can escalate into something worse. Acting as a peacemaker between others will take time and energy, but God can give us the strength to help others make peace. Sometimes our outside perspective is what someone might need to see a peaceful solution.

SOCIAL: PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION

Welcome kids and spend time engaging in conversation and catching up. Get ready to experience today’s story.

Before kids arrive, **PRAY** for each regular attendee by name. Pray for those who might visit your group for the first time. Ask God to give kids opportunities to be peacemakers. Pray that God would help them know when and how to be part of the solution when it comes to conflict. And pray that God would guide your conversation with your few as they navigate applying today’s truths.

•• **EARLY ARRIVER IDEA**

Made to Connect | An activity that invites kids to share with others and build on their understanding

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do:

- Ask the following questions and encourage kids to share:
 - What kinds of things do kids argue about with their friends, siblings, or parents?
 - How does arguing make you feel?
 - Why do you think we argue?
 - Any ideas of what works better than arguing?

•• **SHEEP SHARERS**

Made to Create | An activity that explores spiritual ideas through the process of drawing, building, and designing



What You Need: “Sheep” activity page, cotton balls, glue sticks

What You Do:

- Place the cotton balls, the glue sticks, and the sheep cards in three separate piles on your table.
- Tell your group that you need to figure out how to make a sheep.
- Help them to work as a team to use what you’ve given them in the best possible way they can think of.
- NOTE: It’s fine if kids don’t end up gluing the cotton balls to the “Sheep” (*unless they glue them to the walls!*). The goal is for them to figure out what they should do and share the supplies with their groupmates.

What You Say: “You did a great job figuring out what to do with each of the supplies you were given. Gluing some cotton to the sheep was a great idea. [Transition] Today in Sunday CM worship/WOW family worship, we’ll learn/we learned about a woman who figured out how to solve a very big problem.

[Sunday Leaders: Lead your group to the Family Room for Children’s Ministry Worship. Wednesday Leaders: Continue with the study.]

GROUPS: CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT

Create a safe place to connect and learn how the Bible story applies to real life experiences, through interactive activities and discussion questions.

●● **WHOSE LINE IS IT ANYWAY?** [Talk about God | Bible Story Review | Application Activity]

Made to Imagine | An activity that promotes empathy and facilitates biblical application through role-play and reenactment

What You Need: “1 Samuel 25” activity page, Character name signs

What You Do:

- Tell the kids they are going to help act out today’s Bible story by playing some parts.
- Hand out the name signs to four kids and invite the remaining kids to be sheep or goats and encourage them to get down on all fours.
- Instruct everyone to act out today’s story as you read the script.

What You Say: “I just love this story. I love how Abigail saw the problem and worked quickly to find a peaceful solution. She knew that fighting wasn’t the answer. Sometimes when we think we’re right, we keep fighting to make our point. But peace is about finding a way to fix the problem. Peacemakers are problem solvers, just like Abigail. So remember to [Bottom Line] **prove you care more about others by being part of the solution.**”

[Make it Personal] (*Tell your few about a time when you had a conflict with someone and instead of wasting energy on proving you were right; you chose to find a solution that would satisfy everyone. Maybe you made a compromise, or maybe you just apologized. Whatever the case, help kids see the solution part of your example.*)

●● **PROBLEM SOLVED** [Live for God | Application Activity]

Made to Explore | An activity that extends learning through hands on experimentation and discovery

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do:

- Invite kids to stand in a circle holding hands. Challenge them work together to figure out how to get everyone sitting down without



letting go of each other's hands.

- After the game, praise the kids for their problem-solving skills and invite them to come up with solutions to some real-life problems.
- With each situation, ask, "How can you **[Bottom Line] prove you care more about others by being part of the solution?**"
 - You want to play with your favorite game but your friend wants to do something else.
 - Your dad is working hard to get dinner ready and there are lots of toys in the way on the table.
 - Your big brother is sad because he can't find his favorite stuffed animal before bedtime.
- **[Make It Personal] (Share a time when you chose to do more than you had to in order to be part of the solution and make peace in a situation.)**

What You Say: "Those were great solutions to some messy situations. Often, being part of a solution is simply going out of your way to show you care about someone. Remember, you can help bring peace to a problem, even if it's technically not YOUR problem. Instead of ignoring what's going on or hoping someone else steps in, ask God to help you know what to do to make peace. It might mean that you do a chore that's not usually yours to do, or say something kind to someone who needs a day brightener, or just be the kid who does what's right when everyone else isn't. When you do, you're being a peacemaker and proving that you care about those who are having a problem."

•• **SOUNDS LIKE PEACE** [Hear from God | Memory Verse Activity]

Made to Imagine | An activity that promotes empathy and facilitates biblical application through role-play and reenactment

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do:

- Read Romans 14:19 out loud to your group, inviting them to repeat after you...

"So let us do all we can to live in peace (*So let us do all we can to live in peace*).

And let us work hard to build each other up (*And let us work hard to build each other up*)"—Romans 14:19, NIRV
- Tell them that "build each other up," means to say good things about each other, to help each other, to encourage each other and can be a great way to encourage peace.
- Help kids describe and act out what people look and sound like when things ARE NOT peaceful. (*loud, angry, talking fast, a lot of commotion, sad, etc.*)
- Invite them to repeat Romans 14:19 after you, using their voice, body, and facial expression to look and sound "un-peaceful."
- Next, invite kids to describe and act out what people look and sound like when things ARE peaceful. (*calm, quiet, talking slowly, happy, etc.*)
- Now say Romans 14:19 together using their voice, body, and facial expressions to look and sound "peaceful."

What You Say: "When we choose to stay calm, speak softly, and say kind words, we're helping to make peace. Just by choosing to be the one who doesn't yell can make a huge difference. Romans 14:19 tells us to do two things: First, do all we can to live in peace, and second, work hard to build each other up. Doing all we can to live in peace will sometimes mean that we're going to have to help others live in peace, too. You **[Bottom Line] prove you care about others by being part of the solution** to a problem, even if the problem isn't yours. God wants you to help others, as well as yourself, live in peace."

PRAY AND SEND [Pray to God | Prayer Activity]

Made to Reflect | An activity that creates space for personal understanding and application

What You Need: No supplies needed



**PRINCE
OF PEACE**
Called to Connect

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GRADE PRE

SMALL GROUP EXPERIENCE

What You Do:

- Read the memory verse, Romans 14:19 (*found on the left column of the first page of today's leader guide*), to the kids and remind them that when they say nice things about each other, help and encourage each other, they are building others up. They are also doing their part to keep peace.
- Ask each person to think of two people they can build up this week. Take turns sharing the names. The first person to share a name should place one hand on the center of the table. The next person should share a name and place one of their hands on top of the first hand. Continue until everyone has shared two names and you have a large stack of hands on the table.

What You Say: "Dear God, please help each of us to be peacemakers this week with the people we named. We need your help to build them up and show them kindness. Help us to not be 'problem causers' this week but 'peaceful problem solvers' who step in and make things better. In Jesus' name. Amen."

Give each child a **GodTime** card. Sunday leaders, pass out **Parent Cue** cards to any adult who has not yet received one this month. Encourage kids to tell their adults the one thing they liked best about Abigail in today's Bible story.