



MARCH THEME
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Switch On the Power of Peace

BIBLE STORY

Abigail Intervenes
1 Samuel 25:1-35

BOTTOM LINE

You can help others make peace.

MEMORY VERSE

So let us do all we can
to live in peace.
Let us work hard to build
each other up.
- Romans 14:19

LIFE APP

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

KEY INFORMATION FOR LEADERS

SERIES OVERVIEW: Throughout Scripture, we can see how peace is something near to God’s heart. Even though people chose to break their relationship with God, God made a way to fix that relationship through Jesus. And because we reflect God’s image, making peace with others should be a priority for us as well. That’s why we’re taking the month of March to highlight some Bible passages and stories about peace that can help us grow as peacemakers in our everyday lives.

WEEKLY OVERVIEW: In 1 Samuel 25:1-35, we find a story about a woman named Abigail. We read how King David was furious with a man named Nabal who had mistreated his men. David decided to get revenge until Nabal’s wife, Abigail, intercepted him, apologized, and offered gifts as a way to make peace. Even though Abigail wasn’t responsible for her husband’s offense, she realized that she could play a role in making peace.

KEY QUESTION | How can you be a peacemaker?

It’s one thing to SAY that peace is important. It’s another thing to actively work toward making peace. As we go about our days, we need to stop, look around, and see how we can help make peace between people we know who are experiencing an argument.

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Peace is often about helping stop an argument before it can escalate into something worse. It takes time and energy to act as a peacemaker between other people, but God can give us the strength to help others make peace. For kids, this might mean getting the help of an adult who can calm down a situation. Sometimes an outside perspective is what someone needs to see a peaceful solution to an argument they’re having. We pray that God will give us wisdom to see how we can step in and help make peace.

Before leading Small Group this week, **PRAY** for each group member by name. Thank God for making peace with us through Jesus. Reflect on how Jesus made a way for us to be forgiven and to be in relationship with God. Thank God for this peace. Pray that the kids in your group would be open to finding peaceful solutions to the problems they face. Pray for opportunities for them to become peacemakers in the world around them.



SOCIAL: PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION

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

•• HIGHS AND LOWS

Made to Connect | An activity that invites kids to share and collaborate with others while growing their understanding

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do:

- Take turns sharing with one another about the following:
 - What was the best part of your week?
 - What was the most challenging part of your week?
 - How did you experience God in your high, low, or something in between this week?

•• SWITCH ON!

Made to Play | An activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and working as a group

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do:

- Instruct a few kids to stand up. They will be “pickers” for the first round of the game.
- Direct the rest of the kids to stay seated, close their eyes, put their heads down, and put their thumbs up in the air. No peeking allowed!
- Instruct the “pickers” to silently walk around and choose one kid’s thumb to tap, making sure it’s a different thumb than the other pickers.
- When a kid’s thumb is tapped, direct them to put it down, indicating they’ve been picked.
- When all “pickers” have chosen a kid, instruct the “pickers” to line up at the front of the group and say, “Switch On!” so everyone knows to open their eyes.
- Direct the kids who have their thumbs down to take turns guessing which “picker” picked them.
- Continue playing, with the “picked” becoming the new “pickers.”
- Remind kids to try to pick kids who haven’t been picked yet!

What You Say:

“It’s fun to play a game together as a whole group! You all did an amazing job working together peacefully, and it was great seeing you have fun-whether you were a “picker”, a “picked”, or someone who wasn’t either. **[Transition]** Today, we’re going to hear a true story about two people who were on different sides, and someone who helped keep the peace between them. Let’s go!”

[Lead your group to the Chapel for POP Kids Worship.]



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.

•• PASS THE PEACE

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

What You Need: “Who Did It?” Activity Page, “Pass the Peace” Activity Page, ball-pit ball

What You Do:

- Review today’s Bible story using the questions on the “Who Did It?” activity page.

What You Say:

“You all did an incredible job remembering what Nabal and Abigail did from today’s Bible story! It’s clear that these were two people who responded very differently in the moment. Things could have turned out very differently for Nabal and David, but Abigail used her courage and creativity to stop a big fight before it happened. She found a peaceful solution to a big problem!

The great news is, we can do that too. Jesus made a way for us to be forgiven and have a relationship with God. Jesus made peace between us and God. When we follow Jesus, we have God’s Spirit to help us make peace with others. When you notice two people who aren’t seeing eye-to-eye, **[Bottom Line] you can help others make peace.**”

[Make It Personal] (Talk about a time when you saw a conflict happening, or about to happen, and you were able to help make peace. Or, it could be that someone helped to make peace for you. Think back to when you were a kid. Maybe a parent stepped in when you and a sibling were about to have a big argument. Maybe you saw two friends have a disagreement and you were able to clear up the miscommunication. Maybe a teacher or a coach stepped in at just the right time. Describe how this helped the situation turn out positively.)

What You Do:

- Lead a game similar to Hot Potato.
- Instruct the kids to sit around your small group table.
- Give one kid a ball-pit ball.
- Instruct the kid with the ball to start passing it around the circle when you say “Go!”
- When you say “Stop!”, kids should stop passing the ball
- Say “Go!” Wait a random amount of time, and then say “Stop!”
- Read a question from the “Pass the Peace” Activity Page.
- Direct the kid who is holding the ball to respond to the situation by sharing how they could make peace.
- Once the kid has shared a peaceful response (they can ask for help if needed), say “Go!” again.
- Continue playing and asking questions from the “Pass the Peace” Activity Page until all kids have had a chance to answer. Repeat scenarios, if needed, inviting kids to share another idea.

What You Say:

“Those were some great, peaceful suggestions! Have you ever been in a situation similar to one of these? (Invite responses.) Yes—me too! Sometimes, I start feeling angry because I want to get my way, but that’s not the best response. When people

