



PEACE | WEEK 4 | APRIL 24-25, 2021

Virtual 4th-5th Lesson

The Peacemaker

Life App: Peace—Proving you care more about each other than winning an argument

Bible Story: The Peacemaker (Abigail Intervenes) • *1 Samuel 25:1-35*

Key Question: What are ways you can be a peacemaker?

Bottom Line: You can show you care about others by being part of the solution.

Basic Truth: **I am made a purpose** so the Holy Spirit will help me do big things now.

Memory Verse: So let us do all we can to live in peace. And let us work hard to build up one another. Romans 14:19 (NirV)

LEADER BIBLE STUDY

When Adam and Eve decided that their way was better than God's way and broke God's rule, they changed the relationship between God and His creation. When once everything and everyone could be in the presence of God, now we were at odds with God. God could have done anything He wanted, including wiping us out and starting over. But instead, God decided to make peace with us. Ultimately God did this through His Son, Jesus. When Jesus rose from the dead, He paid the price for everything that was wrong and unfair in this world. Because of Jesus, we can have peace. We don't have to get even. Instead, we can reflect the character of Christ by caring for others and making peace.

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 towards 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.

We finish the month in **1 Samuel 25:1-35**, where we find a story about woman named Abigail, but it starts with King David. He was furious with a man who mistreated his soldiers. He decided to get revenge, until the man's wife, Abigail, intercepts him with gifts to make peace and apologizes. Her peacemaking skills stopped something that could have been horrible. Even though she was not responsible for her husband's offense, she realized she could play a role in making peace.

Bottom Line: You can show you care 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.

SMALL GROUP

SMALL GROUP ACTIVITY AND DISCUSSION

(Ask families to provide small items kids could use to spell out the word “peace.” They can use dry spaghetti or penne pasta noodles, mini marshmallows, LEGO® bricks, or even just little scraps of paper)

What You Do:

- As kids join the meeting and get settled, engage them in conversation about the past week.
- If you choose, consider using an icebreaker question to get kids talking.
- Practice saying the memory verse together.
- If you’ve chosen to watch the Bible story video presentation as a group, get that started once you’ve given latecomers a chance to join the meeting, and once the group feels settled (Video found at theparenthub.net).

Activity:

What You Do:

- Instruct kids to use whatever items they have to spell out the word “peace.” (They should be shaping the letters using the small items, not writing the letters on the actual items themselves.)
- As they work, engage them in a conversation about this month’s topic of peace, today’s story, and how God wants them to be a peacemaker.
- When kids finish spelling “peace” using their various supplies, give them a few moments to show the group what they made and what supply they used.

What You Say:

Ask:

- What is a peacemaker?
- Who were the peacemakers in the story? What makes them peacemakers?
- Who were not peacemakers? Why don’t you consider them peacemakers?
- What about the servants who told Abigail about David’s plan? Were they trying to be part of the solution or were they trying to cause unnecessary drama? What is the difference between helping and creating drama? *(This is an opportunity to talk about the motivation behind their actions.)*
 - What if two friends are in a fight. You didn’t cause the fight or make it worse. How are you supposed to respond? What’s your responsibility in terms of peacemaking? *(This could prompt discussion that there are times you aren’t the cause but you can still be the part of the solution. It doesn’t mean it’s easy, but it’s what we should do as followers of Jesus.)*
- What are some ways we can be a peacemaker? *(If necessary, provide a scenario: If someone is giving you the silent treatment, what could you do to be a peacemaker? What if you are watching a show and your older brother walks in and switches what you’re watching—what could you do to be a peacemaker?)*

Close your group in prayer:

- Lead kids in prayer by saying:
 - o Option1: God, You are the God of peace, and it is Your desire that we do what we can to live in peace with each other. Help us to be peacemakers by *(encourage kids to take turns listing ways they can be a peacemaker. Fill in a couple ideas if kids are quiet/shy/etc.)*
 - o Option 2: God, You created us in Your image, and You have given each of us gifts and talents. Some of us are good at making others laugh, and some of us are great at building others up. Some of us love to sing *(fill in specific gifts kids in your group have)*. God, help us to use these gifts to be peacemakers and to be part of the solution. In Jesus’ name we pray! Amen.