

Use this guide to help your family learn how God wants us to live in peace with others.

First, watch this week's video at:

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Talk about:

What are ways you can be a peacemaker?

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

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, NIV

BIBLE STORY

Abigail Intervenes
1 Samuel 25:1-35
(NirV)

BOTTOM LINE

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

Activity

Draw it Out

What You Need:

Several pieces of paper; pens/markers/colored pencils/crayons; a stapler

What You Do:

Open your Bible or Bible app to today's story: 1 Samuel 25:1-35
Tell your child that you're going to create a book together that illustrates the Bible story. As you read, pause at certain sections to draw and color what you imagine the scene looked like. When you're finished, staple the book together.

Suggested images to illustrate:

- ➔ David and his men went down to the Desert of Paran, near the land of a wealthy man named Nabal. While they were there, they helped keep Nabal's shepherds safe.
- ➔ David sent his men to ask Nabal if he would be kind and give them some food. Nabal—who was rude and mean—replied, "Why should I give food to THEM?"
- ➔ When David heard what Nabal had said, he was ANGRY. He chose 400 men, and they headed towards Nabal's home, looking for a fight.
- ➔ A servant told Abigail, Nabal's wife, what her husband had done.
- ➔ Abigail—who was wise and kind—quickly gathered food, loaded it on donkeys, and went to meet David. Abigail apologized for Nabal's meanness.
- ➔ David accepted Abigail's gifts and told her to go home in peace.

Talk About the Bible Story

In your own words, what is a peacemaker?

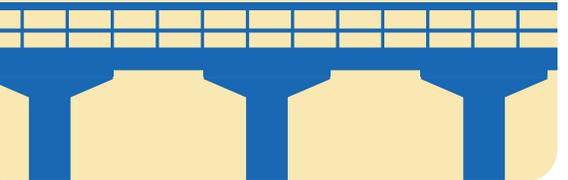
Who were the peacemakers in our story today?

Who in the story were not peacemakers? Why don't you consider them peacemakers?

Have you ever had to be a peacemaker in a tough situation? What did you do? How did it make you feel afterward?

Are there any situations right now where you could be a peacemaker?

Parent: talk about a time when you had to be a peacemaker.



Prayer

Use this prayer as a guide, either after talking about the Bible story or sometime before bed tonight:

"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 . . . some of us love to sing . . . and some of us are great at listening and encouraging our friends. God, help us to use our gifts to be peacemakers. When we see that there's a problem, help us to find a way to be part of the solution. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen."