

City LG—April 24th-26th, 2021

Today's Bible Story: The Peacemaker (Abigail Intervenes) • 1 Samuel 25:1-35

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

Monthly 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)

Pre-Service: Activity: Paper Towel Paper Bridge

Supplies Needed: 5 Foot sheets of Paper Towel (2 per Service), 2 Stools/Chairs (in Room), Masking tape (2 Rolls per Campus), Foam Bricks (20 per campus), Spray Bottle (2 per Campus)

"What's going on, everyone! We have a great day in store for you. And it begins with another bridge challenge. I need four people up here pronto!"

Chooses volunteers for a bridge-building challenge.

"Alright, here's the challenge. Take this sheet of paper towel and build a bridge that spans from this chair to this chair. You may not move the chairs. You must securely tape the paper to the chairs, but you can't have tape anywhere else (*no tape as support on the paper*). Then, you must put 10 bricks on your bridge. You can decide where and how to put them on, but they need to be completely on the paper bridge."

"After you and your partner have assembled your bridge, it is time for the strength test. Each team will take a spray bottle and spray the other team's bridge once, wherever they want. If both bridges stand, we will go another round. Whoever's bridge lasts the longest wins. Makes sense?"

"Let's build!"

Give supplies to kids and have them build. This should go rather quickly. Once the bridges are built, the kids can place the bricks on.

After the build, they use the spray bottle on the bridges. Do this until someone's bridge breaks.

(*After the game*) "Oh, wow! That was a close one! Great job, teams! That was a lot of fun. Alright, let's all stand up and worship God!"

WORSHIP: Something Good and Look to You

Worship Leader prays...

“Hello, everyone! (Hold up Bible.) I’ve got another great story for you about a brave, strong, and very smart woman named Abigail. Abigail had to decide if she could make peace in a pretty tough situation.

“This story took place when David was in line to be the king of God’s people . . . but he wasn’t king yet. Several years before, God had promised that David would one day be king. But for now, King Saul still ruled Israel. And Saul was very jealous of David. Poor David had to live on the run so that King Saul couldn’t get him.

“As we look at what happened next, I’d love it if we took a look at this week’s Episode!”

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 10:00)

“David accepted Abigail’s gifts. He told her to go home in peace.

“In the end, Nabal died. He paid a high price for his foolish anger. But God blessed Abigail and protected her. It’s pretty amazing how Abigail took the blame for Nabal. She knew that it was important for her to apologize so that David wouldn’t be mad anymore. She even thought to bring some gifts she thought David would like. She knew that was the only way to avoid a huge battle!

“You and I can be like Abigail. We can use our creativity to make peace. When we see a problem, we can be part of the solution. When we see something wrong, we can help to make it right.

“Let’s remember this . . .

SLIDE: Bottom Line

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

“Let’s pray and ask God to help us make peace.”

PRAY: “Dear God, thank You for giving Abigail the courage to step into a difficult situation. She was wise and creative enough to find a way to make things better! There are problems around us that can seem almost impossible to fix. But with Your help, we know we can be a part of the solution. Please help us look for opportunities to step in and make peace. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

“It’s so cool how God can use US to help make peace between other people. Think about what it must have been like for Abigail. She could have easily stood back and watched things get worse between David and Nabal. But she chose to step in and make peace! She saw a big problem, and she chose to be part of the solution.

“God can help us do that, too. We know that He’s always with us, and that He can give us the strength we need as we work to make things right. After all, that’s what God does—He makes things right! He loved us so much that He sent Jesus FOR us, so we could have a relationship with Him that will last forever. We can follow His example and help find a solution to what’s wrong.

“Remember . . .

SLIDE: Bottom Line

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

“Sometimes, when you see two people having some kind of argument, it might seem easier to not get involved. But maybe God can use you to be part of the solution. Maybe you could calm the situation down by helping them talk it out. Definitely talk to an adult if you’re not sure what to do. They can help you figure out what YOU can do to help bring peace.

Offering Time:

“Offering time is a chance for us to bring our money to God, so he can use it to make somebody else’s life better. For us, here in the City, we give our offering to an organization called ‘Missions of Hope’ to help kids in Kenya have food, clothes, and learn about God’s love for them.”

Here at (your Campus name), we bring our offering to help support:

Homer Glen: Victor

New Lenox: Daniel

Orland Park: Michael and Valerie

Direct Kids attention to the Posters in your Room

“(Your Campus Child) lives in Nairobi, Kenya and goes to school at Mission of Hope International!”

If you brought your offering today, you can bring it up now and place it here in our offering container! (*show offering container*). “You can head to Small Group now and talk about ways you can be part of the solution. Have fun!”

Dismiss to Small Groups