

## Alley Rundown—June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**Today's Bible Story:** Why Can't We Be Friends? (Abigail Intervenes) • 1 Samuel 25:1-35

**Today's Key Question:** What are some ways to make peace?

**Today's Bottom Line:** You can help others make peace.

**Monthly Memory Verse:** "The fruit the Holy Spirit produces is love, joy and peace. It is being patient, kind and good. It is being faithful and gentle and having control of oneself." *Galatians 5:22-23a (NIRV)*

**CG: Dude Perfect Filler Videos**

**CG: Summer JAM Slide**

*"Summer JAM is coming up very soon and we're so excited to invite you to 3 nights jam-packed with FUN and Adventure! You won't want to miss it. Visit the Summer Jam Tents after our time together today to sign up!"*

**Supplies Needed: "Famous Fight Cards" (1 Set printed on Card Stock per Campus/Service)**

"Hey, friends! Before we get started, let me ask you a question. Have any of you ever been in an argument? Like, a heated one, where voices were raised, shouting, pointing fingers, getting up in someone else's face, the whole deal? Interesting. Anyone want to share what happened—you know, without throwing anyone under the bus, of course. Why did you get so upset?"

*Allow for a few answers.*

"Well, sometimes people fight because they're fighting for what they believe in. Sometimes it's standing up to a bully, sometimes it's just a heated argument, where you're trying to get someone else to see your side of things but they're just not getting it.

"And sometimes people let their frustrations get the best of them.

"I have a few famous fights listed here, arguments and heated discussions—could I have a few volunteers read? Then I'll put it to the group to see if you can guess which movies these are from! Bonus points if you can tell me the characters who are talking, too!"

*Choose two volunteers for each example – don't use the same two people for all of them. Hand them each "Famous Fight" cards to read. After each one is read, ask the group to shout out the answer if they know it.*

*Once finished, give a round of applause to the volunteers and continue.*

"Great acting skills, everyone! That was fun. Some of those weren't too bad, but other times those movie disagreements led to arguments, which led to people having some serious fights—with lightsabers and everything!"

"It's one thing to watch an argument happen on TV or computer screen, but when you happen to see an argument or fights happen in real life, it can be frightening. What to you do? How do you respond, or who do you tell? These are tricky questions. First and foremost, of course, we need to keep safe, but maybe there are times when we might be able to help. How can we help others, stay safe, and not make the situation worse?"

"Believe it or not, we can actually read some stories in the Bible that can help us when it comes to the idea of how to make and keep peace with others. Let's check out one of those right now with the help of this week's Episode!"

**CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 13:00)**

“So, who were you more like in this story? There are three distinct personalities here, and all of them reacted differently. Some people are like Nabal, acting up and making others upset. Others are like David, allowing their anger to take over and wanting to get revenge in a really bad way. Then there are some who are more like Abigail, wanting to make sure people get along and doing whatever you have to find a way to make peace?”

“David was so angry that he was ready to go to war with Nabal. Abigail made what could have been a really bad situation better by helping David see things in a different way.

“We might find ourselves in each one of those roles from time to time. Sometimes, we’ll need to apologize and make things right. Sometimes we’ll need to trust God and calm down and not try to get revenge. Other times, we’ll find ourselves watching a fight start. Maybe you can see a way to stop someone’s argument before it gets out of control. Maybe to stay safe, you’ll need to ask a trusted adult for help. And whatever you need to do, always ask God for help.

“If you believe in Jesus, the Holy Spirit living inside you can help you make peace. It’s kind of His specialty!”

“As you head to your Small Groups, think about this question:

**SLIDE: Key Question**

“**What are some ways to make peace?** What are some things you can do to help resolve a tricky situation? How can you gently get involved and calm things down? Who might be able to help you help others make peace? Those are big questions, so if you need some help answering them be sure to talk to your Small Group Leader when you get to group. Before you head out, let’s pray and ask God to help us make the wise choice and make peace. Let’s pray.”

*Lead group in a prayer related to what they just heard. After prayer, lead offering.*

**Offering:**

“All Summer we are giving our offering to help dig water wells in the Country of Malawi! When you bring your offering each week, it will go to making sure that the people of Malawi will be able to have clean water to drink, cook with, and more. So if you brought your offering, you can bring it up now!”

**CG: Malawi Wells Pictures**