

City LG—June 19th, 2022

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

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)

REMINDER: Kids will need to be grouped into Small Groups to begin Service

WORSHIP: Zeal and Fireblazin'

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!"

"Hi, everyone! I'm so glad to see each and every one of you here today. I hope you are all having a great Summer so far. To get started today, I have a question for you..."

SLIDE: Question (What makes a good friend?)

Take 3 minutes now to answer that question together in your Groups. Have FUN!"

CG: Question Video (Runtime: 3:00)

Great job everyone! Our story today begins with a guy named Nabal. If you're not sure how to say his name, you can just remember that it rhymes with cable . . . and stable . . . and fable. And well, you get the idea! Let's take a look at our story with the help of this week's video!"

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 7:00)

"Abigail returned home to find Nabal throwing a giant party. She had stopped David from hurting Nabal. But Nabal soon met an awful end.

"Here's the important thing to remember, though. Abigail had done something very brave and courageous. She had stopped a fight before it even began! She helped make peace.

"You and I can make peace like Abigail did. That's not always easy, especially when people are arguing or upset. It might mean that you're the first one to say, 'I'm sorry.' It might mean that you help someone ELSE make peace. Making peace is a way that we can make waves. It's something we can do with the help of God's Spirit. Let's learn this week's Bottom Line together!"

CG: Bottom Line Video (Runtime: 1:00)

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] “You can help others make peace.

“Now, there’s something important that I want you to hear as we wrap up today. I want to be clear that there may be times when you’re NOT able to make peace. There may be situations where people you know are having trouble or arguing, and it’s not up to you to stop them. They may need help from other adults who are trained to make things better.

“But remember, God is there to help you as you make waves by making peace. Let’s pray and ask God to help us do that.”

PRAY: “Dear God, thank You for helping Abigail be so wise and helpful. She used her words and actions to make peace. Help us be like her—the kind of person who can calm down a difficult situation. Please give us Your wisdom to know how we can bring peace to the people around us. In Jesus’ name, amen.”

“David was so angry that he was ready to battle against Nabal. Yikes! But Abigail saw trouble coming, and she did something to solve the problem. She made things BETTER. She helped David see the situation in a different way.

“When we believe in Jesus, God’s Spirit is living inside us. And with the help of God’s Spirit, we can do what Abigail did. We can help others make peace.

“That’s a good thing to remember.

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] “You can help others make peace.

“Think about it. Sometimes, you might be the one who makes someone else mad. You might realize it later and wish you had acted differently. If that happens, don’t miss the chance to say you’re sorry for what you did wrong.

“Or you might be the one who GETS mad. Before you lose your temper, stop and think about what you can do to calm down. Think about what you can do to make peace.

“Or maybe you’re like Abigail. Maybe you can see a way to stop someone ELSE’S argument before it gets out of control. Remember, you can always ask God for help. God is always with you. God’s Spirit is always there to help you. God can help you **make the wise choice.**”

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