

Navigate Church at Home- April 25

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)

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

Bible Story Review Activity

What You Need: Bible

What You Do:

- Open the Bible to 1 Samuel 25.
- Retell the key points of the story (see below), pausing after each point.
- If the person's actions showed care for others, kids stand and give a thumbs-up.
- If the person's actions didn't show care for others, kids squat and give a thumbs-down.
- Read each point slowly to enhance comprehension but maintain a quick pace between points to keep interest high.
- If time allows, play again and quicken your pace.
 - 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.
 - One day, 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.

What You Say:

"When the servant told Abigail that her husband had been mean and rude to David's men, Abigail worked quickly to help make peace. What did she do to help make peace? *(She apologized for Nabal being rude and mean. She gave food to David and his men.)* If Abigail hadn't done something, David and his men might have fought Nabal and his servants. People would have gotten hurt. But Abigail cared about others, so stepped in to help make peace. She was part of the solution.

Memory Verse Activity

What You Need: “Coloring by the Numbers” Activity Page, markers or crayons

What You Do:

- Encourage the kids to recite the memory verse a few times together.
- Pass out the “Hidden Verse Coloring” Activity Pages and markers.
- Instruct the kids to follow the key provided to color their page.
- While they color, encourage kids to color this month’s verse in such a way that it really stands out.

What You Say:

“Wow! You did a beautiful job coloring! The bridge and this verse are great reminders that we should do everything we can to build each other up instead of tearing each other down.

“When you build each other up, **[Bottom Line] you can show you care about others by being part of the solution.** Like Abigail, God has designed all of us to be creative problem-solvers. We can be part of the solution in our homes, in our classrooms, on our sports teams, and in our neighborhoods. I’d like for you to take this verse home and put it somewhere in your room or on the bathroom mirror to remind you that God wants you to be a peacemaker everywhere you go.”

Closing Prayer

What You Say:

“There’ll be times when you’ll be around people who don’t get along. And you know what? God can use YOU to be part of the solution. You can be like a bridge that helps make peace and bring people together. You can encourage the person who’s mean or rude, to be kind instead. You can encourage the person who isn’t sharing to share. And if the problem is too big for you, you can ask an adult for help. Just remember that **[Bottom Line] you can show you care about others by being part of the solution.** Let’s pray.”

