

6KIDS HOUSE PARTY

PARENT GUIDE

Life App Definition

Peace is proving you care more about each other than winning an argument.

Main Idea

We finish the month in 1 Samuel 25:1-35, where we find a story about woman named Abigail, but it starts with King David. He was furious with a man who mistreated his soldiers. He decided to get revenge, until the man's wife, Abigail, intercepts him with gifts to make peace and apologizes. Her peacemaking skills stopped something that could have been horrible. Even though she was not responsible for her husband's offense, she realized she could play a role in making peace. Peace is often about helping stop an argument before it can escalate into something worse. Acting as a peacemaker between others will take time and energy, but God can give us the strength to help others make peace.

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)

Bottom Line

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

Small Group Discussion

ICE BREAKER: If you could have ANY animal as a pet, what would you choose? Why?

Each small group will have a set of story pages from the lesson today. The small group leader will show the picture as they retell some key points of the story. After each part of the story, the kids will give a "thumbs up" or "thumbs down" to tell if the person's action showed care for others. Wrap up the story by showing how Abigail chose to step in and make peace even though it wasn't her fault. We can be part of the solution even when we aren't part of the problem.

Story Cards

- #1 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 sheep safe.
(Thumbs Up)
- #2 One day, David sent his men to ask Nabal if he would be kind and give them some food. Nabal was rude and mean and replied, "Why should I give food to them?"
(Thumbs Down)

#3 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. **(Thumbs Down)**

#4 A servant told Abigail, Nabal's wife, what her husband had done. She wanted to figure out how to help solve this problem. **(Thumbs Up)**

#5 Abigail acted with wisdom and kindness. She gathered food, loaded it on donkeys, and went to meet David. She apologized for Nabal's horrible behavior. **(Thumbs Up)**

#5 David accepted Abigail's gifts and told her to go home in peace. **(Thumbs Up)**