

Reconnect: Build The Bridge

Use this guide to help your family learn about how
God wants us to live in peace with others.

First, watch
this week's
video!

Peace:
Proving you
care more
about each
other than
winning an
argument

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, NIV

Bible Story

Abigail Intervenes
1 Samuel 25:1-35

Bottom Line

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

Activity

Draw it Out

What You Need:

Several pieces of paper; pens/markers/
colored pencils/crayons; a stapler

What You Do:

Open your Bible or Bible app to today's
story: 1 Samuel 25:1-35

Tell your child that you're going to create
a book together that illustrates the Bible
story. As you read, pause at certain
sections to draw and color what you
imagine the scene looked like. When
you're finished, staple the book together.

Suggested images to illustrate:

- 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.
- 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.

Talk About the Bible Story

In your own words, what is a peacemaker?

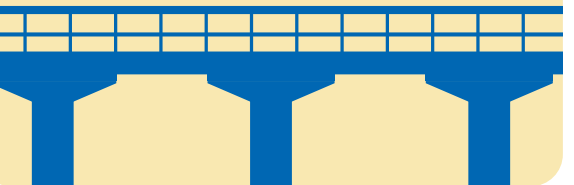
Who were the peacemakers in our story today?

Who in the story were not peacemakers? Why
don't you consider them peacemakers?

Have you ever had to be a peacemaker in a tough
situation? What did you do? How did it make you
feel afterward?

Are there any situations right now where you
could be a peacemaker?

*Parent: talk about a time when you had to be a
peacemaker.*



Prayer

Use this prayer as a guide, either after talking
about the Bible story or sometime before bed
tonight:

"God, You created us in Your image, and You have
given each of us gifts and talents. Some of us
are good at making others laugh . . . some of us love to
sing . . . and some of us are great at listening and
encouraging our friends. God, help us to use our
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Key Question

What are ways you can be a peacemaker?

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Bridge the Gap

What You Need:

Several books; a deck of playing cards (or index cards); timer

What You Do:

Set the books in two stacks at the same height, several inches apart. Tell your child that their job is to "bridge the gap" between the stacks of books. (They can do this by fanning out the cards so that they form a bridge between the two stacks. Head to <https://bit.ly/3gmJ2si> for a visual of what this looks like.)

After your child successfully builds their first bridge, tell them they now have to do it in only 60 seconds! Reset the cards and books. Set the timer to 60 seconds and tell your child to bridge the gaps again!

Talk About the Bible Story

Who were the peacemakers in the story? What made them peacemakers?

Who were not peacemakers? Why don't you consider them peacemakers?

What about the servants who told Abigail about David's plan? Do you think they were trying to be part of the solution, or were they trying to cause unnecessary drama? What is the difference between helping and creating drama? (*This is an opportunity to talk about the motivation behind their actions.*)

Have you ever had to be a peacemaker in a tough situation? What did you do? How did it make you feel afterward?

Are there any situations right now where you could "bridge the gap" and be a peacemaker?

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