

City LG - March 17-18, 2018

Bible Story: Give Peace a Chance (Abigail Intervenes) • 1 Samuel 25:1-35

Bottom Line: Prove you care more about others by being part of the solution.

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)*

WORSHIP: “My Lighthouse” and “Won’t Let Go”

“Hey City! It’s time to worship Jesus! Our first song is called ‘My Lighthouse’, and it is about Jesus bringing us peace. Let’s sing!”

“Great job everyone! Our next song is called ‘Won’t Let Go’, and it’s all about God giving us peace, and never letting us go! Let’s sing!”

Begin Large Group...

“Hi, everybody! My name is [your name] and I’m so excited to be here with you today. I want you to think about something for a second. Do any of these problems sound familiar to you? Maybe you forgot your jacket at school. Maybe your bedroom is just a little TOO dark at night. Maybe you’re hungry for a snack and there are no granola bars left in the box.

“When there’s a problem, you need a solution. Do you know what a solution is? A solution is anything that fixes or solves a problem. So, for example, if you forgot your jacket, you could look in the lost and found for it the next day. If your room is too dark, you could leave the hall light on. If your granola bars are gone, you could ask your mom to buy some more at the grocery store. Those are all solutions to those problems.

“You know, there’s a story in the Bible about a woman named Abigail. Abigail saw a problem . . . and she had to think fast to come up with a solution!”

“Let’s take a look at this week’s Bible Story...”

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 9:58)

“Abigail was definitely a wise woman! She saw a BIG problem coming if David and Nabal chose to fight. But she was brave enough to be part of the solution. She showed David that he didn’t have to fight; he could keep the peace with Nabal.

“What about you? Do you think you could do that too? Could you do what Abigail did and help people solve their problems in a peaceful way? It’s not easy. But God can help you!”

CG: Bottom Line Slide

[Bottom Line] “Prove you care more about others by being part of the solution.

“Even if you weren’t part of the problem, you can bring peace by helping to find a solution. Let’s pray.”

Pray: “God, thank You for the Bible, where we can read stories of brave people like Abigail. She saw a problem, and she did something about it. She became part of the solution. Help us to remember that we can do the same thing. When we see a problem, help us to ask ourselves what we can do to fix it. We love You, and we ask these things in Jesus’ name, amen.”

“What Abigail did was pretty cool. Her husband, Nabal, caused a huge problem. David and his army were coming to fight Nabal, which would have been really bad and really dangerous.

“But instead of blaming people for what was going wrong, instead of running and hiding, instead of giving up, Abigail decided to make peace by becoming part of the solution.

CG: Bottom Line Slide

“That’s the one thing to remember today: **[Bottom Line] prove you care more about others by being part of the solution.** Say it with me.”

KIDS: [Bottom Line] “Prove you care more about others by being part of the solution.”

“When you’re at school this week, or at home, or at soccer practice, if you see a problem, ask yourself, ‘How can I be part of the solution?’ That’s a great way you can **[Basic Truth] treat others the way you want to be treated.** After all, wouldn’t you love it if someone helped solve a problem for you?

“I know you’ll have some GREAT ideas about how to do that. You’ll talk about it some more back in Small Group. Before we dismiss to Small Groups, it’s Offering Time!”

Offering Time:

“Offering time is a chance for us to bring our money to God, so he can use it to make somebody else’s life better. For us, here in the City, we give our offering to help kids in Kenya have food, clothes, and learn about God’s love for them. And we can help make this happen, for as little as the cost of one candy bar a day! Here at (your Campus name), we bring our offering to help support:

Homer Glen: Victor

New Lenox: Daniel

Orland Park: Rose

CG: Picture of Child

If you brought your offering today, you can bring it up now while this video plays, and place it here (show offering container).”

CG: Offering Time Video (Runtime: 1:30)

“Great job everyone! Thank you so much for your generosity. Have fun in Small Groups!”

Dismiss children to their small groups.