

City LG - March 3-4, 2018

Bible Story: Go Your Own Way (Abram Makes Peace) • *Genesis 13:5-18*

Bottom Line: Prove you care more about others by letting go of “what’s fair.”

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: “Jesus is the Way” and “One Way”

“Hey City! It’s time to worship Jesus together today! We’re all excited to teach you a new song called ‘Jesus is the Way’. The dance moves are really easy, and you can even rock out on your air guitars with us! This song is all about Jesus being the way to Heaven!”

“Our next song is also all about Jesus being the One Way Heaven! Let’s sing ‘One Way’ to Jesus!”

Begin Large Group...

“Hello, everyone! How are we doing? I’m [your name], and I am super excited to hang out today! Anyone know what our new theme for the month is? (*Pause for response.*) That’s right. It’s peace! Before we get started with our Bible Story today, let’s play a game! Here’s how to play...”

GAME: Unfair Mazes

Supplies Needed: *Mazes (1 per child), pens (1 per child), and an easy maze (for you to complete as the leader)*

How to Play: Hand each child a maze, inform them that you are going to do “a maze” as well, and whoever finishes first wins a prize! **The goal is for you to complete the maze within seconds, while the kids are still struggling to finish.** When you finish, cheer and get excited about your victory! Obviously, this is unfair, and some children may call you on it. Simply have fun with it, and say something like...

“Wow! That maze was easy. What took you guys so long? Oh. I know. It’s because I had (*show your maze*) the easier maze. How unfair! Today’s Bible Story is going to talk about how we handle situations that aren’t fair. Do we know how to keep the peace, even when we think things are unfair?”

“Our story is from the very first book in the entire Bible: Genesis. There are two people in our story. There’s Lot. And then there’s Abram.”

“You may have heard Abram called another name: Abraham. It’s the same guy! In our story, he’s called Abram. Lot and Abram were in each other’s family. Abram was Lot’s uncle. Abram and Lot were traveling together, looking for land to live on. Let’s find out what happened in our Bible Story today...”

CG: Lesson 1 Video (Runtime: 5:20)

“It wasn’t fair for Lot to get the better land. It wasn’t equal. It wasn’t the same. But Abram didn’t complain. He cared more about PEACE than he cared about things being fair. He proved it by putting Lot first.

CG: Bottom Line Slide

“You can do the same thing! **[Bottom Line] Prove you care more about others by letting go of ‘what’s fair.’**”

“You can make peace by showing other people that you care instead of worrying about whether or not it’s fair. That might mean letting go of something you really want. But if you can make peace, it’s worth it! Let’s pray.”

Pray: “God, it doesn’t feel very good when something unfair happens to us. But we pray that we would be more like Abram and we would care more about peace than about what’s fair. Help us to love peace as much as You love peace. We love You, and we ask these things in Jesus’ name, amen.”

“What an incredible story, right? Instead of arguing over who got what, Abram let his nephew choose which land he wanted. Abram let go of what was fair because he didn’t want to argue with his nephew. Here’s our Bottom Line today.

CG: Bottom Line Slide

[Bottom Line] “Prove you care more about others by letting go of ‘what’s fair.’ Say it with me.”

KIDS: [Bottom Line] “Prove you care more about others by letting go of ‘what’s fair.’”

Offering Time: “Great job everyone! It’s now 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 basket).”

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

“Thank you for your generosity City kids!” You’ll get to talk about keeping peace more in your small groups. Have fun!”

Dismiss children to their small groups.