

City SG - March 10-11, 2018

Bible Story: Walk on By (Isaac's Wells) • *Genesis 26:1-6, 12-22, 26-31*

Bottom Line: Prove you care more about others by walking away from a fight.

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)*

1. Generosity Drawing

What You Need: White board, markers, "Object Cards" Activity Page

What You Do:

- Shuffle the "Object Cards" and then stack and place them face down in the center of your area.
- Gather the kids around the white board.
- Select the kid with the closest birthday to today to draw a card first.
- Instruct him/her to read the card without letting anyone else in the group see it.
- The selected kid has one minute to draw that object on the white board for the rest of the group.
- Once a kid correctly identifies the object, read the scenario below and ask that child to give an example of how they could bring peace to that situation.

Object	Scenario
Ball	A kid on the other team pushes you down but the ref doesn't see it.
TV remote	Your older brother picks the next show to watch even though it's YOUR turn.
Book	You want to read your new book-when you get home, your brother is looking at it.
Juice box	There's only one juice box. Both you and your sister are thirsty.
Yo-yo	You find the yo-yo you brought to school for show and tell in another kid's desk.
Shoe	A kid trips you on the playground. When you fall, he laughs.
Tablet	Your mom says you can't play your favorite game on the tablet before dinner.
Scooter	A friend down the street borrows your scooter without asking.
Backpack	The kid behind you in line trips, gets tangled in your backpack, pulls you both down.
Cookie	Your dad eats the last cookie your mom had promised to you.
Pencil	Another kid chose the pencil you wanted from the prize box at school.
Blocks	You spend all afternoon building a castle and your mom accidentally knocks it over with the vacuum.

What You Say:

"In all of these scenarios, you had a choice to make. You could make things worse by choosing to fight, or you could decide that it was more important to keep the peace and walk away. We face situations every day where we can choose to fight or to walk away. Certainly if someone is being a bully or continues to be unkind, you should tell an adult you trust. But in our everyday arguments and disagreements, it's always best to remember that our relationship with the other person is more important than fighting over any object. Keeping the peace means we think about how we can get along with the other person before we push to be right or win the argument. That's why you should **[Bottom Line] prove you care more about others by walking away from a fight.**"

2. Move, Dig, Repeat

What You Need: “Move, Dig, Repeat” Activity Page

What You Do:

- Read aloud the paraphrase of the story using the “Move, Dig, Repeat” Activity Page as you invite kids to do the actions described in the italicized and bolded print.
- After the review, lead a short discussion using the following questions.
 - What is a famine? (*When there’s no food for people to eat, usually because of no rain for a long time and the crops die*)
 - What did Isaac keep digging to find? (*Water*)
 - Why were the Philistine people jealous of Isaac? (*He was very successful*)
 - What did King Abimelech and the Philistines ask Isaac to do? (*Leave the land*)
 - What did Isaac do when there was an argument over who the well belonged to? (*He moved and had his servants dig another well*)
 - What can we learn from Isaac about the best way to respond when things seem unfair?

What You Say:

“When Isaac trusted God and chose peace, he did something really hard! And he did it not only one time but over and over and over again. Choosing peace and walking away from a fight is never easy. Sometimes we think that if we give in, we’re the losers. Kids will think we’re weak or afraid. But that’s just not true. Making peace doesn’t make you a loser. It takes a whole lot of strength to be the one who walks away from a fight. When you don’t think you’ve got that kind of strength, ask God to help you **[Bottom Line] prove you care more about others by walking away from a fight.**”

3. Memory Verse Relay

What You Need: Bibles, two balls, “Memory Verse Cards” Activity Page (2 sets per group), white floor tape

What You Do:

- Look up and review Romans 14:19 as a group.
- Call on one or two kids to read the verse aloud to the rest of the group.
- Divide the group into two teams.
- Use the tape to mark a starting line for each team.
- Shuffle the two sets of cards and place them about 10 feet away from the starting line.
- Instruct the first kid on each team to place the playground ball between his knees.
 - He must hop down to the cards, keeping the ball between their legs, grab a card, and hop back.
 - If a kid drops the ball, he must return to his team, place the ball between his knees and start hopping again.
 - Continue down the line, passing the ball to each member of the team to hop down to the cards until all have been collected.
- Then teams will race to put the cards in memory verse order.
- If time allows, run the relay again, this time without the ball between their knees.

What You Say:

"Would it have been easier to do this race without the ball between your knees? *(Pause for responses)*. Absolutely! This ball represents whatever thing you're mad about. Trust me, this *(hold up the ball)* is NOT more important than your relationship with others. In order to do all you can to live in peace as this verse says, you can't hold on to that anger and frustration. You have to **[Bottom Line] prove you care more about others by walking away from a fight.**"

4. Hot Lava**No Supplies Needed****What You Do:**

- Choose a child to be the Guesser.
- Choose an object in the room to be the "Hot Lava," and let the other children know what it is, but don't tell the Guesser.
- The object must be something visible such as a light switch, Bible, table, or chair.
- Have the Guesser stand in the middle of the room and begin to walk slowly in any direction.
- Explain that the other children will help him keep away from the Hot Lava by giving the following two clues as he moves around the room:
 1. WALK AWAY: This means he's getting close to the Hot Lava and needs to move away.
 2. OKAY: This means he is safely walking away from the Hot Lava.
- After three or four clues, let the Guesser tell where he thinks the Hot Lava is located.
- Repeat, letting others take a turn as the Guesser or choosing the Hot Lava.

What You Say:

"You did a great job helping one another walk away from the Hot Lava! **[Transition] In Large Group we learned about something God wants us to walk away from. It's not Hot Lava, but it's just as dangerous. What is it? That's right! A fight.**"

5. Hula-hoop Prayers**What You Need:** Hula-hoop**What You Do:**

- Place a hula-hoop on the floor and have one of the kids stand in the middle of it.
- Form a circle by asking kids to join hands around the hoop with a child standing inside the hoop.
- Pray for the child standing in the hoop using a prayer similar to the one below.
- Tell the kids to rotate to the right, allowing a new kid to step into the hoop. Then pray again until each child has had a turn.

What You Say:

"Dear God, help [kid's name] to prove they care more about others by walking away from a fight."