

ALLEY SG – March 9-10, 2024

Today's Bible Story: Let Go (Abram and Lot) • *Genesis 13:5-18*

Today's Key Question: Why is it hard to give up what you think is fair?

Today's Bottom Line: You can show you care by letting go of what's fair.

Monthly Memory Verse: *If possible, live in peace with everyone. Do that as much as you can.*
Romans 12:18 (NIRV)

1. Take a Snapshot

Application Activity

What You Need: Container with: pencil, rubber band, paper, penny, plastic cup, bottle of water, washcloth, piece of aluminum foil, plastic ink pen, Play-Doh (one set per group)

What You Do:

- Direct the kids to sit in a circle. Join the circle yourself!
- Ask the kids if they know how electricity works.
- Invite kids to share and explain what they know.
- Explain to the kids that for an electrical circuit to be successful, it must have a conductor (a substance electricity can flow through); if that conductor is replaced with an insulator (substance electricity cannot flow through), the circuit will be broken and it will not work.
- One at a time, hold up one of the items below that's in the box or bag.
- Invite the kids to guess if the items are conductors or insulators.
 - Pencil (*conductor*)
 - Rubber band (*insulator*)
 - Paper (*insulator*)
 - Penny (*conductor*)
 - Plastic cup (*insulator*)
 - Bottle of water (*conductor*)
 - Washcloth (*insulator*)
 - Piece of aluminum foil (*conductor*)
 - Plastic ink pen (*insulator*)
 - Play-Doh (*conductor*)
- Ask:
 - When we choose to let go of what's fair to create peace with others, do you think we're acting like a conductor or insulator? Why?
 - How have you been a conductor and let someone else get what they want?
 - Have you ever been an insulator? How did that go?

2. Bible Story Extension

Bible Story Review

What You Need: "Peace Play" Activity Cards (1 set of 12 per group)

What You Do:

- Invite kids to sit in a circle.
- Give each kid a card, until all cards are given out.
 - Distribute the cards so that they're in sequential order around the circle.
 - For smaller groups, give some kids more than one card.
- Instruct the kids to work together to create a "circuit" to review today's story by taking turns reading their cards in order, beginning with whoever has #1.
- Direct the kids to use their best dramatic narrator voice to tell their portion of the story when reading their card(s).
- Instruct the kid who reads the card to pose in the manner the card says and hold this pose for the remainder of the story as it's told by the rest of the group or until they read a second card.
- Once all the cards have been read, tell the group they did an outstanding job retelling the story!
- Invite everyone to join you in a round of applause.

- Ask:
 - Why did Abram choose to give up what he wanted in order to let Lot get his way?
 - When we're in the middle of a conflict, do we typically know what the end result is going to be?
 - Is it easy to trust God with the end result? Why or why not?
 - Can you think of a time you chose to let something go rather than win the argument?

3. Discussion Questions

- What does fair mean?
- Have you ever had to give up something you thought you deserved?
- How does it feel to lose or miss out on something?
- Why is it hard to give up what you think is fair?

4. Verses to Take with You

Verse Activity

What You Need: Bibles and "Verse Circuit" Activity Page (one set per group per service)

What You Do:

- Divide your group into four teams.
- Give each team a different page.
- Instruct the kids to use the Bible to look up the verse listed on the "Verse Circuit" Activity Page at that station and answer the questions that go with it.
- After the entire Verse Circuit has been completed by all teams:
 - Have each group share their verse with the group.
 - Ask: Why is it helpful to know what God's Word has to say about peace?
 - Ask: When we face difficult situations, do we face those things alone?

5. Pray

- "God, thank You for putting so many wonderful people in our lives. Show us how to treat them the way You want us to treat them. Help us to remember that it's more important to make others feel cared for instead of getting what we want. And God, give us opportunities to practice peace this week. We love You and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

PARENT PICK UP POINT: As adults arrive to pick up, invite kids to tell their parents what God says about peace.