

CITY LG – March 9-10, 2024

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

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)

WORSHIP

Movin Me
Dance

Have kids get into their small groups Before you start Large Group

SLIDE: Theme

Hello, friends! How's everybody doing? If you're glad to be here, give a friend a high-five like this! (*Demonstrate.*) Today we're talking about peace. Now, if you're sitting there thinking, 'What's so great about peace?' let me tell you, peace is actually pretty powerful! So this month we're switching on the power of peace!

SLIDE: Virtue

Peace is **proving you care more about each other than winning an argument.**

SLIDE: Theme

If we choose peace, we can make a big difference in our relationships with other people. And God is always there to help us! Peace is something God's Spirit does IN us to change the world AROUND us.

Before we go any further, I'm going to give you some time to discuss something as a group....

Talk about a time when you had an argument with someone... and then you made up, you made peace with each other.

(walk around and listen to kids' answer in their groups. Bring them back together in a few minutes when most groups are done). If time, have a couple of kids share their answers with the group.

Today we're looking at a story from the very first book of the Bible, Genesis. (*Hold up Bible.*)

In Genesis, we read how God created the world. Sadly, people turned away from God . . . but God had a plan to make things right. God chose a man named Abram, who you might also know as Abraham. God promised to bless the whole world through Abram and his family. God said Abram's family would outnumber the stars in the sky!

Abram trusted God. He and his wife, Sarai, along with his nephew Lot, left behind everything they knew. They traveled to the brand-new land where God had called them. Let's see what happened...

VIDEO: Bible Story

I think if I were Abram, it would have been tough for me to let Lot choose the good land. I probably would have wanted it for myself! And the thing is, Abram was older. Back then, that would have meant he had the right to take the better land. Plus, God had made all of those promises about a new nation to him, not to Lot. But Abram didn't just think about himself. He cared about his relationship with Lot. He wanted to have peace with Lot . . . so he let Lot choose first.

SLIDE: Memory Verse

It's like out verse says, "*If possible, live in peace with everyone. Do that as much as you can.*" Romans 12:18 (NirV)

We're all tempted to think of ourselves first and choose what's best for us. But with God's help, we can make peace by putting others first.

Watch this...

VIDEO: Bottom Line

SLIDE: Bottom Line

You can show you care by letting go of what's fair.

Do you remember how God promised to bless the whole world through Abram's family? Well, years and years later, and many generations down the line, Jesus would be born into Abram's family! When Jesus died on the cross for our sins, He made peace between God and people everywhere. Because of Jesus, we can have true peace that nothing can take away.

When I think about all that Jesus has done for me, that makes me want to make peace with the people around me. And we can do that in lots of different ways. Maybe you let someone else go in front of you in line because it looks like they're in a hurry. Maybe you let your brother or sister have the last cookie in the jar. Or maybe you choose to say you're sorry to a friend instead of staying mad at them.

It's important to remember that there ARE times when something isn't fair and needs to be made right. If you're ever in a situation like that, be sure to talk to an adult you trust who can help you decide what to do. But there are also times when we can let go of something in order to show someone else that we care. God can help us make peace and treat others the way we want to be treated.

I'm so glad you were here today to learn about God's peace! Let's pray.

Dear God, thank You so much for this story about Abram, and for the way he made peace with Lot. It shows us that we can choose peace by letting go of the things we might think we deserve. Help us to remember that we can make peace with others by putting them first. And help us to remember that we can trust You no matter what. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

OFFERING

There's a ministry that we are supporting with our offering until the summer. It's called Morning Star Mission and it's located right near here, in Joliet, IL.

SLIDES: Morningstar pictures (scroll through as the leader talks about the mission)

Since its beginning in 1909, Morning Star Mission has had one main goal — to help people in need. Morning Star Mission helps people who are struggling to have enough money to live. They have a shelter that gives them a place to live if they don't have a home. People in the community can go to the mission to get clothes and food if they need it too. AND they tell people about Jesus and his love for them while they are helping them, how cool is that?

Morning Star doesn't just stop there. They have many programs that they offer people to help them get in a better financial place so that they don't need the help anymore. Morning Star is a mission that is changing lives in our area!

SLIDE: Theme