

MAR 10

CONNECTED: Switch On The Power of Peace

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 (NIV)

Monthly Virtue: Peace—Proving you care more about each other than winning an argument

Basic Truth: I should treat others the way I want to be treated.

SOCIAL ACTIVITY

Early Arriver

What You Need: Offering container

What You Do:

- Welcome kids by name as they arrive.
- As the kids arrive, ask them to share a high (great moment) and a low (not-so-great moment) from this past week.
- Invite kids who have brought an offering to place it in the offering container.
- Once at least three kids have arrived, instruct them to stand up and spread out.
- Introduce the game: "Quiet Statues."
- Explain that on the count of three, you will call out a statue and instruct the kids to make that statue with their bodies. For example:
 - monkey
 - elephant
 - tiger
 - hamburger
 - ball
- When you count to three, direct the kids to form their statue and freeze.
- Pick the best statue out of the group.
- Invite the "winner" to whisper the next statue to you.
- Repeat in the same way for several more rounds.
- Winners who pick the next statue can continue participating in each round.
- As you finish, ask: "Did that game seem fair or not?"

- Let kids discuss their thoughts. (*There is no right or wrong answer. It's just a way to get them to start thinking about what seems fair/unfair.*)

SMALL GROUP ACTIVITY

1. And . . . ACTION!

What You Need: "Abram and Lot Script" Activity Page, "Abram and Lot Cue Cards" Activity Page, stick-on nametags, and a marker

What You Do:

- Assign the following parts to the kids in your group. Make sure each kid has a part. (*Choose 1-3 kids for the last four roles, depending on your group size.*)
 - Abram
 - Lot
 - Shepherds
 - Herdsmen
 - Sheep
 - Goats
- Write each character's name on a nametag.
- Give each kid a nametag to wear.
- Give each kid a cue card from the "Abram and Lot Cue Cards" Activity Page according to their assignment.
 - For pre-readers, make sure they know what's written on their card. Practice it with them as needed.
- Explain that you will read a summary of today's Bible story and will point to kids when it's time to do their part.
- Refer to the "Abram and Lot Script" Activity Page and read the story.
- As you read, lead the kids to act out their story part by pointing to them during their turn.
- After the story, instruct the kids to circle up, and ask:
 - Why was there so much fighting between Abram's and Lot's shepherds and herdsmen? (*There wasn't enough room for all their animals.*)
 - Instead of joining the fight, what did Abram do to fix the problem? (*Abram said they should separate—one go right, and one go left. He let Lot choose first.*)

K-ONE CURRICULUM

- Why did Abram decide to let Lot choose his land first? (*He knew that keeping the peace was more important than getting the best. He let go of what was "fair."*)
- What can we learn from Abram's example and the choices he made? (*We can learn that letting go of what's fair might be better in the long run. Also, protecting our relationships might be the best way to find peace.*)

What You Say:

"In our story today, Abram let Lot choose first when Abram had every right to take the better land. But Abram decided his relationship with Lot was more important than getting the best. Abram let go of what was fair so he could make peace with his nephew.

"When Jesus came to earth, He let go of what was fair too. Jesus died on the cross, though He'd never done one wrong thing, to make a way for everyone to have a relationship with God! When we choose to let go of what's fair, we can find peace too. As followers of Jesus, God's Spirit will help us so we can make peace with others. Remember, **[Bottom Line] you can show you care by letting go of what's fair.**"

2. Memory Verse Movin'

What You Need: Bibles

What You Do:

- Make sure each kid has a Bible.
- Together, look up Romans 12:18
- Read the verse aloud and lead the kids to repeat each line of the verse after you.
- Call on the kids to recite the verse as you call out different things for them to do each time.

For example:

- hop on one foot
- march in place
- touch their toes
- stand like a statue (only moving mouths to say the verse)
- give high-fives to other kids in the group
- pat your legs
- wiggle your nose
- stick out your tongue, etc.

What You Say:

"According to our verse, we should live in peace with who? (*Pause for responses.*) Everyone! That means any time we find ourselves not getting along with someone, we should look for ways to bring peace. Remember, Jesus did that for us! Jesus made a way for us to have peace with God so we could be part of God's family that lasts forever. When we put our trust in Jesus, God's Holy Spirit lives inside us to help us make peace with others. That's why **[Bottom Line] you can show you care by letting go of what's fair.**"

3. Pray With Your Group