

Mill City Church Elementary Activities

Experiences for K-5th Grades

Prior to doing the activities, I encourage you to click on the digital video links on our resource page and watch the video Bible story presentation. The activities here on this current page are geared for further discussion for our Mill City families.

You've got this! Choose just one thing and give it a try. No judgement, have fun with it.

Video links:

<https://churchnetworkresources.com/homekidministry/>

Today's Bible Story: War and Peace (Isaac's Well) • *Genesis 26:1-6, 12-22, 26-31*

Today's Bottom Line: You can show you care about others by walking away from a fight.

Today's Key Question: When should you walk from a fight?

Monthly 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)

Monthly Life App: 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.

1. Discussion Questions

[Talk about God | Bible Story Review]

Made to Connect: an activity that invites kids to share and collaborate with others while growing their understanding

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do:

Ask:

- How do you know when you should walk away from a fight?
- How can you peacefully disagree with someone? *(This allows for the discussion that we can disagree with people and still care about them. It is when winning the argument is more important than caring for the person that the disagreement become "un-peaceful.")*
- What can you do when you try to live in peace and it still seems like things aren't peaceful?
- Is there ever a time when you *shouldn't* walk away from a fight? *(Ask kids to give an example if they say yes. Ask "why not" if they say no.)*

2. Make it Personal with Prayer

[Pray to God | Prayer Activity]

Made to Reflect: an activity that creates space for personal understanding and application

What You Do:

- **Write on index cards: Peace is...**
- Give kids a "Peace Card."
- Give kids to some quiet time to reflect on when it's hard for them to live in peace with a friend or someone in their family.
- Encourage kids to use the "Peace Card" to write a prayer asking God for His help to do what they can to show peace.

- Gather family together and let them share or ask questions about their thoughts. Don't pressure anyone to share what they wrote.
- Ask: If you struggle with walking away from a fight, maybe you like to be right, or you can't figure out when you should walk away from a fight to show someone you care about them, where could you go to find answers? *(This is an opportunity to help kids realize they aren't alone; they have people in their lives to help them process what it means to honor God by living in peace. It is also an opportunity to emphasize that the stories and people in the Bible are great tools to teach us what it looks like to live in peace.)*
- Close in prayer.

What You Say:

“God, as we learn about Isaac today, we realize sometimes walking away from a fight is the way to live in peace. It is hard to do that, especially when we think we are right. God, help us to see people and situations the way You see them. Help us to remember how important peace is to You. Peace is so important You sent Jesus to show us how to live in peace with one another and to give us a way to live with You, in peace, now and forever. In Jesus' name we pray! Amen!”