

Jump Ball: Finding Peace in the Madness

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BIBLE STORY

Walk on By
Isaac's Wells
Genesis 26:1-6, 12-22, 26-31

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

LIFE APP

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

BOTTOM LINE

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

BASIC TRUTH

I should treat others the way I want to be treated.

PRELUDE: Setting the tone for the experience

For Leaders Only
Create the Environment
Monthly Overview

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MIN

SOCIAL: Providing time for fun interaction

Early Arrivers
What About Water?

25
MIN

STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

Opener
Bible Story
Worship
Prayer
Closer

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MIN

WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God

"Look at Me" from *Walk This Way*
"I Can Do All Things" from *At the Top of My Lungs*

25
MIN

GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect

Act It Out
Generosity Drawing
Memory Verse Relay
Prayer

HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

GodTime
Parent Cue

GETTING READY

SOCIAL: PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION

CHOOSE ONE OR BOTH OF THESE ACTIVITIES.

EARLY ARRIVER IDEA*Made to Connect: an activity that invites kids to share with others and build on their understanding***WHAT YOU NEED:**

- Offering container

WHAT ABOUT WATER?*Made to Create: an activity that explores spiritual ideas through the process of drawing, building, and designing***WHAT YOU NEED:**

- 3-foot length of butcher paper
- Markers

GROUPS: CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT

CHOOSE AS MANY OF THESE ACTIVITIES AS YOU LIKE.

** If you don't have time to do all these activities, be sure to do activity #1.**** 1. ACT IT OUT****[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]***Made to Imagine: an activity that promotes empathy and facilitates biblical application through role-play and reenactment***WHAT YOU NEED:**

- Note: You might want to make this an environment-wide activity.
- Print the "Bible Story Script" Activity Page; one for each small group (or for each room if environment-wide)
- Laundry baskets; three for each small group (or for each room if environment-wide)
- Blankets or sheets; three for each small group (or for each room if environment-wide)

2. GENEROSITY DRAWING**[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]***Made to Create: an activity that explores spiritual ideas through the process of drawing, building, and designing***WHAT YOU NEED:**

- Print the "Object Cards" Activity Page and cut apart; one set for each small group
- 3-foot sheet of butcher paper OR a white board
- Markers

3. MEMORY VERSE RELAY**[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]***Made to Play: an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and working as a group***WHAT YOU NEED:**

- Bibles
- Two playground balls
- Print the "Memory Verse Cards" Activity Page (or reuse from last week); two sets of cards per small group
- Painter's tape

PRAYER**[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]***Made to Reflect: an activity that creates space for personal understanding and application***WHAT YOU NEED:**

- No supplies needed

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

- Make copies on cardstock or email this week's GodTime and Parent Cue cards.
- Tell parents about our additional family resources: **Studio252.tv** and the **Parent Cue** app.

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CONNECT

an activity that invites kids to share with others and build on their understanding

Welcome kids and spend time engaging in conversation and catching up. Get ready to experience today's story.

Before kids arrive, take a few moments to pray for them. Ask God to help kids discern when something is worth fighting over and when it's not. Pray that kids would develop the maturity to walk away from a potential fight in order to keep peace with those around them. Ask God to help kids see that it takes a lot of strength to walk away from a fight, not the other way around.

1. EARLY ARRIVER IDEA

WHAT YOU NEED: Offering container

WHAT YOU DO:

- Greet kids as they arrive and encourage them to place their offering in the offering container.
- Discuss what it's like to have a disagreement with someone and how that makes it difficult to keep the peace.
- Ask:
 - What was the last argument or disagreement you had? What happened?
 - Do you think you were right? Or after thinking about it, do you think maybe you were wrong?
 - As you look back on that disagreement, does it still seem like something you should have argued about? Why or why not?

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2. WHAT ABOUT WATER?

WHAT YOU NEED: Butcher paper, markers

WHAT YOU DO:

- Place the butcher paper on the floor in the center of your area.
- Encourage the children to gather around the butcher paper and to draw pictures of all the ways we use water. As they're working, discuss the following:
 - Where does water come from?
 - Why is water important?
 - Name some places we can find water.
 - What would happen if we didn't have access to clean water?
- After they've had a few minutes to draw on the paper, ask the kids to share their drawings with the rest of the group as you discuss all the ways we use water.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Wow! Water is REALLY important! Look at all the ways you can use water. You actually came up with a few things I hadn't thought of. **[Transition]** Today we'll hear about a man named Isaac who had a BIG water problem. Let's go find out what happened!"

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

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TALK ABOUT GOD BIBLE STORY REVIEW

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IMAGINE

an activity that promotes empathy and facilitates biblical application through role-play and reenactment

* 1. ACT IT OUT

WHAT YOU NEED: "Bible Story Script" Activity Page, three laundry baskets, three blankets or sheets

WHAT YOU DO:

- *Note: You might want to make this an environment-wide activity.*
- Talk for a minute about a well and why it was so important in Isaac's day.
- Remind kids of all the uses for water that they brainstormed before Large Group.
 - Why would Isaac, his family, and their herds and flocks have to find water?
- Divide the kids into three "teams": Team Philistine, Team Herdsmen, and Team Isaac.
 - Instruct "Team Philistine" to select one member to play King Abimelech.
 - Instruct "Team Isaac" to select one member to play Isaac.
- Place the laundry baskets in three corners of the room and cover each one with a blanket or sheet.
- Instruct Team Philistine to gather in the fourth corner (without a laundry basket).
 - Team Herdsmen can stand in the center.
 - Team Isaac can stand near you.
- Let each team decide who will be "people" and who will be "animals" (like sheep, goats etc.). Animals must get down on all fours.
- Explain that the laundry baskets will be the "wells."
- Instruct the kids to get into character and play their roles as you read the script.
- Animals can bray or pretend to eat as long as they are quieter than the narrator.
- Collect the laundry baskets and gather the group together as you wrap up.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Can you believe all the moving Isaac did to avoid a fight and keep the peace? Crazy, right? Every time he found water and those herdsman claimed it was theirs, Isaac chose to **prove you care more about others by walking away from a fight**. Isaac chose to walk away in order to keep the peace."

[Make it Personal] (Tell about a time when you were a kid and you chose to walk away from a situation where someone was unkind or unfair to you. What happened?)

LIVE FOR GOD APPLICATION ACTIVITY



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2. GENEROSITY DRAWING

WHAT YOU NEED: Butcher paper OR a white board, markers, "Object Cards" Activity Page

WHAT YOU DO:

- Shuffle the "Object Cards" and then stack and place them facedown in the center of your area.
- Gather the kids around the butcher paper or 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 butcher paper/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

Ball
TV remote

Book

Juice box
Yo-yo

Shoe
Tablet

Scooter
Backpack

Cookie
Pencil
Blocks

Scenario

A kid on the other team pushes you down but the ref doesn't see it.
Your older brother picks the next show to watch even though it's YOUR turn.

You want to read your new book but when you get home, your brother is looking at it.

There's only one juice box. Both you and your sister are thirsty.
You find the yo-yo that you brought to school for show and tell in another kid's desk.

A kid trips you on the playground. When you fall, he laughs.

Your mom says you can't play your favorite game on the tablet before dinner.

A friend down the street borrows your scooter without asking.

The kid behind you in line trips, gets tangled in your backpack, and pulls you both down.

Your dad eats the last cookie that your mom had promised to you.

Another kid chose the pencil you wanted from the prize box at school.

You spend all afternoon building a castle and your mom accidentally knocks it over with the vacuum.

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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 **prove you care more about others by walking away from a fight.**"

HEAR FROM GOD MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY



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3. MEMORY VERSE RELAY

WHAT YOU NEED: Bibles, two playground balls, "Memory Verse Cards" Activity Page, painter's 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 15 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 **prove you care more about others by walking away from a fight.**"

PRAY TO GOD PRAYER ACTIVITY



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PRAY AND DISMISS

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:

- Gather your few and encourage them to lie down on their stomachs, shoulder to shoulder, so they're in a tight circle.
- Say the prayer below as a call and response.
- Explain that you will say a phrase and then you want them to say, "Help me care more about others by walking away from a fight."

WHAT YOU SAY:

SGL: "Dear God, when someone takes something of mine without asking, . . ."

KIDS: "Help me care more about others by walking away from a fight."

SGL: "When my sister or brother gets on my nerves, . . ."

KIDS: "Help me care more about others by walking away from a fight."

SGL: "When I just want to win or get my way, . . ."

KIDS: "Help me care more about others by walking away from a fight."

SGL: "In Jesus' name, amen."

Give each child a GodTime card. Encourage the kids to tell their parents about what a well for water has to do with walking away from a fight. Pass out Parent Cue cards as adults arrive to pick up.