

TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

War and Peace

Isaac's Wells

Genesis 26:1-6, 12-22, 26-31

TODAY'S KEY QUESTION

When should you walk away from a fight?

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

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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, NIV

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.

PRELUDE: Setting the tone for the experience

See the **Getting Ready** pages at the end of this document for a detailed description of what you'll need for today. In the **Prelude** folder of your curriculum, you'll find a variety of other resources to help you prepare.

SMALL GROUP

15
MIN

LARGE GROUP

35
MIN

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

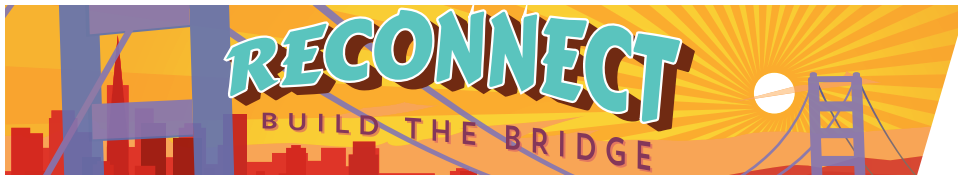
- MONTHLY CHALLENGE - PEACE
- Each grade share stories every week with your leaders of YOU showing peace
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- **LOVE WORKS SUNDAY - collecting THIS WEEK**
- *****PRETEEN TEASER: Superstart Event May1 - registration OPEN NOW - video announcement**

WORSHIP:

- THE BEST IS YET TO COME
- GRAVES INTO GARDENS

SMALL GROUP

25
MIN



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APRIL 2021

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K-6

PRELUDE **SOCIAL** **STORY** **WORSHIP** **GROUPS** **HOME**

25 MINUTES

10 MINUTES

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ENGAGE KIDS' HEARTS THROUGH A DYNAMIC AND INTERACTIVE BIBLE STORY, WORSHIP, AND PRAYER EXPERIENCE IN A LARGE GROUP SETTING.

AUDIO: PLAY HIGH-ENERGY MUSIC AS STUDENTS ENTER.

SLIDE: THEME

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP

Host enters . . .

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): COUNTDOWN (30- OR 60-SECOND VERSION)

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME

OPENER

HOST: "Hi, friends! How's it going? If you're having a good day, give me a thumbs-up. (Do a thumbs-up.) Well, no matter how your day is going, it's about to get even better! We're having a ton of fun this month as we learn how God can help us make peace.

SLIDE: LIFE APP

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME TRANSITION TO LIFE APP

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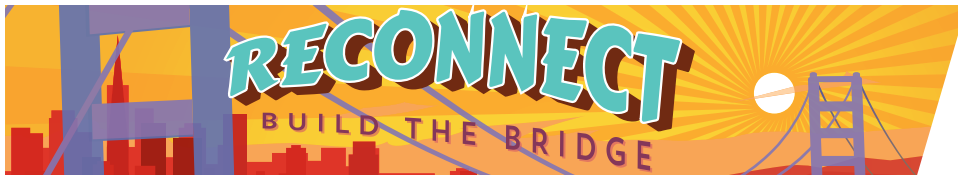
SLIDE: THEME

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): LIFE APP TRANSITION TO THEME

"When you make peace with someone, you show how much you care about them. It's like you're building a bridge (demonstrate with your hands), so you can reconnect with them and make things right again. Speaking of bridges. Today we will have another bridge building challenge!

Host chooses four volunteers for a bridge-building challenge.

"Alright, here's the challenge. Take this roll of paper towel and build a bridge that spans from this chair to this chair. You may not move the chairs. You must tape the paper towel to the chairs, but you can't have tape anywhere else (no tape as support on the paper). Then, you must put these weights on your bridge. You can decide where and how to put them on, but they need to be completely on the paper towel."



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“After you and your partner have assembled your bridge, it is time for the strength test. Here I have a huge water dropper. Each team will take a dropper full of water and choose where to soak the other team’s bridge. If both bridges stand, we will go another round. Whoever’s bridge lasts the longest wins. Makes sense?”

“Let’s build!”

Give supplies to partners and have them build. This should go rather quickly. Once the bridges are built, the partners can place the weights.

After the build, lead them through using the water dropper on the other team’s bridge. Do this until someone’s bridge breaks.

(After the game) “Oh, wow! That was a close one! Great job, teams! That was a lot of fun. Alright, let’s all stand up and worship God together!”

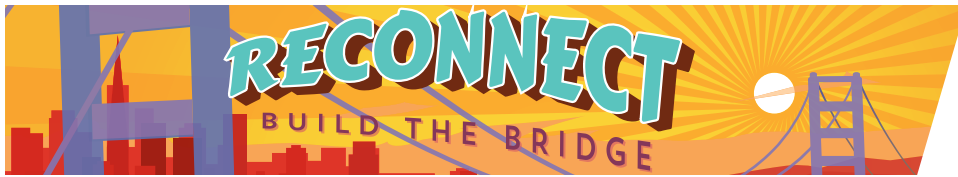
WORSHIP

Worship Leaders enter as Host exits.

WORSHIP LEADER: “I’m so excited to sing God’s praise with all of you!”

AUDIO: *THE BEST IS YET TO COME*

AUDIO: *GRAVES INTO GARDENS*



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PRELUDE SOCIAL STORY WORSHIP GROUPS HOME

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APPLICATION

COMMUNICATOR: “Now, I don’t know about you, but for me there were a lot of surprising moments when I thought Isaac would have reacted differently. He certainly wasn’t treated WELL—pun still intended—when the Philistines poured dirt in his water, and when the king sent him away, and then when they claimed the wells he had freshly dug. I expected him to get angry and take revenge, maybe even go pour dirt in their wells or at least take their camels or something! But instead he walked away from a fight. And in the end, it made a big difference. In fact, it led to peace.

“Maybe you’ve had a similar situation. Okay, I mean, I’m guessing nobody dumped dirt in your earthen well, but maybe you were in a soccer game and the opposing player kept kicking you and pushing you on purpose when the ref wasn’t looking. They were trying to get you upset, and it took everything in you not to take the bait.

“Or maybe it’s your sibling. They know just what to say and exactly how to say it to get you all fired up. No matter how much you want to ignore them, you find yourself just wanting to retaliate.

“You know, it may seem like the strong thing to do—the tough thing to do—is to fight, but that isn’t always true. Sometimes it takes a lot more strength and courage to make peace than it does to fight.

SLIDE: BOTTOM LINE

“You can show you care about others by walking away from a fight.

“Let’s pray and ask God to help us do that.”

SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND

LANDING

COMMUNICATOR: “Today as you go to groups, I want you to talk about this question:

SLIDE: KEY QUESTION SLIDE

“When should you walk away from a fight? In other words, when have you found yourself in a situation where you should have walked away? Maybe you currently find yourself in a difficult spot with someone where it is hard to make peace. How can you respond? How should you respond? Those might be difficult questions for you to answer, and that’s okay, too. Relationships can be great, but they can also be pretty messy. That’s why I’m so thankful for our Small Groups where we can hang out with each other, help each other, and pray for each other. In fact, before we head to Small Groups, let’s pray right now and ask God to help us make peace with the people in our lives.”

PRAY

STORYTELLER: “Dear God, thank You so much for giving Isaac the strength to make peace. It probably wasn’t easy for him to walk away when the Philistines were causing trouble. Please help us choose peace like he did. Help us know when it’s wise to stand up and when it’s wise to walk away. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”