

## TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

### TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

**The Peacemaker**  
Abigail Intervenes  
1 Samuel 25:1-35

### 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.

### TODAY'S KEY QUESTION

What are ways you can be a peacemaker?

### SMALL GROUP

**15**  
MIN

### TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

You can show you care about others by being part of the solution.

### LARGE GROUP

**35**  
MIN

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- MONTHLY CHALLENGE - PEACE
- Each grade share stories every week with your leaders of YOU showing peace

- **\*\*\*PRETEEN: Superstart Event THIS WEEKEND**

**May1 -registration OPEN NOW - video announcement**

### 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

#### WORSHIP:

- THERE'S NOTHING THAT OUR GOD CAN'T DO
- WAYMAKER

### MONTHLY LIFE APP

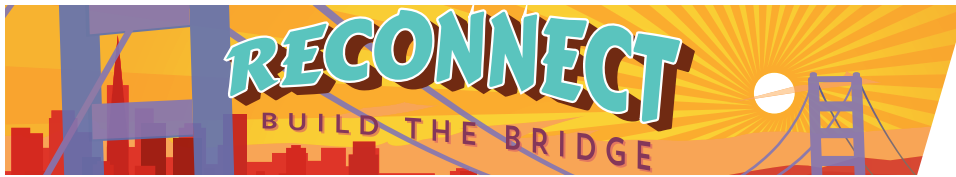
Peace—Proving you care more about each other than winning an argument

### BASIC TRUTH

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### SMALL GROUP

**25**  
MIN



WEEK  
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APRIL 2021

LARGE GROUP  
**K-6**

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## LARGE GROUP

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:** "Hey everyone! Can you believe it is the end of April already?! We have been talking about living in peace! Building others up!

**SLIDE: LIFE APP**

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

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

**SLIDE: THEME**

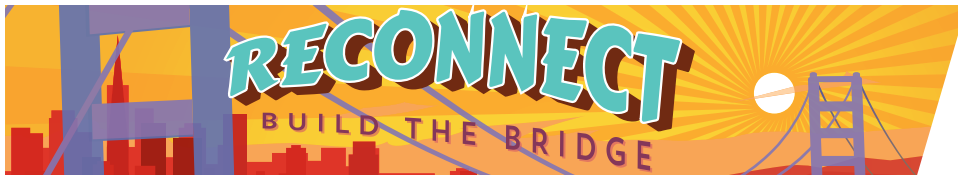
**OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): LIFE APP TRANSITION TO THEME**

"When you make peace with someone, it's like you built a bridge—from your side to theirs. (*Demonstrate with your hands.*) You're not just focused on having things YOUR way. You're showing the other person that they're important and valuable. You choose to **[Basic Truth] treat them the way YOU want to be treated.**

It's time for our last bridge challenge, and this one may be the toughest one yet. I need two teams of three volunteers who think they have some really steady hands."

Choose six volunteers.

"Okay, someone remind me, what is the point of a bridge? (*Pause for responses.*) Right, bridges help us get from one place to another, usually over some sort of obstacle. Well, we need to get these ping pong balls from this line ALL the way over to this bucket (*Show tape line across the room.*) without touching the ground. And here is your bridge."



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Holds up a single pipe.

“Hmmm . . . not quite gonna make it. But (hands a pipe to each of the volunteers) together this should work. Each team of three will start on this end, and (choose team leaders) will put the ping pong ball in the end of your pipe. You need to then roll it into the next person’s pipe. As soon as it is out of the first pipe, RUN to the end of the line and connect your pipe. Hopefully by leap-frogging, you will be able to get a ping pong ball safely from one end of the room to the other. If it drops, you have to go back. Let’s see who can get the most ping pong balls from one side to the other in 60 seconds. Got it? Let’s do it! On your mark, get set, go!”

**SLIDE: 60-SECOND COUNTDOWN**

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

**AUDIO: UPBEAT GAME MUSIC**

*When the 60 seconds are up, count the number of ping pong balls for each team. Declare a winner. Optional: If time allows, run this with a new set of volunteers.*

“That was pretty amazing! Nice job, everyone. Now, let’s stand up and worship God together!”

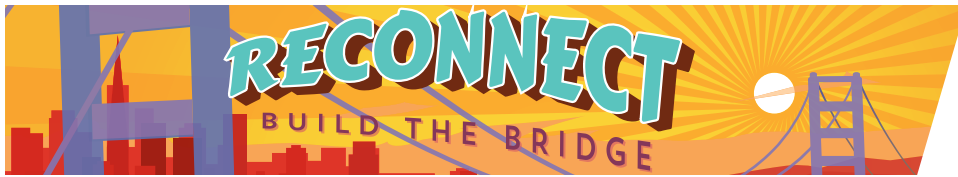
## **WORSHIP**

*Worship Leaders enter as Host exits.*

**WORSHIP LEADER:** “Yes—it’s time for us to worship and give praise to our incredible God. I want to put His love on display in my life . . . in all I do . . . in the way I live each day. Let’s sing this together.

**AUDIO: THERE’S NOTHING THAT OUR GOD CAN’T DO**

**AUDIO: WAYMAKER**



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### APPLICATION

**COMMUNICATOR:** "It's interesting to think about what might have happened in this story if Abigail hadn't intervened. I mean, David was pretty upset about the way he and his men were treated, and he was prepared to make it right. And we know Nabal wasn't changing his mind! I think it is pretty safe to say this was NOT going to end well. But Abigail did something really difficult. She came between two parties who were divided and found a way to make peace. She became the bridge that brought together two people who were separated. This is no small thing."

"Have you ever caught on to some tension flaring up between a couple of your friends? In that moment, you have all sorts of choices to make. You can say things to splash gasoline on what is sparking like, 'Oh yeah, they ALWAYS act like that!' or 'But did you hear when they said THIS?' Soon enough, those sparks are a full-blown fire. Or instead, you could be the water that helps to extinguish the sparks, like 'Are you sure that's what they said?' or 'What if we talk about it together?'"

"Let's remember this . . .

**SLIDE: BOTTOM LINE**

**"You can show you care about others by being part of the solution.**

"Maybe it has nothing to do with your friends, like this story. Maybe you have someone in your own life that's genuinely not a nice person to you or to your friends or your siblings. We may need to start thinking about the safe ways that you can help to build a bridge and bring peace."

"Let's pray and ask God to help us make peace."

**SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND**

### LANDING

**COMMUNICATOR:** "Today as you go to groups, think about this question:"

**SLIDE: KEY QUESTION SLIDE**

**"What are ways you can be a peacemaker?** In other words, think about some of the relationships that are in your life right now that may be a bit divided. They need a bridge to get from one side to the other. Maybe God is nudging you to become that bridge for them. God might also help you figure out which adult could help become a bridge for them. There are all sorts of ways to become a peacemaker. You'll chat about that and more when you get to Small Group. Before you head out, let's pray and thank God for being the ultimate peacemaker for us. Let's ask God to help us see the moments where we can step in and help make peace. Let's pray."