

WEEK  
**THREE**  
APRIL 2021

SMALL GROUP  
**PRETEEN**

**PRELUDE      SOCIAL      STORY      WORSHIP      GROUPS      HOME**

**PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION  
15 MINUTES**

**MADE TO MOVE**

an activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body



*Before kids arrive, take a few minutes to pray for each kid in your group by name. Ask God to soften their hearts toward those they find it hard to live with in peace, and pray that you would have the wisdom you need to lead them to see that living in peace is better than wanting to fight back.*

**TODAY'S BIBLE STORY**

**War and Peace**

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

**1. JUST FOR FUN**

**WHAT YOU NEED:** masking tape

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Invite kids to put their offering in the offering container as they arrive.
- Divide the group into two teams.
- Using masking tape, create a start line and a turn-around line on opposite sides of the environment.
- Line up teams at the start line.
  - Kids will race to the turn-around line and back to their team moving in whatever way you assign them.
    - For example: tiptoe, walk backwards, march, hop on one foot, etc.
  - When kids return to their teams, they tag the next kid in line.
  - Once tagged, the next kid races to the turn-around line and back.
  - Once everyone has raced, the team sits down.
  - The first team to sit down wins.
  - Play several rounds, changing the way kids need to move for each round.

**TODAY'S KEY QUESTION**

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**TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE**

**You can show you care about others by walking away 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, NIV

**MONTHLY LIFE APP**

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

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CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT  
25 MINUTES

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### BIBLE STORY EXTENSION

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Hula hoops, bean bags, Bibles, mobile device or timer

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Set out four hula hoops in a square formation; place a bean bag in each hoop.
- Tell kids that the hula hoops are “wells” and the bean bags are “dirt.”
- Assign a kid to each “well” and guide them to get on their hands and knees behind their “well.”
- When you say “Go,” kids should get in a push-up or plank position and race to toss their bean bag, or “dirt,” into someone else’s “well.”
- The object is to have an empty “well” when time runs out.
- For a visual, head to: <https://bit.ly/3gk2y94>
- Rules of the game:
  - Each round is 30-60 seconds long.
  - Encourage kids to toss the bean bags so the bags land IN the hoops. If a bean bag is tossed out of the hula hoop, the kid who tossed it must go retrieve it and try again.
  - When time runs out, kids receive a point for each bean bag in their hula hoop.
  - Play several rounds and keep a tally of the points. After several rounds, declare the kid (or team) with the fewest points the winner.
  - For each round, change the position kids start in, e.g. on one foot, kneeling, like a crab.
  - Be prepared to adjust the time given for the round depending on the starting position.
- When the game is over, review the Bible story using the following as a guide:
  - Let the group retell the story in their own words, going around the circle with each kid adding a sentence to the synopsis.
  - How did Isaac and his servants keep the peace by walking away from a fight?
  - To dig deeper, read: Genesis 26:16–When Abimelek asked Isaac to move, how did Isaac keep the peace?
    - How does this verse describe Isaac? (*powerful*)
    - So if Isaac was powerful and he had done nothing wrong, why do you think he moved? (*This is an opportunity to talk about how walking away from a fight doesn't mean you are weak.*)
  - Imagine you are working on a group project with a partner. You do most of the work and your partner gets an “A” too, even though they didn't really help with the project.
    - How do you keep the peace?
    - What if this isn't the first group project you have done with your partner?
    - What if this has happened several times before? Does that affect the way you might choose to keep the peace?

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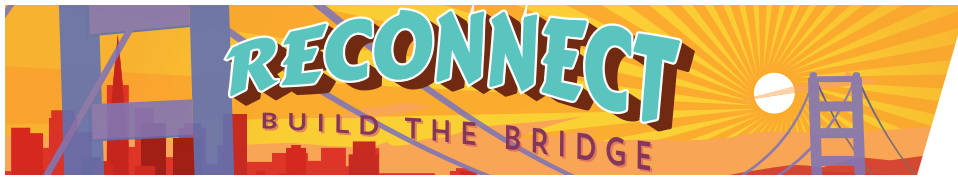
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**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**  
[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

**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.)*

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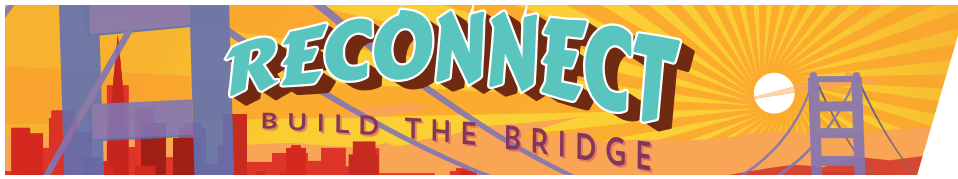
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an activity that creates space for personal processing and application



**MAKE IT PERSONAL WITH PRAYER  
[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]**

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Peace Cards" Activity Page, markers, (optional) "Sentence Cards" from the Take a Snapshot Activity

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- 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 them to think about the "Peace is . . ." and "Peace is not . . ." statements from the earlier activity. If you choose, set out the "Sentence Cards" to prompt kids.
- 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 kids 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.

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**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!"

