

Lifepoint Kids Juniors June 19, 2022

Today's Bible Story: Jesus can help me choose peace.

Abigail Intervenes • 1 Samuel 25:1-35

Memory Verse: "I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength." Philippians 4:13, NLT

Key Question: Who can help you do everything?

Bottom Line: Jesus can help me do everything.

Basic Truth: Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

STORY

What You Need: Bible, table from Intro Sketch, tote bag, five toy or small plush sheep, and lots of cotton balls; *Optional Story Images*

Storyteller enters, carrying a Bible and a tote bag of toy sheep and cotton balls. They have a teddy bear sticker in the center of their shirt.

STORYTELLER: "Hello, friends! My name is [your name]. Do you have a teddy bear sticker just like me?"

Point to the teddy bear sticker as you look around.

"You do! You do have a teddy bear sticker like me! Teddy bears are so soft and cuddly and . . . peaceful. I love to hold my teddy bear and just ahh, sit in peace.

"Speaking of peace, I have a story today all about peace that I think will help [Host's name]. It's a true story from the Bible.

Hold up the Bible for the children to see then lay it open on the table by the teddy bear rock.

"It's about a man named Nabal and his wife, Abigail. And since we all have a teddy bear sticker, we can play our game while I tell you the story!

"Every time I say the word PEACE, we will point to our teddy bear stickers. (*Point to teddy bear sticker.*) So, listen closely for me to say 'PEACE' (*point to sticker*), and get ready to point to your teddy bear sticker.

"Like I was saying, our true story from the Bible begins with Nabal and his wife, Abigail.

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“Nabal had a lot of sheep. Like, A LOT of sheep!

Toss cotton balls all over the story area then begin lining the toy sheep up on the table as you count them out loud.

“There were sheep everywhere! Count these sheep with me!”

CHILDREN and STORYTELLER: “One, two, three, four, five!”

STORYTELLER: “Now taking care of sheep was a big job for Nabal’s workers. The workers had to feed the sheep, and water the sheep, and protect the sheep. Well, everything was calm and there was PEACE (*point to sticker*) but taking care of all those sheep was such a big job! It was a good thing when a guy named David and his army came by!

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Begin picking up the cotton balls and putting them in the bag as you talk.

“David and his army helped keep all of Nabal’s sheep safe. None of the sheep got hurt or went missing while David and his army were there. There was PEACE (*point to sticker*) because the work was getting done and everyone was being friendly.

Stop and look at the children.

“Helping was a very nice thing for David and his army to do so they asked Nabal to give them whatever he could find for them, like food.

“Guess what Nabal told David and his army? (*Pause.*) He told them, no! He was NOT going to give David and his army anything! How do you think David felt when he heard that Nabal was not going to give them anything for doing such a good job of protecting HIS sheep? (*Pause.*) Yes, David felt angry. Show me your angry face? (*Pause and look around.*) David was SO angry that he was ready to take his army to Nabal’s house and fight. Oh, no!

“Now Abigail, Nabal’s wife, did not want Nabal and David to fight. She wanted to choose PEACE (*point to sticker*). So, she thought . . . (*Tap chin like you’re thinking.*) hmm, how can I choose PEACE (*point to sticker*)? Then she got a wonderful idea!

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“Abigail quickly got a lot of food and water and took it to David and his army!

“Because Abigail gave them food and water, David and his army chose PEACE (*point to sticker*), too. They decided not to fight Nabal! Abigail chose PEACE (*point to sticker*), and Jesus can help us choose PEACE (*point to sticker*), too.

“So, the next time you and your friends want to play with the same toy, share!

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“Choose PEACE (*point to sticker*) and let your friend play with it, then you play with it. You can choose PEACE (*point to sticker*) by taking turns! Or when you’re building a block tower and someone knocks it down, don’t yell or fight. Choose PEACE (*point to sticker*) and ask someone to help you rebuild it!

“Jesus can help us choose PEACE (*point to sticker*) because Jesus can help us do everything! **Who can help you do everything?**”

CHILDREN and STORYTELLER: [Bottom Line] “Jesus can help me do everything!”

STORYTELLER: “Now say it in a soft, peaceful voice. **Who can help you do everything?**”

CHILDREN and STORYTELLER: [Bottom Line] “Jesus can help me do everything!”

STORYTELLER: “Okay friends, it’s time to pray. Let’s close our eyes and talk to God together.”

PRAYER

STORYTELLER: “Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to help us choose peace. Help us remember that Jesus is always with us, and He can help us do everything. We love You, God. In Jesus’ name, amen.

“Thanks for listening, friends. I’ll see you next time. Bye!”

The Storyteller exits with the Bible and bag of sheep and cotton balls.