

PARENT CORNER

TODAY: MARCH 2-3

weekly

Bible Story: Let It Go (Jacob & Esau Meet Again) *Genesis 27:41-45; 31:3, 32:1-21; 33:1-11*

Big Idea: It's better to let go than get even.

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.

Bible Story Summary:

Read and meditate on Genesis 27, 32-33.

In Genesis 27, 32, and 33, we hear the story of two brothers: Jacob and Esau. When Jacob stole Esau's birthright and blessing, Esau was furious. Years later, the brothers meet again, and this time Esau lets go of his anger and chooses to love his brother.

Peace is part of God's character. He wants us to reflect peace in our relationships with others. **Peace is proving you care more about each other than winning an argument.** It is more than just "not fighting" and saying the right things to keep people happy. Peace is living in a way that shows you care more about others than about being right, even when it means letting go of what seems fair.

Our memory verse this month is: **"So let us do all we can to live in peace. And let us work hard to build each other up."** *Romans 14:19, NirV.* Doing all we can to live peaceably might include sacrificing what ought to be ours. But ultimately, we will show the peace of Jesus to the world.



As a family, think about what all there is to do for the day. Maybe there is work or school, soccer practice or dance, or maybe you need to do a lot of chores around the house. Discuss if there might be a situation during those events that could make it difficult to show peace. Together, come up with ways to react with peace to help everyone be prepared for the day!

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WEEK 1

God TIME

DAY 1

READ *Genesis 33:3-4*

Who were Jacob and Esau?

Friends

Brothers

Strangers

What happened in today's verse?

Esau refused to speak to Jacob.
Jacob hid forever from Esau.
Esau made peace with Jacob.

Jacob and Esau were brothers. Jacob stole Esau's birthright, which was a BIG deal back then. It meant that Jacob stole Esau's ability to be the leader of the family and receive the family's money when their parents died. Esau was very angry at Jacob, and so Jacob hid for many years away from his brother before returning home. When he did, Esau chose to let it go instead of getting even and made peace with Jacob!

You can do the same thing. Even when you are frustrated, upset, or hurt by what someone did to you, you have a choice like Esau did. You can stay mad and plan to get even, or you can choose peace and move on.

LOOK for opportunities to choose peace instead of getting even.

DAY 2

READ "If possible, live in peace with _____. Do that as much as you can." *Romans 12:18*

Fill in the blank in today's verse.

Take a moment and read the verse again. Live in peace with...EVERYONE? But what about those kids that aren't nice to anyone?

This verse is saying that we should do everything we can to live in peace with others, and that includes people that may not always act the way we think they should. You may not be able to control the actions of others, but you can control your reactions. Responding with peace, choosing to let go instead of getting even, allows you to show kindness even when it is difficult.

Think about your day. Was there something that happened that you felt was unfair? Maybe the whole class got in trouble because one person was talking, or your parents asked you to do a chore even though your sibling has not done anything to help. How did you react? Think about how you can respond with peace and focus on choosing to let go instead of getting even tomorrow.

REMEMBER for opportunities to choose peace instead of getting even.

DAY 3

READ "So let us do all we can to live in peace. And let us work hard to build up one another." *Romans 14:19*

This is the new memory verse for the month of March! Take some time to practice it now by building! Go grab blocks or Legos and get to work.

Start with one base block. Then, for each word of the verse, stack a new block on top. Keep stacking until it is so tall that it falls down. Once it falls, restart and see how many times you can say the verse before the tower falls!

How many times were you able to say the verse? (It should take 22 blocks to say the whole verse!) Write your number on the line below!

PRACTICE the memory verse to help you show peace.

HEY PARENTS SIGN HERE!

Have a parent sign your completed GodTime.

Parent signature

Date

Return for 5 Bible Bucks!

DAY 4

READ "If you do not judge other people, then you will not be judged. If you do not find others guilty, then you will not be found guilty. Forgive, and you will be forgiven." *Luke 6:37*

We mess up all the time. We lie, say unkind things, and complain to our parents, and disobey – the list goes on and on. But guess what? God forgives us. And because God shows us forgiveness for our mistakes, we can show others forgiveness. When we let go instead of choosing to get even, we are showing others forgiveness.

It can be difficult to respond with kindness when something is unfair to you. But, when you remember that God forgives you, it can be easier to show that person forgiveness. Taking a moment to talk to God and pray can help you respond with kindness and choose peace, even when it is hard.

Take some time to talk to God now, thanking Him for the forgiveness He shows you and ask Him to help you show forgiveness to others.

KNOW that you can ask God to help you show peace.

parent CUE:

Want to know what your child is learning at church? Download a free app called **Parent Cue**. This app is put out by The reThink Group who writes the curriculum we use in Uptown as a guide to what our kids learn.

Parent Cue has parenting articles, blogs, and ways you can live out your faith at home. Week by week you will be given cues so you can make the most of your time with your kids for God.



at a GLANCE



Bibles-N-Bucks Shopping

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| March 9-10 | Kindergarten |
| March 16-17 | 4th Grade |
| March 23-24 | 3rd Grade |
| April 6-7 | 2nd Grade |
| April 13-14 | 1st Grade |



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