

# PARENT CORNER

## weekly

TODAY: MARCH 9-10

**Bible Story:** War and Peace (Issac's Wells) *Genesis 26:1-6, 12-22, 26-31*

**Big Idea:** God can give you peace when life's not fair.

**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 26:1-6, 12-31.**

Isaac moved to a region where he reclaimed the wells that had belonged to his father, Abraham. For years no one had cared about the wells until they were reopened, then everyone started fighting over them. Instead of fighting, Isaac decided to give away the wells to make peace. Isaac simply walked away from what was rightfully his. And by walking away from the fight, those people changed their opinion about Isaac, and trusted him.

**God can give you peace, even when life's not fair.** We often want justice and think things should be completely fair, but God shows us another way to live. He shows us how to die to self. He shows us that when we live through the lens of loving God and loving others, our own ideal of fairness is laid aside. That is what God did for us when He sent Jesus to the cross in our place. When we choose to live God's way, we will live with the peace of God ruling our hearts.



**While on the go, look out the window and come up with different ways people can show peace to others as you pass different places. For example, as you pass a playground, grocery store, or restaurant, etc., discuss different things that might happen where you would have to choose peace. Then, as you arrive at your destination, think about how the family can choose peace wherever you are going together!**

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## WEEK 2

# God TIME

## DAY 1

**READ** *Genesis 26:12-22*

Circle the correct word in the parenthesis to complete the summary of today's verses correctly!

Isaac settles in his father's land and reopens some wells. When his new neighbors argue with him, he chooses to simply (stay or move) \_\_\_\_ to a new place and dig new (wells or sandcastles) \_\_\_\_\_. Issac could have fought for those wells, but he chose (being upset or peace) \_\_\_\_ instead.

We face situations everyday where we can choose to fight or show peace like Isaac did. Keeping the peace means we think about how we can get along with the other person instead of focusing on how we can be right or winning the argument. You can do this by remembering that God can give you peace when life's not fair!

**LOOK** for ways to get along instead of winning the argument.

## DAY 2

**READ** *"Don't pay back evil with evil. Don't pay back unkind words with unkind words. Instead, pay back evil with kind words. This is what you have been chosen to do. You will receive a blessing by doing this."* *1 Peter 3:9*

When you borrow a dollar from your friend, how much do you need to pay them back?

Did you say \$1? Once you pay your friend back, you are even! But, when someone hurts you and then you hurt them, that doesn't make you even. In fact, you probably made the situation worse.

What if, instead of trying to get even when someone hurts you, you choose to walk away. What if you choose to bring peace instead of more hurt? Reread today's verse! You can stay kind even when someone does something hurtful, and that is what God has called us to do. You can choose peace because God is with you!

**REMEMBER** that you can choose peace even when life is not fair.

# 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

Create a daily reminder to choose peace using this month's memory verse! Think about this question: How many times do you walk through your front door? Probably more than once a day!

On a piece of paper, write out the verse and hang it on the door you leave the house through the most. Then, every time you go somewhere, you will read the verse and remember to choose peace wherever you go! Encourage your whole family to read the verse every time they leave too! Soon, you will have the verse memorized.

**PRACTICE** the memory verse to help you show peace.

## HEY PARENTS SIGN HERE!

Have a parent sign your completed GodTime.

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Parent signature

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Date

**Return for 5 Bible Bucks!**

## 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.



# DAY 4

**READ** "Blessed are those who make peace. They will be called children of God." Matthew 5:9

Think about these questions:

Was there something today that happened that wasn't fair?  
How did you respond?

It can be really frustrating when in a situation where things are not fair. Maybe you lost a sports game because someone was not playing fair, or you weren't able to do what you wanted at recess because someone took what you wanted even though you asked for it first. There are things that happen that are not fair, but that doesn't mean you should react unfairly to others. You can respond with peace to make the situation better. In fact, God will give you peace even when life is not fair.

Take some time and talk to God about what happened today. Thank Him for being with you even when things are not fair and ask Him to help you choose peace, even when it is hard.

**KNOW** that God will give you peace even when life is not fair

## at a GLANCE



### Bibles-N-Bucks Shopping

**March 16-17**

**4th Grade**

**March 23-24**

**3rd Grade**

**April 6-7**

**2nd Grade**

**April 13-14**

**1st Grade**

**April 20-21**

**Kindergarten**



Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_