



# Abigail Makes Peace

1 Samuel 25:1-35



**Bible Point:** God wants us to solve conflict peacefully.



**Key Verse:** "Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone" (Romans 12:17-18).

Use the following activities to further the application of this week's lesson in the lives of your family members.

## Discussion Starters

### Preschoolers

- Why do people fight?
- How can we get along with others?

### Elementary Students

- How can we be friends with others?
- What should we do when we're angry at someone?

### Youth

- What's the best way to resolve conflict?
- What happens when we don't resolve conflict?

## Talk Topics

- Talk about someone you know who had a bad experience with conflict. What were the results of that conflict?
- Talk about the ideas you have for easily resolving conflict.
- Discuss a recent family conflict. What effect did that conflict have on the family? What could you have done to prevent it?
- Talk about fears people have when approaching someone they've had a conflict with in the past. What does it take to resolve a long-standing conflict?

## Through the Week

Use the following passages to explore additional biblical insights about understanding conflict.

Monday—Romans 12:16

Tuesday—Romans 12:19

Wednesday—Romans 12:20-21

Thursday—Proverbs 17:14

Friday—Proverbs 12:20

Saturday—James 4:1-3

## Daily Challenge®

- Reflect on past conflicts and how you handled them. How did God help you work through those differences? Or are there still places where God needs to bring healing or restoration? Pray that God would help you learn whatever lessons still need to be learned from those past conflicts.
- If you're in conflict right now, write down your thoughts and feelings. Try to look at the situation from the other person's point of view as well. Pray over your list each day, asking God how he wants you to handle that situation.
- Is there a conflict you know of where you could help others make peace? Ask God how he can use you.
- Take your family outside—in the backyard or to a park. Give each family member a soft foam ball or a wadded-up sheet of newspaper, and have everyone pummel one another for a few moments. Enjoy the fun, and then form a circle around the foam balls. Talk together about the feelings people had when throwing the balls and the way people feel when they hurt each other. Then brainstorm positive ways to handle conflict. Close the activity with a family hug to demonstrate the desire you all have to resolve conflict in positive, God-honoring ways.