



GROUP ACTIVITY

David Spares Saul's Life

BIG IDEA: God wants us to live in peace, so we should avoid taking revenge on others.

BIBLE BASIS: 1 Samuel 23-24, 26, 31

KEY VERSE: "Make sure that no one pays back one wrong act with another. Instead, always try to do what is good for each other and for everyone else." 1 Thessalonians 5:15 (NirV)

Peace Pass

Supplies: Balloon and permanent markers

Set up: For each small group, inflate a balloon and use a marker to write the following verse on it:

"The Lord blesses His people with peace." Psalm 29:11 (NirV)

Say: In today's Bible story, David made sure that he didn't pay back one wrong act with another. David didn't get revenge on King Saul. And that's what God wants for us too. We shouldn't let people hurt us, but when they do, we should do what is good—we should respond with peace. God wants us to live in peace, so we should avoid taking revenge. It can be so tempting to want revenge, but Jesus wants us to make peace with people who sin against us. There's another kind of peace, though. It's the kind of peace that we feel inside of us when our heart and mind are calm. Psalm 29:11 tells us who can give us that kind of peace. Let's read it.

Directions: Read the Bible verse on the balloon and ask the question below. Next, toss the balloon to a kid in your group. Encourage the kid holding the balloon to share their answer to the question. When finished, have that kid toss the balloon to another kid and repeat. Continue until every kid has a turn to share. Finally, lead your group in a closing prayer. Encourage the kids to tell God about the things that keep them from feeling peace. Have them ask God to bless them with peace in their hearts and minds.

Question: Is there anything in your life that keeps you from feeling peace? In other words, is there anything that makes you mad, sad, worried, or afraid?