

At Peace With Jesus

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for use as
STEP 1

**Lesson 6****Focus:**

Do your best to get along with others.

Lesson 6**Bible Basis:**

Genesis 13

Lesson 6**Memory Verse:**

If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.
—Romans 12:18

Students will discuss the difficulties of getting along with others and discover what it takes to live at peace with everyone.

Materials:

- Internet access

➤ **Have you ever struggled to get along with someone? Without using names, share your experience.** (Answers will vary, make sure to share your own experience.)

It's hard to turn on the television, scroll through social media, or talk to someone and not see or hear SOME disagreement happening. Drama and conflict tend to play out in front of us everywhere we look. Not getting along with others can happen behind the computer screen, at school, or in our homes.

➤ **What kinds of conflict do you see most often? Have you had a conflict with anyone lately?** (Answers will vary.)

➤ **If you see a disagreement getting ready to happen, what do you do?** (Accept all reasonable answers without comment or criticism. Students may express walking away before saying something they might regret; letting an adult know; or even that they get pulled into the drama.)

This video explains why some conflicts happen and has some good ideas of what to do when you and a friend or family members have conflicting wants and needs.

Play this video for your students [4:35].

Conflict Resolution: How to Settle Your Differences Fairly | BrainPOP

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jg_Q34kGsKg

➤ **Do you think of yourself as a peacekeeper? Why or why not?** (Answers will vary but might include: I'm the peacekeeper among my friends, I'm always helping everyone get along; No, I definitely start a lot of the fights in my home, I just can't seem to help it, etc.)

Getting along with others can be tough. Not everyone thinks the way we do! Many times, this alone can be the cause of many of our arguments. "If only they thought the way I did, everything would be fine." But, the truth is, we all think differently. Many of us approach life situations in a variety of ways. Learning how to peacefully coexist with others, even those we don't agree with, is key.

In today's lesson, we're going to learn about two men, Abram and Lot, who were having these same issues. Arguments over land were happening among their people, yet because they were family, they wanted to keep peace. How did Abram and Lot handle these disagreements? Let's find out.

(Continue on to Steps 2 and 3 in your teacher's guide; your Step 4 appears below.)

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- Internet access
- Pieces of paper (1 sheet per student)
- Pens/pencils (1 per student)
- Whiteboard and marker (or screenshared document)
- Optional: markers or colored pencils

If your class is meeting online, invite students to bring supplies with them to class. On the whiteboard (or screenshared document), display the SOAP acronym below:

- S: Scripture (Write out the Scripture you're studying.)
- O: Observation (What do you observe about the Scripture?)
- A: Application (How can you apply the Scripture in your life?)
- P: Prayer (Pray through the Scripture, asking God for wisdom and revelation.)

Earlier, Abram taught us what it looks like to “live at peace with everyone” just as our memory verse reminds us in Romans. (Ask a volunteer to read the memory verse aloud.)

Abram gave us a perfect example of what it looks like to actively live out God's instructions to live peaceably with others. Abram walked with God. He wasn't just working hard to get along with his nephew; he wanted to live at peace with Lot because of his relationship with God.

We will never be able to be as good, loving, or kind to others as Jesus is. We're human. What we need is more of Jesus. The more we fill ourselves with Jesus, the more His love, His peace, and His kindness will pour out of us. We'll begin to experience this the closer we grow to Him through prayer and reading His Word.

Tell your students that today they will be making a guide they can use to spend quiet time with God each day. Spending time with God every day will allow them to get to know God on a personal level. Tell them during that time they can read the Bible, pray, write letters to God, and journal things God is teaching them in His Word and through prayer. The more they grow closer to Christ, the more He will pour out of their lives toward others.

Distribute supplies (or invite students to have them ready at home). Have students copy the SOAP method onto their paper. Share that this method can help guide them in ways they can study the Bible and pray during their quiet time each day. Talk students through each letter of the acronym using the questions and prompts in parentheses at the beginning of this step.

➤ **Why is it important to spend time alone with God, reading the Bible, and praying each day?** (Answers: God will teach us who He is; we will grow closer to God the more time we spend with Him, it will become easier to get along with others when we see them the way Jesus sees them, etc.)

Many times our issues with difficult people have more to do with us than them. God can always remove the problem if He chooses, but many times He is working on something in us through these situations. The more we walk with God, the more His Spirit will guide us into all truth. He will show us how to love those who are difficult. We might not be able to love our siblings the right way, but Jesus can!

The answer for any problem we come across is always Jesus. We need more of Jesus. As you come across problems and difficulties with others this week, instead of working harder to solve them, go back to the Source. In your quiet time with God, pour out your heart to Him in prayer about these situations, listen to the words He shares with you as you read your Bible, and write down in your journal anything God is teaching you or speaking to you. Then obey what He tells you to do just as Abram obeyed God. Watch how God begins to change your heart toward others as you walk closer with Him. He will be your strength and will teach you how to live peacefully with everyone.

Encourage students to use this method at home, along with a sheet of paper or journal, to study God's word at home. You can also suggest to students that they can get an extra spiral bound notebook to use as a prayer journal when they go back-to-school shopping.

Pray to close.

SOAP Source:

<https://lovegodgreatly.com/how-to-soap/>

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