

BE A PEACEMAKER

Bible Lesson:
1 Samuel 25:2-35

NEW WORDS

apologize
Abigail
peacemaker
Nabal
shepherd
David



You know what it means to apologize when you have done something wrong. But what does it mean to apologize for someone else who has done something wrong?

If a new kid comes into your class you know you should be his friend. But what if your best friend calls the new kid a funny name? What should you do? You should apologize for him. You should say, "I am sorry my friend said that. I'd like us all to be friends."

The Bible tells about a woman named Abigail who apologized for what her husband, Nabal, did. Nabal was a shepherd and very rich. But Nabal was a foolish man with a bad temper. His temper got him into trouble with David.

David was the man God had chosen to be king over God's people Israel. Now David and his men were staying in the desert near Nabal's home. David's men were honest and good. They even helped protect Nabal's sheep and servants.

One day David sent men to Nabal to ask for food and water. 5

Nabal should have been glad to give David what he needed. Instead he became angry and said, "Who is David? Why should I give food to him? He is nothing to me."

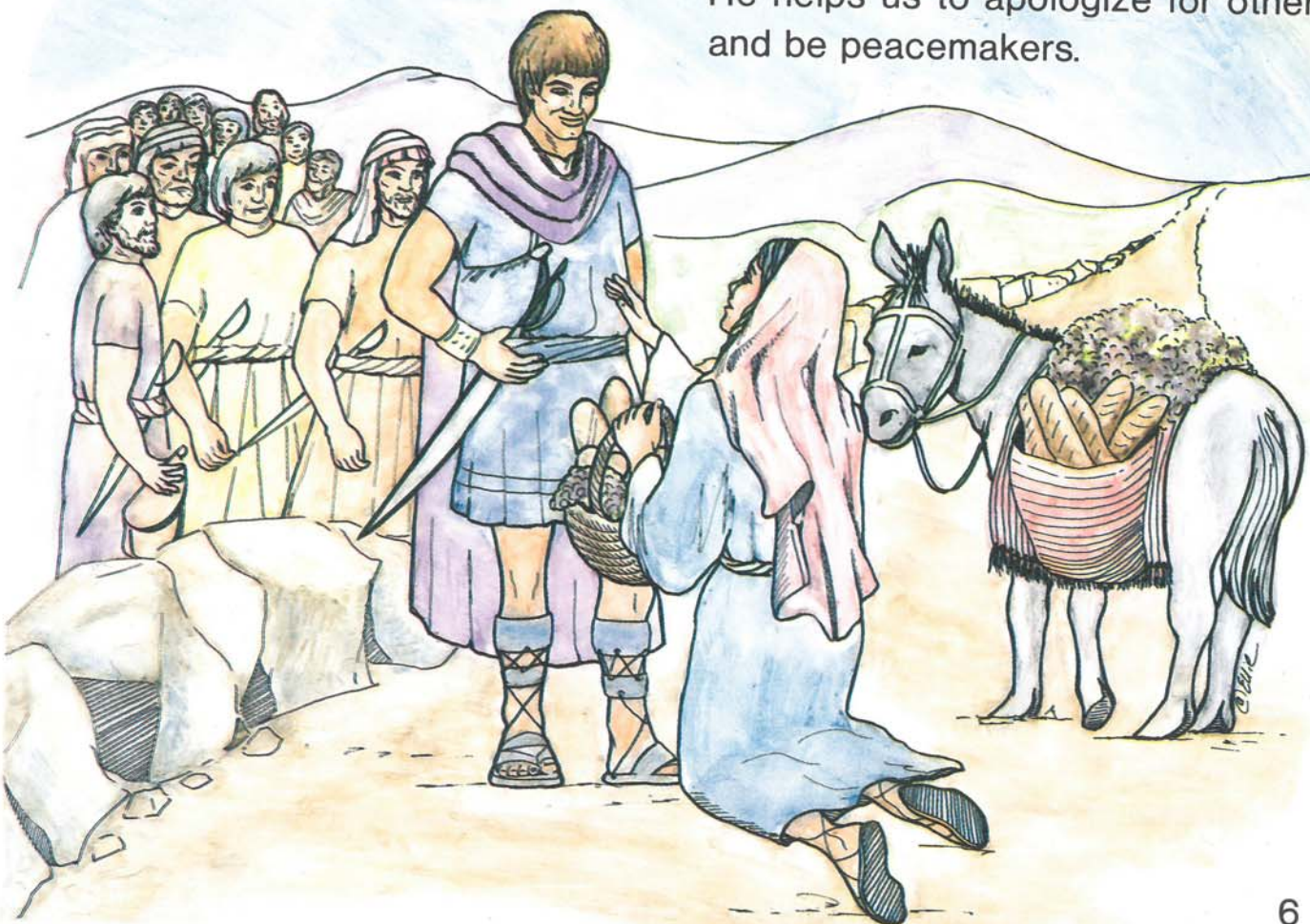
When David heard what Nabal said he became very angry. He was going to kill Nabal and his men. But Nabal's wife, Abigail, heard what Nabal had said about David. She also heard what David planned to do. She took food and went to David and said, "Please don't listen to what Nabal said. Do not sin and kill these people. Please leave this

matter with God. Let me take the blame."

David thanked God for sending Abigail to him and stopping him from doing something terrible. David said he would not hurt Nabal. He told Abigail, "Go home. There will be peace."

Abigail had apologized for Nabal and helped to make peace. God wants us to apologize for others and be peacemakers.

When Jesus lives in our hearts He helps us to apologize for others and be peacemakers.



THE EIGHTH COMMANDMENT:

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not deceitfully belie, betray, backbite, nor slander our neighbor, but apologize for him, speak well of him, and put the most charitable construction on all that he does.



Which Commandment Is It?

To discover the commandment follow the directions to the puzzle.



Directions:

Change each **z** to **t**.

Change each **q** to **s**.

Change each **p** to **e**.



"Zhou qhalz noz bpar

falqp wiznpqq againqz

zhy npighbor."



Read the Commandment.

Which one did you write?

1. **Think** about today's Bible lesson.
2. **Which** person might have said the words below?
3. **Write** the name in the blank.

MEMORY VERSE:

“But I say to you who hear, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.”

Luke 6:27-28

Enrichment Memory Verse: Romans 12:21

Abigail, Nabal or David?

1. "Please let God take care of this problem."

2. "I am a very rich shepherd."

3. "Do not sin and kill people."

4. "Please could you give us some food and water?"

5. "I am angry at Nabal."

6. "David means nothing to me."

7. "I am sorry for the things my husband said."

8. "There will be peace."