



"That's not fair!" How many times have you said that? Or even just thought it? Probably a lot. Even grown-ups think that way sometimes. It can be hard to give up what you think is fair because it seems . . . well, unfair!

But God doesn't tell us to fight for what we think is fair or what we think we deserve. He tells us to live in peace and to build others up. It's hard to give up what we think is fair. But if it helps us keep the peace with a family member or friend, it's SO worth it!

Remember that and pray for God's help every time you find yourself thinking, "That's not fair!"



Read Genesis 13:5-18

Have you ever noticed that a lot of our arguments have to do with what's fair? At the end of the day, we want to get what's supposed to be ours. But maybe there's something that's MORE important than what's fair.

Look at Abram and his nephew Lot. Lot had been following Abram as he moved around. Eventually, there wasn't enough room for them to live in the same place.

Abram made the bold choice *NOT* to argue. Instead of wanting what was his, he decided to let it go. He let Lot choose where he wanted to live.

That doesn't seem fair, does it? Abram *should have* had first pick of the land! But Abram knew there was something more important on the line. He cared more about his relationship with Lot, so he chose *peace* instead of fighting for what seemed *fair*.





Even though the word “peace” isn’t included in Genesis 13, this story is a great example of peace between Abram and Lot. Before we continue learning about peace this month, let’s make sure we know what it means. *Peace means proving you care more about each other than winning an argument.*

Abram certainly did that with Lot, didn’t he? We can do the same thing. We can choose peace in our relationships.

Take your Memory Verse for this month, Romans 14:19, and turn it into a prayer:

**DEAR GOD, HELP ME DO ALL I CAN
TO LIVE IN PEACE BY LETTING GO
OF WHAT’S FAIR.**

**HELP ME WORK HARD TO BUILD
OTHERS UP.**

Amen.

Put this prayer in a note on your phone or write it on a sticky note and place it somewhere you can see it each day.



TALK TO AN ADULT YOU TRUST ABOUT THE QUESTIONS BELOW:

- Have you ever had to give up what was fair to keep a peaceful relationship with somebody?
- What helped you let go of what you thought was fair?

Now, cut out several strips of construction paper. Your goal is to make a “peace chain” by the end of the month. Every time you act as a peacemaker with a friend or family member, use a piece of tape to make a link out of one of the paper strips. If you’d like, write or draw a picture on the paper strip showing what you did or said.

This could be a challenge for your whole family, too! If more than one person participates, assign each person a color and see who has the most links by the end of the month. Find a special spot at home to hang your peace chain.

