



Supplies

- white foam dinner plates (2 per child)
- crayons
- pointy toothpicks (2 per child)
- cups
- pencils
- scissors

Easy Prep

- Make a sample craft to show kids.



Make Tops

Give each child a white foam plate and two toothpicks. Set out cups, pencils, and scissors to share. Have kids follow these steps to make two tops each.

- Trace the bottom of a cup onto the foam plate to make two circles. Cut out both circles. (Older kids can help younger kids with this.)
- Use crayons to decorate the circles differently.
- Poke a toothpick through the middle of each circle so it sticks out roughly an inch at the bottom. (Older kids can help younger kids with this.)
- Older kids only, break off the top inch or so of the toothpicks. (Experiment with different heights to see what makes the tops spin best.)
- Practice spinning the tops.

Make a Battlefield

Give kids each a second foam plate. They'll decorate this one to be a battlefield for their tops.

Battle the Tops

Have kids find a partner to play with, and choose one person's top set to play with. Kids will spin the tops on the battlefield at the same time, trying to get theirs to spin the longest. The tops may bump each other and cause one top to stop as they battle for space on the plate.

Talk About It

- Ask:
- **Your tops kept bumping into each other, and one top sometimes ruined the other top's spin. When has a relationship with a friend or family member felt like that?**
 - **How can fighting ruin the fun for everyone?**

Say: **David and Nabal were both so focused on their own needs that they weren't looking out for one another. It's like how our tops were just spinning around, not worrying about other tops in their paths. But God sent Abigail to help David make peace. God helps us get along.**

Have kids take their crafts home and show their friends and families the battling tops, explaining how God helps us get along.