

Old Testament Times

Abraham and Lot

Genesis 13:1-18

Younger Memory Verse

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Older Memory Verse

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Teachers: This new unit is designed to help your children understand some of the stories in the Old Testament. Each lesson will have both Old Testament and New Testament passages.

PLEASE remember to always include the New Testament verses—this helps each child see how God's ultimate plan was fulfilled in Christ!

Welcome Time

Have you ever had an argument with your brother or sister? Let's see what Abraham does when he has an argument.

Please note: This portion of the lesson is given to help in teaching the lesson.

*Please read through the story and read it in the Bible. Do **NOT** read from this piece of paper. Instead, make a note sheet and place it next to the story in the Bible.*

Bible Story

Be sure that the kids know you are **NOT** talking about Abraham Lincoln.

Abraham and his nephew Lot traveled around the desert in tents. They followed God and did what He said.

Remember that Abraham had lots of sheep and animals. They traveled with them and grazed on the land. Lot also had many animals. As they moved from place to place, they had to have enough land for both groups of animals to graze.

As the animal herds and flocks grew, they needed more food and land for the animals. One day, Lot's helpers started arguing with Abraham's helpers. They argued over where the animals would graze.

Abraham said, "Let's not have any quarreling between you and me, or between your helpers and my helpers because we are brothers." "There is much land all around us. Let's separate. If you go to the left, I will go to the right; if you go to the right, I'll go to the left."

Lot looked up and saw the beautiful green grass around the river. He also saw two cities that had lots of activity. So, Lot chose for himself the green pastureland to the east. Because Lot chose this land, Abraham went to the west and settled in the land of Canaan.

Lot lived near a city called Sodom. It was full of activity, but the people were very wicked and mean. They often made bad choices and sinned against God.

Lesson Goals: See how Abraham dealt with a family argument
Do not be greedy
Do not be tempted or sin

Lot chose to be around people who did wrong and it caused him and his family to accept the sin. They probably did more wrongs because they were around people who sinned.

Abraham, on the other hand, followed God and obeyed God. He did right things and lived to please God.

God continued to tell Abraham that He would bless him and give him many children. God told Abraham to look all around. God shared that He would give Abraham and his family all the land that he could see. Abraham believed God and knew He would keep His promise.

God also asked Abraham to look at the dusty dirt he was standing on. He told Abraham that he would have more family descendants than dust particles.

Abraham and Lot were very different people. Abraham followed God and did things God's way. Lot followed his own way and lived for himself. In two weeks we will see how Abraham has to rescue Lot because of problems in the city.

What about you? Do you live for God and do things God's way or do you want to do things your way? God wants us to do things His way and love Him with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength.

Do you know how you can do things God's way? To be part of God's family, you must tell God you are sorry for all the wrongs you have done and ask Jesus to come into your life. He will come into your life and help you do right. He will guide you and show you the right way to go. If you want to know more, talk to me during activity time.

Learning Activities

Do activities to help the kids see how to make good choices.

Memory Verse Activities

Play hangman to learn the verse. Talk about what it means to receive a gift (like at Christmas) and what it means to receive Jesus.

Prayer Time

Pray and ask God to help us make good choices like Abraham this week.

Snack Time/CleanUp

"Travel" around and eat snacks today like Abraham.

Planning for Lesson 8
Three visitors for Abraham
Genesis 18:1-15

Preschool Lesson
For
Abraham and Lot

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Remember that Abraham had lots of sheep and animals. (Make “baaa” sound and “moo” sound) They traveled with them and grazed on the land. Lot also had many animals. As they moved from place to place, they had to have enough land for both groups of animals to graze.

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Lot looked up and saw the beautiful green grass around the river. (Put your hand over your eyes like you are looking) He also saw two cities that had lots of activity. So, Lot chose for himself the green pastureland to the east. Because Lot chose this land, Abraham went to the west and settled in the land of Canaan.

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We need to be like Abraham and follow God and obey Him.

Sing “Father Abraham.”

Hands-On Activities
For
Abraham and Lot

How do you deal with quarrels in your family? Talk about how God wants us to live in peace and love our enemies.

Lot was greedy and chose the best land. He didn't ask God what He wanted. Abraham waited for God and God blessed him and gave him ALL the land! Name some ways that we are greedy. Now think of ways to share and do things God's way.

Sing "Father Abraham" with the kids.

When we get close to sin and people who do wrong, it makes us more willing to do wrong things. How can we live for God and do right things and not be deep in sin?

To illustrate how we become "desensitized" to sin, bring a clear glass of water, and a tea bag. Share how the water is clean and pure. Now put the tea bag in the water. Notice how the water starts to become cloudy and dirty. When we are around sin a lot, we become used to it and over time, we begin to sin also. Share how we must try to do right and follow God all the time—at church, at school, at home, everywhere!
