

ABRAM AND LOT

BIBLE PASSAGE *(GENESIS 12–15)*

Summary: God made a covenant with Abram and told him to leave his country and travel to a new place. Abram left and took his nephew Lot. After a while, there wasn't enough room for both Abram's and Lot's flocks and herds. Abram let Lot pick which land to take. Lot took what appeared to be the best land for himself, but God reminded Abram of His promise. Lot ended up in trouble, but Abram rescued him.

Today's Brite Idea is: God is in control.

MONTHLY Memory Verse

For by Him all things were created.

(COLOSSIANS 1:16)

BIG QUESTION

Who made everything and rules over everything? God!

HE — God is in control.

WE — God has a plan for us.

ME — God has a plan for me.

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LEADER TRAINING: HELP THEM TO BECOME

Intentional discipleship helps preschoolers experience God's love and begin learning to live like Jesus in the world around them.

- **Talk about what's real.** Preschoolers notice the world around them (friends, feelings, family) and sometimes hard things like worry or conflict. You can help them to see how God wants them to respond with love and trust in Him. Use simple, age-appropriate discussions to guide their understanding.
- **Model spiritual habits.** Show kids how to pray, sing, give thanks and help others.
- **Show the fruit of the Spirit.** Encourage love, joy, kindness and gentleness in their daily actions. Celebrate when you see these qualities growing as evidence of God's Spirit at work!
- **Practice sharing Jesus.** Invite kids to pray for others and talk about ways to share God's love with people around them. Simple conversations and prayers can plant seeds of faith early.

NAVIGATING A BROKEN WORLD: FAMILY ESTRANGEMENT

Almost a third of adults report that they are estranged from at least one family member.* Family conflict can be confusing and painful, even for preschoolers. While they may not understand all the details, many young kids are already feeling the effects of broken family relationships. They may no longer see a parent, grandparent or siblings as often or at all because of adult disagreements they don't fully understand. In today's story, kids will learn about a family conflict that ended in two family members, Abram and Lot, having to go their separate ways because of a disagreement. While it's a sad part of the Bible story, it shows us something very important. God is faithful, even when families have problems. Some preschoolers may want to share personal stories about their families. Be a good listener, but gently guide them if they start to overshare. Overall, focus on God's love, care and faithfulness.

PRESCHOOL GLOSSARY:

Herdsmen: someone who watches and cares for animals

Settled: to be set in a place

*For more resources on this topic, check out: britecurriculum.com/resources.

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Use the Bible story cards to teach the Bible story or read the script to the kids.

Say: God talked to a man named Abram. God said to leave his home and that He would show him a new place to go. God made Abram a big promise! God said, "I will give you a big family, I will give you good land, and one day, your family will bless the whole world! Wow! That is a really big promise!

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Say: Abram listened to God. He said yes to God and packed up to go. But Abram didn't go alone. He took his wife and his nephew named Lot. Give one friend a high five and say, "Hi, Lot!" Then they started walking. They walked, and walked and walked! They didn't know where they were going, but they trusted God.

Say: Abram and Lot had lots of animals—cows and sheep! Let's make some animal sounds! What sound does a cow say? Moo! How about a sheep? Baaa! Now say, "shhh." Let's listen to the rest of the Bible story.

Say: But there was a problem! Oh no! There were too many animals! The **herdsmen**, those who took care of the animals, started to argue. Abram said, "Let's not fight. Let's split up." Abram told Lot to choose which land he wanted. So Lot picked the land that looked best. But it was close to a place where people made bad choices. Lot did not care. He went there anyway.

Say: Then God told Abram, "Look around. This land is for your big family. You will have as many family members—like dust on the ground!" God reminded Abram of His big promise!

Say: Soon, something bad happened. Kings were fighting, and Lot was taken away! Abram came to help! Abram rescued Lot and brought him home. God took care of Abram and Lot. God was in control the whole time.



POINT TO JESUS

Say: God promised Abram that He would bless the whole world through his family. Many years later, Jesus was born into Abram's family. Remember that promise God had made? He kept it! God sent the Rescuer, Jesus, to save the whole world from our sins.

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WRAP-UP:

BIG QUESTION

Say: Now it's time to answer our Big Question. Can you all help me do a drumroll? 1, 2, 3.. drumroll!

Show the Big Question Teaching Image.

Say: Who made everything and rules over everything? God!



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VERSE VIDEO

Play Memory Verse Motion Video after the verse is read.

MEMORY VERSE MOTIONS:

Help kids recite and retain the memory verse by teaching it with motions. Before you teach the verse, be sure to explain what it means.

- For by Him (*point up*)
- all things (*spread your arms out wide*)
- were created. (*cup hands and bring them together*)
- Colossians 1:16 (*open hands like a book*)

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