

ABRAM AND LOT

BIBLE PASSAGE: Genesis 12–15
FOCUS VERSES: Lamentations 3:22–23; Nahum 1:7; Psalm 147:8

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.

MONTHLY Memory Verse

By Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth…all things were created through Him and for Him.

(COLOSSIANS 1:16)

BRITE Idea

God is in control.

We will go deeper in God's truth by answering these questions:

HE

WHAT IS GOD IN CONTROL OF?
God is in control of everything, including all of our circumstances.

WE

WHAT CAN WE DO WHEN PEOPLE LET US DOWN?
We can talk to God, remember His promises, and trust that He is in control.

ME

HOW IS GOD INVITING ME TO RESPOND?
Kids will be given the opportunity to reflect on the truth they learned about God and respond accordingly.

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Leader TRAINING

LEADER TRAINING TOPIC: HELPING KIDS BECOME

Child discipleship involves truly experiential ministry designed to help kids navigate a changing culture, experience God's presence and walk in the ways of Jesus.

- **Tough Topics.** Kids have the whole broken world informing them about tough topics such as anxiety, war, social media, friends and so much more. It is essential that we help them think through how to live out their faith in a changing world. Use the Discipleship Discussion scripts to address tough topics from a biblical worldview.
- **Spiritual Habits.** Model prayer, service, worship, gratitude and other spiritual habits for kids. Many Become activities involve these habits, but share with kids experiences from your own life as well.
- **Fruit of the Spirit.** A believer should be increasingly characterized by a loving spirit, a gentle and kind behavior to the people in his life and a joyful heart. When we see this, we can thank God for the fruit of the Spirit in their life.
- **Evangelism.** Look for opportunities for kids to pray for the people of the world who don't know Jesus. Practice sharing the Gospel and talk often about how we can share Jesus with those right around us.

NAVIGATING A BROKEN WORLD: FAMILY ESTRANGEMENT

Family conflict is challenging and unfortunately it is also common. Almost a third of adults report that they are estranged from at least one family member.* Imagine how this plays out in the lives of kids as the adults disagree. Kids may lose contact with a grandparent or even a parent because of adult conflicts. Kids may have loved ones disappear from their lives, and they really don't understand why. In today's story, kids will learn about a family conflict that resulted in the separation of Abram and Lot. Kids will discover that God is faithful, even when our family members are not. Kids may open up about drama their own family has faced. Help them find a balance between sharing what is on their hearts and oversharing details that their family may not appreciate. Point kids to the God who is always faithful and is there for us even when other relationships are unstable.

ELEMENTARY GLOSSARY

Covenant: a very special promise

Immutable: God never changes and always stays the same

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Bible TEACHING

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GENESIS 12–15

SUPPLIES:
Bible, teaching slides

PREP:
None

PRAY: God, thank You for Your Word. May we learn today that we can trust You no matter what circumstances we face. You are in control and You are good! Amen.

Say: I'll need actors to help me tell our story today!

Select two volunteers to come to the front and play the roles of "Abram" and "Lot." Tell them to use big hand motions and dramatic facial expressions as you read the story.

Say: God called a man named Abram to leave his country and his people and travel to a land God would show him. God promised He would make Abram into a great nation, He would make Abram's name great and one day the whole world would be blessed by Abram's family.

Have Abram walk to the front of the space and shield their eyes with their hand as if looking far off in the distance.

Read Genesis 12:2–3 directly from the Bible: *And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.*

Say: Abram obeyed God and left his home. He took his wife and all of their possessions. He also took his nephew, Lot.

Have Abram beckon to Lot with their finger. Lot should then join Abram and together they should walk a few steps across the front of the space.

Say: They stopped in the land of Canaan. God told Abram one day all of the land would be his. Abram worshiped God there.

Have Abram come back to the front and fall to their knees and raise their hands to the sky.

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Bible TEACHING CONTINUED

Say: Abram was very rich and had lots of livestock such as cattle and sheep. Lot also had lots of flocks and herds. They began to have issues with having all of their flocks and herd and people in one spot. The herdsmen who were taking care of Lot's animals began arguing with the herdsmen taking care of Abram's animals.

Have all the kids become herdsman and pantomime arguing with each other. Have Abram and Lot watch the arguing with looks of distress.

Show teaching illustration: Moving

Say: The conflict was so bad, Abram told Lot it was time for them to split up because he didn't want there to be fighting between them. Abram was the older relative and this was his journey. He could have told Lot what to do, but he gave Lot first choice of the land. Abram trusted God was in control.

Have Abram point with both hands in opposite directions. Have Lot stroke their chin with one hand as if thinking hard.

Say: Abram said if Lot wanted to go to the left, he would go to the right. If Lot went to the right, he would go to the left.

Have Lot look left and right. Have Abram shrug his shoulders.

Say: Lot looked at the Jordan Valley and saw how beautiful it was. He chose to go to the east and settle in the land that looked so great to him. The problem was that this wasn't part of the land God had chosen for their family. And it was very close to the city of Sodom, which was known for its wickedness. Lot wasn't concerned about those things. He wanted the land that would benefit him the most.

Have Lot point in one direction, then walk that way rubbing their hands greedily. Have Abram walk sadly in the other direction, shaking their head. The two should then stand on opposite sides.

Say: Abram and Lot separated and Abram settled in the land of Canaan. The Lord told Abram to look around.

Have Abram look all around.

Show teaching illustration: Abram

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Bible TEACHING CONTINUED

Read Genesis 13:15–16 directly from the Bible: *for all the land that you see I will give to you and to your offspring forever. I will make your offspring as the dust of the earth, so that if one can count the dust of the earth, your offspring also can be counted.*

Say: Before long, Lot experienced the consequences of his choice. A great battle occurred between kings of the land. In the midst of the battle, Lot was taken captive along with all of his possessions.

Have Lot make a distressed face and put their hands behind their back, as if handcuffed.

Say: When Abram heard about this, he gathered his men and went after Lot. He defeated the enemy, rescued Lot and brought him home.

Have Abram run to Lot and pretend to uncuff their hands. The two should then run away from Lot's side.

Say: Even though Lot had not been very faithful to the Lord or to Abram, God was faithful to allow Abram to rescue Lot from danger.

Have Abram once more fall to their knees and raise both hands to the sky. Lot should then copy the behavior. Have everyone clap for the actors' performances and invite them to return to their seats.

Show teaching slide: Point to Jesus

POINT TO JESUS

Say: Abram knew God was good and He would always keep His promises. Abram knew he could trust God no matter what. Trusting in God's goodness, Abram showed grace to Lot by seeking him out and rescuing him, even though it was Lot's own fault that he was captured. We are also in a mess that is our own fault. Our sin traps us and keeps us from having a relationship with God. Part of God's promise to Abraham was that one day all of the nations would be blessed by his family. Hundreds of years later, God would send His Rescuer, Jesus, to seek us out and rescue us even though we don't deserve it.

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Review

BIBLE REVIEW VIDEO

Play Bible Review Video. Play the game below using teaching slides: Review Game

SUPPLIES:
Video player, Bible Review Video, teaching slides, baseball bat, table

PREP:
Place the bat on the table.

INSTRUCTIONS: *Bring two kids to the front of your space. The first to grab the bat and answer correctly keeps playing. Bring up another kid to compete on the next question.*

1. **God promised He would make Abram into a great what?**
Nation

2. **Who did God tell Abram would be blessed one day by his family?**
The whole world

3. **Why did Abram give Lot the first choice of land, even though he was older?**
He trusted God

4. **Who did God allow to rescue Lot from danger?**
Abram

5. **What is God in control of?**
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6. **What can we do when people let us down?**
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