

At-A-Glance: Ages 10-12 God of Wonders Part 2: Genesis - Joshua Unit 7, Lesson 32

Abram and Lot

Lesson Aim: To learn how trust and the desire to please God are the keys to being a peacekeeper.

THE WELCOME

MEET & GREET: Where would you like to live?

GAME: Herding Cattle

THE WORSHIP THE GOD WHO KEEPS HIS PROMISES

Read Worship Scripture: Psalm 145:13.

Sing songs and worship God. Bless and collect the offering.

Perform High Seas Adventures script or read storybook.

THE WORD ABRAM KEPT THE PEACE WITH LOT

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: God called Abram to move to a new land.

Point to Abram. Today, we will read Abram acted as a peacekeeper with his nephew Lot. A few years earlier, there had been a famine, so Abram and Lot had moved to Egypt. Point to Egypt, then to Bethel and Hebron. Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Genesis 13:1-2, 5-18; 14:21-23. Find It First. Highlight Key Verse: Genesis 13:8. Pray.

As we read, keep in mind that to quarrel is to argue. The word offspring means children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. Read Genesis 13:1-2, 5-18. Then a war broke out, and all the goods of Sodom and Gomorrah were seized. Lot lived in Sodom, so he and all his possessions were also seized. Abram took his men and rescued Lot. He gave the king of Sodom a tenth of the goods he had brought back. The king told Abram to keep all the goods. Read Abram's reply to the king. Read Genesis 14:21-23.

THE WAY BE A PEACEKEEPER

What was the problem between Abram and Lot? (It was too crowded for sharing, their herdsmen quarreled.) Why did Abram say they should not quarrel? (They are "brothers," belonging to the same family.) What did Abram do to make peace? (He let Lot choose the land he wanted.)

What selfish choice did Lot make? (He chose the best land.) What would have been the best peacemaking choice? (To give the best land to Abram or to divide it fairly.) God wants us to be generous. What choices can you make this week in order to be more generous?

Abram gave the king of Sodom a tenth of everything he brought back. What did the king offer Abram? (To give Abram all the goods.) Why didn't Abram accept his gift? (He promised God in an oath that he would not accept his gifts.) Abram trusted it was more important to obey God. Accepting a gift God has told you not to accept may seem small, but God wants us to trust Him in the small things as well as the big things. What are some small ways you are not obeying God? Lead discussion and pray to obey God this week in one of these small ways.

Abram let Lot have first choice of the land so they could be at peace with each other. What are some ways we can make peace? Discuss specific conflict issues the children have and ways to resolve them.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Over 2000 years after Abram, the apostle James explained the cause of quarreling. Reveal James 4:1-3. Find It First. Highlight. Read.

It is not wrong to disagree, but to quarrel is unnecessary and it does not honor God. What is the difference between disagreeing and quarreling? (Quarreling is disrespectful or angry arguing.) Why do people quarrel? (For selfish reasons, they cannot get what they want.) What do you quarrel about? How can you avoid quarrels? What does it mean to ask with wrong motives? (To ask for selfish reasons, to ask without caring for the needs of others or for what God wants.)

THE GOLDEN BOWL: Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: Map of ancient with Bible Memory Verse
- W³ BETWEEN THE LINES Journal Entry #32
- OFFERING OF ART: Abram and Lot dividing the land
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

GOT TIME?

SNACK: Crunch Munch

GAME: Look North, South, East and West

CRAFT: Peaceful Sand

DISCUSSION: Take a Walk With God

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: Scrambled Promise,

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