

At-A-Glance: Ages 8-9 God of Wonders Part 2: Genesis - Joshua Unit 7, Lesson 32

# **Abram and Lot**

Lesson Aim: To learn how to be 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 (which means there was very little food), so Abram and Lot had moved to Egypt. Point to Egypt, then to Bethel and Hebron in ancient Canaan. Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Genesis 13:1-2, 5-18. 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.

## **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 were "brothers," they belonged to the same big family.) Abram cared about Lot and wanted to be at peace with him.

What did Abram do to make peace? (He let Lot choose the land he wanted.) When Abram told Lot to choose some land, what selfish choice did Lot make? (He chose the best land.) What choice would have been the best peacemaking choice for Lot to make? (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?

When Lot looked up, he only saw the best well-watered land. When God told Abram to look up, what did God show Abram about his land? (That it would be filled with many offspring—his future family.) How many offspring did God say Abram would have? (As many as the "dust of the earth," which means he would have more than he could count.)

Abram let Lot have first choice of the land so they could be at peace with each other. God blessed Abram for being faithful and made his land great. What are some ways we can make peace when others want to fight? Discuss specific conflict issues the children have had with siblings or classmates. Discuss ways to resolve each conflict peacefully.

#### **CHRIST CONNECTION:**

Over 2000 years after Abram said, "Let's not quarrel," the apostle James explained the cause of people quarreling. Reveal James 4:1-3. Find It First. Highlight. Read.

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

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

### **FINAL FIVE MINUTES:**

- TREASURE TREAT: Map of ancient Canaan with Bible Memory Verse
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- 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,

Understanding the Promise **BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW**