


Lesson 9

Lot and Abram Divide the Land


Genesis 13:1-18




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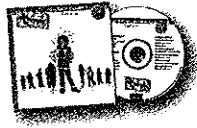
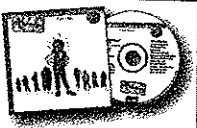

 God wants us to get along.

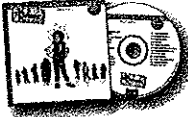

Key Verse:

 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart" (Proverbs 3:5a).

Weaving Faith Into Life:

 Children will get along with others in daily life.

Lesson Sequence	What Children Will Do	Classroom Supplies	Teacher Pack Supplies
1 Getting Started <i>about 5 min.</i>	Welcome and Worship Welcome each other, and praise God through music.	CD player	CD: "Come On in to God's Church" (track 20); "Are You Going to Praise the Lord?" (track 6) 
2 FaithWeaver Key Verse Activity <i>about 10 min.</i>	Who Do You Trust? Show each other things for which they can trust God.	Bible	
3 Bible Story Exploration <i>about 15 min.</i>	Puppy Pointers Hear how Theo wants to share.	CD player, Theo puppet, small bag, 1 small candy per child, string	CD: "Here, Theo" (track 4) 
	Story Time: Abram and Lot Share Act out the story of Abram and Lot solving their problems.	Bible, cotton balls, glue	"Lot Chooses" poster (from the Big Bible Poster Pack) 

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4 Weaving Faith Into Life <i>about 20 min.</i>	Center 1: Sorting the Sheep Draw Abram and Lot, then divide beans between them.	Lesson 9 from My Bible Hugs, crayons, 1 bag of beans	
	Center 2: Peaceful Pretzels Make pretzel bags to give to people when they need to say they're sorry.	Pretzel twists, juice, cups, card stock, yarn, scissors, hole punch, small plastic bags, crayons or markers	
	Center 3: Finger Play Rhyme "Tell" the story of Abram and Lot with finger motions on another child's back.	CD player	CD: "The Story of Abram and Lot" (track 22) 
	Center 4: The Chosen Land Make fingerprint sheep on Abram's and Lot's land.	1 piece of green and 1 piece of brown construction paper per child, crayons, fine-tip markers	Stamp pads 
5 Lasting Impressions <i>about 10 min.</i>	Be a FaithWeaver Make a challenge for the week ahead.		
	Action Prayer Ask God for help with treating others as they want to be treated.		

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Abram and Lot had gone south into Egypt because of a famine in the land of Canaan (Genesis 12:10). In Egypt Abram pretended to be Sarai's brother because Sarai was beautiful and he was afraid Pharaoh would kill him and take her. Pharaoh did have her brought into his palace, but he treated Abram very well, giving him sheep, cattle, servants, and a lot more. But then God began to inflict diseases on Pharaoh's household because of Sarai. When Pharaoh realized what was happening, he sent Abram and Sarai away. Abram, however, had apparently become a very wealthy man in the meantime. In fact, this is the first time Abram is described as having silver and gold (Genesis 13:2).

Abram and Lot headed north, back to the land God had promised to Abram's descendants.

Notice that while Abram was in Egypt, there is no indication that he prayed to God. That doesn't necessarily mean that he didn't pray. But we see that as soon as he returned to Canaan, he again "called on the name of the Lord." Perhaps the incident in Egypt reminded Abram of who God is and of how blessed he was to have been chosen by God.

In Genesis 13:5 we discover for the first time that Lot was wealthy. Perhaps Abram had been generous to him, or maybe he, like Abram, had been successful in Egypt. At any rate, it became apparent that a single area was not sufficient to support both of their families' flocks and herds. Conflicts between their herdsmen over land use could have easily become quarrels between Abram and Lot (Genesis 13:8).

In this situation and culture, etiquette dictated that Lot allow Abram to take whatever he deemed was rightfully his because Abram was more powerful and wealthy, as well as the respected elder. The aged were to be cared for and

treated with respect. So Abram's offer probably shocked Lot—this was turning out far better than he had hoped! He had fully expected to end up with the harshest, least fertile part of the land, but here was his chance to get the fertile valley. Abram, to keep peace within his family, was willing to give up what was rightfully his. Lot, thinking only of himself, made a choice that his entire culture would have deemed unthinkable. The actions of these two men demonstrated the differences in their hearts.

After Lot left, God spoke again to Abram, expanding on the promise made earlier and no doubt reaffirming to Abram that he had done the right thing in keeping peace with Lot, even though for now he was stuck with inferior land. God's command to Abram to walk around the land must have grown out of the custom that a new landowner would walk the boundary of the land he was purchasing. God was telling Abram that he had given Abram that land.

Devotion for Teachers

Jesus' message of an unselfish and servant heart is central to improving our relationships. Thank you, Jesus, for showing us how to be servants to all for your sake.

Weaving Faith Into Your Life: Think about a relationship that's important to you. How would it improve if you put each other first? Look for an opportunity in the coming week to put that other person first, and see if it changes anything. Commit to praying for that person and for God's help to keep your heart in the right condition—humble and loving.