



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)



God is in control.

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



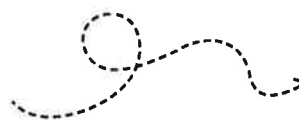
WHAT IS GOD IN CONTROL OF?

God is in control of everything, including all of our circumstances.



WHAT CAN WE DO WHEN PEOPLE LET US DOWN?

We can talk to God, remember His promises, and trust that He is in control.



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.

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

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

Large Group ROADMAP

1**WELCOME****(8 MINUTES)****SUPPLIES:** Video player, Intro Video, teaching slides, 3 balloons, timer**2****FIND IT IN
THE BIBLE****(2 MINUTES)****SUPPLIES:** Bibles, teaching slides**3****BIBLE
TEACHING****(10 MINUTES)****ABRAM AND LOT
(GENESIS 12–15)****SUPPLIES:** Bible, teaching slides**4****REVIEW****(8 MINUTES)****SUPPLIES:** Video player, Bible Review Video, teaching slides, baseball bat, table**5****LARGE GROUP
WRAP-UP****(5 MINUTES)****SUPPLIES:** Video player, Memory Verse Video, teaching slides

Welcome



Say: You have picked a great day to join us! Who would like to try a difficult challenge?

Ask for a volunteer to keep three balloons in the air as long as possible by bumping or tapping them with any part of their body. They may not catch the balloons. Time their attempt, then let another volunteer try. Continue as time allows.

Say: Those balloons got out of control in a hurry! Sometimes in life things feel like they are getting out of control too. The good news is that our great God is always in control. No problem or circumstance ever slips beyond His grasp and we can always trust His plans.

SUPPLIES:

Video player, Intro Video, teaching slides, 3 balloons, timer

PREP:

Blow up and tie the 3 balloons.

LEADER TIP:

If using a stage, post adults in front to prevent kids from accidentally falling.



INTRO VIDEO

Play Intro Video then transition into discussion.

Say: Wow, I think I would panic if I got caught in a rundown! It would be really hard to stay under control.

Discuss: What are some times in your life when it's hard for you to stay under control?

Say: Thankfully our Big, Great God is always in control. Today's Brite Idea is: God is in control.

Show teaching slide: Brite Idea

Show teaching slide: He/We/Me Questions

TODAY WE WILL ANSWER THESE TWO QUESTIONS:



What is God in control of?



What can we do when people let us down?

AT THE END OF OUR TIME TODAY, THE QUESTION YOU WILL BE ABLE TO ANSWER IS:



How is God inviting me to respond?

FIND IT
IN THE

Bible

WHAT IS GOD'S BIGGER STORY?

Show teaching slide: God's Big Story

Say: The Bible is real and true. God gave us the Bible so we could know Him. The Bible is filled with many books and stories, but they are all a part of one BIG story — God's story.

Creation: God is the one true God and He has always existed. He is the Creator of all things, including you and me. He is good, He loves us, and we are made in His image.

Fall: Adam and Eve sinned and disobeyed God. Sin broke the world, and people were separated from God. People could not fix their sin problem on their own.

Redemption: God sent His Son, Jesus, to die on the cross, to take the punishment for our sins, and to rise from the dead to conquer death. When we trust in Jesus as our Savior, our relationship with God is made right again through His grace, and He gives us new life.

Restoration: When we walk with Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit and learn God's Word, He renews us. One day, Jesus will return to renew all things.

WHERE IS TODAY'S BIBLE STORY?

Show teaching image: God's Creation.

Say: We started this month by about creation and that God created everything!

Show teaching illustration: Adam and Eve.

Say: Then we studied Adam and Eve and discovered that we are all wonderfully made.

Show teaching illustration: Adam and Eve Eating the Fruit.

Say: Two weeks ago we learned about how God is holy, but people sin.

Show teaching illustration: Tower of Babel.

Say: Last week we learned about how no one is greater than God.

Show teaching slide: Books of the Bible.

Say: This week's story comes from the book of Genesis. Genesis is the 1st book of the Bible and found in the Old Testament.

Show teaching slide: Find It in the Bible Timeline.

Say: This story falls in the "Beginning" period of the Bible. Today's true story tells us what happened when God made a promise to Abraham.

Show teaching slide: Biblical Theme.

Say: This month we are focusing on the truth that God is the Creator.

Say: This week we will discover that God is in control of everything, including all our circumstances!

LET'S FIND IT IN OUR BIBLES!

Open your Bible and show the kids the title page for the book of Genesis. Help kids turn in their Bibles to today's Bible passage (Genesis 12–15).

Bible TEACHING

ABRAM AND LOT GENESIS 12-15



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.

SUPPLIES:

Bible, teaching slides

PREP:

None

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.

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.

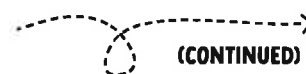
Say: Lot looked at the Jordan Valley and saw how beautiful it was. He chose to go to the east and settle in the land that looked so great to him. The problem was that this wasn't part of the land God had chosen for their family. And it was very close to the city of Sodom, which was known for its wickedness.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



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.



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?**

God is in control of everything, including all of our circumstances.

- 6. What can we do when people let us down?**

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Wrap – Up

Show teaching slide: Brite Idea



SUPPLIES:

Video player, Memory Verse Video, teaching slides

PREP:

None

Show teaching slide: He Question and Answer



What is God in control of?

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Show teaching slide: We Question and Answer



What can we do when people let us down?

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MONTHLY Memory Verse

Choose an older kid to look up the verse and read it aloud to the group. Have the whole group repeat it together.

Show teaching slide: Memory Verse

By Him all things were created...all things were created through Him and for Him.

(COLOSSIANS 1:16-17)



VERSE VIDEO

Play Memory Verse Video after the verse is read.



PRAY: God, You never, ever let us down. You are always in control and we can trust You. May we live this week like we believe that with all our hearts. Amen.