LESSON 14

LOT'S CHOICE



Aim: **To teach the children how, as he continued to trust in God, Abraham was able to settle a quarrel wisely.**

Scripture Reading: **Genesis 13:5-18**

Memory Verse: **Psalm 37:5-6**
Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him and he will … make your righteousness shine like the dawn …

PRESENTING THE LESSON

STARTING POINT

Ask two adults or two children (they may be members of the class, but not necessarily) to meet you before the session. Make up a little play about a quarrel. Practice it beforehand so you are ready to perform it in front of the class at the beginning of the lesson.

1st person: You have my pen!
2nd person: Oh no, I haven't. This one's my own.
1st person: No, it isn't. I saw you pick it up from my table.
2nd person: …

Stop the play before a fight begins!

Ask the class what you have acted out. There has been a quarrel about a lost pen.

MAIN POINTS OF TODAY'S TEACHING

1. Abraham obeyed God's command and took his whole household to a new land. **Show Picture 13.** Abraham and Lot (his nephew) were very rich. They owned large numbers of animals. They found there was not enough land for grazing all these animals. Abraham and Lot's herdsmen began to fight over grazing land (13:5-7).
2. Abraham, the older and wiser man, called on Lot to settle the problem. They needed to go their separate ways so that all the animals would have enough grazing (13:4-9).
3. **Show Picture 14.** Abraham let Lot choose where he wanted to go. Usually younger people give way to older ones. Lot chose the beautiful, fertile valley of the River Jordan. There were cities to live in and life was relatively easy. But the city of Sodom, close to where Lot lived, had many wicked people (13:10-13).
4. Abraham stayed in the land of Canaan – a hilly, less fertile area. God had blessed Abraham and had promised him land and many descendants. But so far Abraham owned no land and had no children (13:14-18)!

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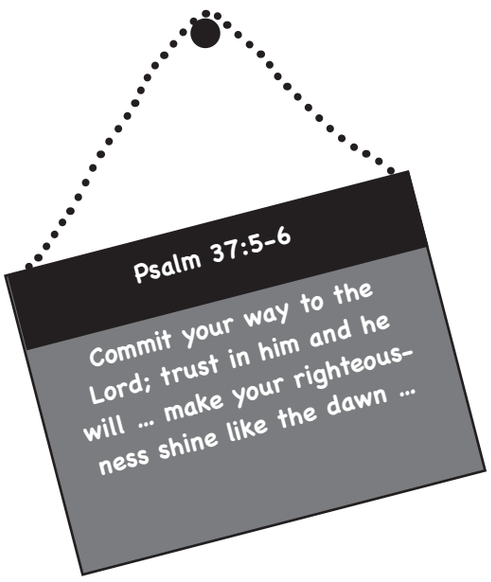


Instil the Memory Verse

Our Response to the Story

If we look around us most of us can see people who seem to have an easy life but do not really worship God. They look for and follow the easy route, like Lot. They have their reward immediately.

Abraham continued to trust in God's promises. His life was not easy but he knew trusting God would be the best way in the end. It still is the best way.



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