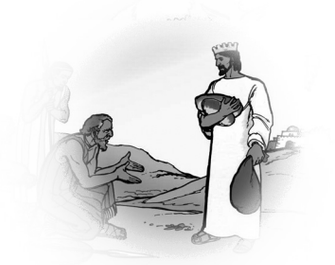
LESSON 15

ABRAHAM RESCUES LOT



Aim: **To teach the children that Lot's bad friends led him into trouble, while Abraham's life of obedience and worship was blessed by God.**

Scripture Reading: **Genesis 14:8-24**

Memory Verse: **Psalm 34:15**
The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their cry ...

Presenting the Lesson

Starting Point

Teach the class about friendship. Some friends are good and helpful; others can be a bad influence on us.

Main Points of Today's Teaching

1. Lot lived in the valley of the River Jordan, where the kings or chiefs of the various tribes waged war against each other. **It is not necessary to teach them the names of these rulers.** They were evil men, and as Lot lived near them he was caught up in their fighting and taken prisoner (14:11-12).
2. A person who had escaped ran and told Abraham that Lot had been captured. Perhaps Lot deserved to run into trouble, as he had chosen to live among those bad people (see Lesson 14). But Abraham went to rescue him at once (14:13-14).
3. Abraham then proved he was a very good soldier as well as a good husbandman (keeper of livestock). He took over 300 of his armed men and marched them during the night to the place where Lot was being held prisoner. He defeated the enemy kings and took back all the property and people they had taken (14:14-16).
4. The king of Sodom led the other kings in a procession to honour Abraham and reward him for saving their people. They wanted to present him with many gifts, but Abraham refused. He would not accept even a sandal strap from them for himself; he did not want to be under obligation to ungodly kings (14:17, 21-24).
5. Another king also came to meet Abraham. His name was Melchizedek, the king of Salem (Salem means "Peace"). He was a very different leader from the wicked king of Sodom. He worshipped the true God. **Show Picture 15.** Melchizedek brought simple gifts of food and drink to Abraham and blessed him. Abraham respected Melchizedek and presented him with gifts (14:18-20).

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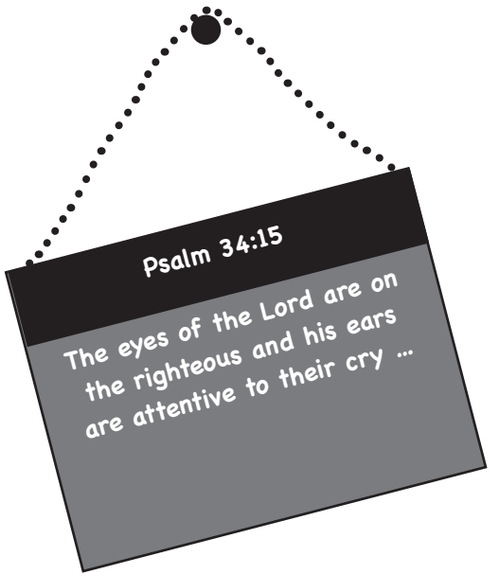


Instil the Memory Verse

Our Response to the Story

Abraham and Lot had different friends. The people whom Lot mixed with were wicked and led him into trouble. Abraham refused to even accept gifts from wicked people.

Abraham's friendship with Melchizedek was one that honoured God. Melchizedek also taught Abraham that it was God who had delivered his enemies into his hands (14:20). This is what healthy friendships look like.



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