Lesson 35: Lot and Abram Divide the Land

Genesis 13

Youtube Link for Teachers: https://youtu.be/W-CK8g-AfqA

Children's Bible Story Video: https://youtu.be/aQKgkcM-x9A

Worship Theme: God brings peace.

Memory Verse: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." (John 14:27)

Songs (Youtube links):

- 1. Jesus, I Trust You https://youtu.be/Vq_yln2huAM
- 2. The King of Kings https://youtu.be/CPBqHYVwm3M
- 3. My Peace I Give Unto You https://youtu.be/N9mBBb9zljw

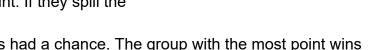
Pray

Song: Select songs from the list above.

Icebreaker: Find and Drink Coke

Materials Needed: Coke, cups, straws, table, blindfold (khroma)

- 1. Divide children into 5 groups and select a representative from each group.
- Blindfold the children and lead them to the table and give them a straw. On the table, fill the 5 cups with coke.
- 3. The children have to find their coke while being blindfolded and drink their coke. The first one the find and drink the coke will earn a point. If they spill the coke, they lose the game.



- 4. Play the game until everyone has had a chance. The group with the most point wins the game.
- 5. After the game, explain to the children that if you put your straw in someone else's coke and drink, then that group will get mad at you. There will be no peace. But God always wants to give us peace.

Introduction:

Let's say that you are at home with your grandfather. Someone gives you two cookies but one is big and the other one is small. Which one would you give to your grandfather? A bigger cookie or the smaller cookie? Normally, we would give the bigger one to the older person like our grandfather. Today, we will learn about an uncle who gave up his rights for his young nephew because he wanted to keep peace.

Bible Story:

After Abram left his homeland in Haran with his wife and his nephew Lot, God guided them to a new land. Abram and his nephew Lot lived close together. They were ranchers; that means they took care of lots of animals. They had herds and flocks of animals, plus they had many helpers who helped them to take care of all the animals.

The area where Abram and Lot lived was crowded. There were so many animals and so many helpers that there just wasn't room for them all. There wasn't enough green grass for the animals to eat, and there wasn't enough water for them all to drink. Soon Abram's helpers started grumbling.

In fact, Abram's helpers and Lot's helpers started quarreling. Abram's helpers wanted their animals to have enough food and water. And Lot's helpers wanted their animals to have enough food and water. It wasn't very peaceful.

Abram decided that it wasn't good for the helpers to be quarreling. He said to Lot, "Let's not have any more fighting between us or between our helpers. There's enough land and food and water here for us all if we spread out. You can decide what we'll do. If you



want to go over to the east, I'll take the land on the west. If you'd rather have the land on the west, I'll take the land on the east."

Lot liked this idea because he got to choose the better land. Abram, because he was older, could have chosen the better land and given Lot the worse land. But Abram had God's heart. God brings peace. So, Lot looked and chose land by Jordan River and set out for east because it seemed to be the better land. And Abram, without complaining lived in the land of Canaan.

After the quarreling was settled and Abram and Lot parted company, God gave Abram all the land around him. God told Abram that his family would grow and grow. Abram and his family would prosper there and live there forever. At last Abram had found the land God promised him - the Promised Land. So Abram settled there, near Hebron, and built an altar to the Lord.

When we treat others with the kindness and love we want to be treated with, our lives are more peaceful. God brings peace, so let's follow God's ways like Abram!

Questions to discuss:

- 1. What was the problem of Abram and Lot? (their helpers were fighting because they both had too many animals to live close together)
- 2. Why did Abram let his young nephew Lot choose the better land? (because Abram wanted to have peace with Lot)
- 3. What did God promise Abram after Lot left him? (God promised to give this land of Canaan to Abram and his descendants forever)
- 4. What can you do to keep peace with other people? (let the children answer)

Game: "Pick a Gift"

Materials Needed: Gift boxes (5 boxes with gift and 5 empty boxes) (optional: use covered cups if boxes are not available)

- 1. Teacher prepares 10 questions (may use the 4 questions above and other questions from previous lessons)
- 2. Divide the children into 2 groups and have them sit in a line.
- 3. Each group will send a representative to the front and play rock, paper, scissors. The winning team will choose one of the 10 questions. If they answer correctly, they can choose a gift box. If they answer incorrectly, then the other group will have a chance to answer the question. The group with the correct answer will get to pick a gift box. They may end up with a box with gifts or an empty box.
- 4. Play the game until all 10 questions are asked.
- 5. After the game, explain to the children that even if the gift boxes all looked nice, only some had good gifts. Lot thought he was choosing a better land, but Abram got the better gift because he chose God and peace.

Memory Verse:

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Craft: "Lot and Abram Divide the Land"

Materials Needed: Printed craft sheet, crayons, scissors, glue

- 1. Give the printed craft sheet to each child and have them color it.
- 2. Cut out Abram and Lot and glue them to the correct side. Abram should be under "Canaan" and Lot should be under "Jordan."
- 3. Explain to the children that Abram let Lot choose first to keep peace in the family. God's ways always brings peace.

Song: Select songs from the list above

Pray

Teacher's Devotion (Please read before you get ready to teach the students.)

Jesus' message of an unselfish and servant heart is central to improving our relationships with other people. Think about a relationship that's important to you. How would it improve if you put the other person 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.

