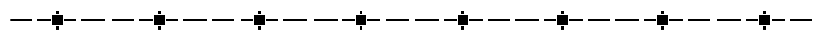


# Old Testament

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# Families of the Old Testament



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Adaptable for all ages including adults

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A Family Faces Destruction

Lot and Sodom

Genesis 19

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Genesis 19:1-15

**Memory Verse:**

The Lord knows how to keep  
godly people safe  
in times of testing.

**II Peter 2:9 NIV**

**Lesson Goals:**

1. Understand that Lot was a righteous man.
2. Understand that God sent angels who saved Lot.
3. Understand that the people of Sodom were evil and God punished them.
4. Understand that God showed concern for Abraham by saving Lot.

Last week, we learned about Sarah and Hagar. We learned that Sarah and Hagar had conflict. But God was merciful and revealed Himself to Hagar. Hagar learned that God could see her and was aware of her circumstances.

**Read the Bible**

**READ: Genesis 19:1-15 (Hold your Bible open throughout the story.)**

**Begin with Prayer**

In today's lesson we will learn about the place where Lot lived. (You may remember that Lot was Abraham's nephew.) The people were evil. That means that they did bad things, things which made God very unhappy and sad. They were about to be punished. God told Abraham he was about to destroy the two cities. He said that the sin of the people was immense. Immense means it was very, very bad. (Genesis 18:20) One of those cities was Sodom, the city where Lot lived. The Bible says that even though Lot lived in a city full of evil, Lot was righteous. (II Peter 2:7) Have you ever been around people who did things that you knew were bad? What did you do? Was it hard to do good? What do you think God wants us to do?

The Bible tells us what God wants us to do and how to live. That is why it is important to study the Bible. In the Bible we learn that the things God wants us to do really help us. The Bible tells us to forgive. When we forgive others we are at peace. The Bible tells us to be kind. When we are kind, we help others. Most of the time that makes people want to do the same. (Ephesians 4:32)

God sent two angels to punish Sodom and Gomorrah. Lot invited the two angels into his home, and prepared a feast for them. It had probably been a long time since he had been around people who loved God. Have you ever had special friends visit? Have you had a special meal because special friends were coming? What kinds of special foods did you have?

The Bible says that the men of Sodom were very bad. The men of the city of Sodom wanted to hurt Lot's visitors. Lot tried to make the men of Sodom leave, but they would not leave. The angels pulled Lot back inside his house. (Lot tried to save the angels. The angels saved Lot.) Then, the angels blinded the men of Sodom and they could not see. (Genesis 19:1-10)

Have you ever seen someone save another's person's life? Can you give an example of how someone might save another person's life? Can you think of people who save people as part of their work? (Doctors, firefighters, policemen, etc. are some people who save lives as part of their job. Explain that they are not angels but that God uses them to help others like He used the angels in the story.)

### Bible Facts– Lot and Sodom

1. God told Abraham he was about to destroy two cities.
2. Lot lived in a city full of evil.
3. Lot was righteous.
4. God punished Sodom and Gomorrah.
5. God saved Lot because of his concern for Abraham.

The next morning, the angels told Lot to go and tell the people who were a part of his family, or who were his friends to get out. Lot tried to tell his sons-in-law (they were going to marry Lot's daughters), but they thought Lot was joking. (Genesis 19:11-14) Throughout the Bible we read that God sent His messengers to tell people how they can be saved. He sent Jesus to die on the cross so we could be saved. Have you ever had anyone think you were joking when you were serious? How did you feel? Sometimes when we tell people about God's love they may not want to hear, but God wants us to tell them anyway. Just like Lot tried to tell others, God wants us to tell others. Then the angel said to Lot, "Hurry up! Get out of this place! The Lord is about to destroy the city!" (Genesis 19:14 NIV) But Lot did not go as quickly as he needed to go. The angels took Lot and his family by the hands and, "They led all of them safely out of the city. The Lord had mercy on them." (Genesis 19:16) (Again, the angels saved Lot.) When we know what is right, we should do it, immediately. For Lot and his family, immediate obedience was a matter of life and death. God protected Lot and his family. The Bible says, "The Lord knows how to keep godly people safe in times of testing." (II Peter 2:9 NIV)

Because the sin of those two cities was so great, God punished Sodom and Gomorrah. He destroyed the two cities and everything in them. (Genesis 19:24-25) God is a holy God. God wants us to live right and do good. (Romans 12:9-21)

The Bible tells us that God saved Lot because of His concern for Abraham. (Genesis 19:29). Abraham cared about Lot because Lot was a member of his family. He had asked God to save the city if there were just ten people who did what was right. (Genesis 18:32) God sent Jesus to die on the cross because of His concern for us. We can ask God to help others, too. We can talk to God. We can ask Him to help the people we know and love.

#### Review questions.

1. What did God tell Abraham? (God was about to destroy two cities)
2. Where did Lot live? (Lot lived in Sodom, one of the cities about to be destroyed)
3. What does the Bible say about Lot? (Lot was righteous)
4. Why did God destroy the cities? (As punishment for their immense sins)
5. Why did God save Lot? (Because of His concern for Abraham)

**Do you know Jesus?** God sent angels to save Lot when He was going to destroy the city Lot where Lot lived. The Bible says that God sent Jesus to save us. Jesus is God's only Son. Jesus died on the cross, and on the third He rose from the dead. Because Jesus lives, we can have eternal life. We can invite Jesus into our heart and lives. We can ask God to forgive us of our sins. Once we do that, God sends His Holy Spirit to live in us. We become a part of God's family. How great is the love the Father has given us so freely! Now we can be called children of God. And that's what we really are! (I John 4:1)

#### Prayer Time

1. Take a moment to listen to God.
2. Thank God for sending Jesus to save us.
3. Ask God to help you know how to live right.
4. Ask God to help you obey immediately.

#### Application

The people of Sodom were evil and God punished them. Lot lived in that place where people did evil. But, Lot was a righteous man. When good people are tempted, the Bible says that God knows how to save us. (II Peter 2:9) God sent angels who saved Lot. They had to help him get out of the city. God sent Jesus to save us. God showed concern for Abraham by saving Lot. God showed His concern for us by sending Jesus to die on the cross for our sins. Just as the angels told Lot to go tell others, we are to tell others about God's love and His plan to save us through Jesus, His Son.

#### Planning for the next week:

**Isaac Is Born (A Family Has Laughter) — Genesis 21**

# Preschool Lesson

## Read the Bible

**READ: Genesis 19:3 (Hold your Bible open throughout the story.)**

(If possible, invite a doctor, firefighter, policeman, or nurse to come tell the children about the work they do. Bring toys that represent these professions and allow the children to pretend to help others.)

God sent special guests to Lot. When Lot saw them, He knew that God sent them. He invited them into his home. Lot prepared a special feast for them. Have you ever had special friends visit? Have you had a special meal because special friends were coming? What kinds of special foods did you have?

God sent the special friends to Lot so that Lot would leave the place where he lived. God wanted to help Lot. Lot lived in that place where people did very bad things. But, Lot was not like that. Lot did good. When good people are tempted to do bad things, the Bible says that God knows how to save us. (II Peter 2:9)

Have you ever seen someone save another person's life? Can you give an example of how someone might save another person's life? Can you think of people who save people as part of their work? Doctors, firefighters, policemen, ambulance drivers, etc are some people who save lives as part of their job.

Can you think of ways to help others? God wants us to be helpers. God sent Jesus to be our helper.

## Prayer Time

1. Take a moment to listen to God.
2. Thank God for sending Jesus to help us.
3. Ask God to help you know how to be a good helper.

**Did you know?** Preschoolers learn better when they have music, games or physical activity. Consider this: Allow the children to pretend to be doctors who give out medicine to sick people. Allow them to give candy to other children. Bring white coats for them to wear. Allow the children to pretend to be firefighters. Allow them to dress up. Have a firefighter demonstrate CPR. Allow the children to pretend to be an ambulance driver. Have them sit in a row and make noise like a siren.

## Learning Activities

- **Memory verse activity**— Write the verse on a blackboard or a poster board. Divide the children into several teams. Have the children practice the verse in teams. Tell them they have a limited time so they must focus. Once their time is up erase the board or fold the poster board. Ask which team would like to go first. The team that can say the verse accurately may have snacks first.
- **Test your memory**— As you tell the story today, use key words which you have preprinted on cardstock. Hold up the key words as you tell that portion of the story. You may need to practice. Summarize the story and use the key words again. Now ask the children to retell the story using the key words. Each child may participate when they know a portion of the story related to a key word.
- **Taste activity**— Bring a special desert that you prepare when special friends come to visit. If you don't have a special desert, try "Eva's Pink Stuff." Recipe is as follows: One tub of Cool Whip, one can of strawberry pie filing, one can of Eagle Brand milk, one can of evaporated milk, one cup of pecans. Mix and chill. Serve cold.
- **Think about it** — Ask the children to think about times when someone wanted them to do something that was wrong. Ask them what they did. Talk about what God us to do. You may want to create scenarios that will help them think through things. You may also want to study scriptures. (Ten Commandments, I Corinthians 13, etc.)
- **Touch activity**— For older children: create a volcano. Talk about how volcanoes destroy the things they touch. You may search the internet for ideas on how to create a volcano. Talk about sin. Tell the children that sin can destroy us, too.  
For younger children: Bring crushed ice. Go outside and sprinkle the crushed ice on the children. If possible you can put a very small amount of crushed ice in cups and allow the children to sprinkle it on each other. (Make certain no one is sick.) Be sure to bring paper towels so they can dry off. Talk about hailstorms. Tell the children that hailstorms are dangerous. Remind them that sin is dangerous, too.
- **Run and play**— Play a game where the children run to the mountain. You can designate an area as the mountain area by using a piece of paper. Select two children to represent the two men who took the hands of Lot and his family and told him to get out of the city. Play until everyone has had a chance to play the part of the two men. Talk about how God knows how to rescue us.
- **Listen**— Ask the children to take time for silence. Tell them to think about people who may ask them to do things which displease their parents and God. Pray and ask God's help to do what is right. Remind them that Lot was a righteous man who lived where people did evil.
- **Sing**— Sing "Love Lifted Me," or a song related to the story.

## Memory Verse

The Lord knows  
how to keep  
godly people  
safe  
in times  
of testing.

11 Peter 2:9 NIRV

## Word Art

Trace the letters.

God

saved

Lot.

## Word Puzzle

Y L B T N E P T E S F D  
Q X P E I R A F M X E N  
M G B R L R H E O S H T  
A E G I M I A S C S F R  
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R F E E L F D P E B U H  
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R N T P C Q S S S G A V  
L O D N P S O D O M G P  
L A N X R H E U C S E R

LOT

SODOM

GOD

RESCUE

DAUGHTERS

FLEE

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PUNISH



# Word Puzzle

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## Anagram

1. eilv- \_\_\_\_\_

2. hsnpui- \_\_\_\_\_

3. nsi swa tgræ- \_\_\_\_\_

4. tlo- \_\_\_\_\_

5. asrhgdteus- \_\_\_\_\_

6. utsj- \_\_\_\_\_

7. mtttpeaipon- \_\_\_\_\_

8. easf- \_\_\_\_\_

## Anagram

1. eilv- evil

2. hsnpui- punish

3. nsi swa tgrae- sin was great

4. tlo- Lot

5. asrhgdeus- daughters

6. utsj- just

7. mtttpeaipon- temptation

8. easf- safe