

Lesson 9 121

Lot and Abram Divide the Land

Genesis 13

nfants and toddlers experience the world as an extension of themselves. They can't yet take on the perspective of another person, so they don't understand how much hitting, biting, or pinching hurts others. They don't understand that other children might want to play with the toys they're currently enjoying. As far as they're concerned, once a toy leaves their hands, it's gone forever. In this lesson, you're helping children take first steps toward sharing and showing kindness to others.

INFANT

LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
1 Getting Started	Sing and Celebrate Listen to praise songs.	CD player Teacher Pack: CD	
2 Bible Exploration	Lots of Sheep Use sight, sound, and touch to explore a picture.	glue, green glitter, cotton balls Teacher Pack: "Abram and Lot" teaching picture	On the teaching picture, spread a thin coat of glue over Lot's land, and sprinkle it with green glitter. Glue cotton balls to the sheep.
3 Weaving Faith Into Life	Too Many Lambs Learn a bouncing rhyme.		
	One Little Baby Experience a "finger tickle."		
	Weaving Faith at Home Take home their "Growing With Jesus" pages.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Growing With Jesus" page (at the end of the lesson)	Remove the Lesson 9 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.

Bold text within the lesson is spoken text.



► Bible Point God wants us to get along.

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Key Verse "Trust in the Lord with all your heart" (Proverbs 3:5).

Weaving Faith Into Life Children will practice sharing and showing kindness to others.

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TODDLER

LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
1 Getting Started	Sing and Celebrate Sing or listen to praise songs.	CD player Teacher Pack: CD	
2 Bible Exploration	You Choose! Hear about Abram and Lot, and make a choice.	Bible, glue, green glitter, cotton balls, blocks or toys Teacher Pack: "Abram and Lot" teaching picture	On the teaching picture, spread a thin coat of glue over Lot's land, and sprinkle it with green glitter. Glue cotton balls to the sheep.
3 Weaving Faith Into Life	Lot's New Land Decorate a picture while learning kind behavior.	cotton balls, glue, crayons or washable markers, paper plate, My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "We Get Along" page (at the end of this lesson)	Remove the Lesson 9 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.
	Sock Choices Choose socks by color, and take turns tossing them.	3 pairs of different-colored socks, box	
	Weaving Faith at Home Take home their "Growing With Jesus" pages.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Growing With Jesus" page (at the end of the lesson)	

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2-YEAR-OLD

LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
1 Getting Started	Sing and Celebrate Sing or listen to praise songs.	CD player Teacher Pack: CD	
2 Bible Exploration	Lot's Choice Hear about how Abram shared with Lot, and practice sharing.	Bible, glue, green glitter, cotton balls, blocks or toys Teacher Pack: "Lot Chooses" poster (from the Big Bible Poster Pack)	Spread a thin coat of glue over Lot's land on the poster, and sprinkle it with green glitter. Set cotton balls on or near the poster.
	Fancy Fingers Make pictures and quick finger-puppets, and then learn a rhyme.	cotton balls, glue, crayons or washable markers, paper plate, My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "We Get Along" page (at the end of this lesson)	Remove the Lesson 9 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.
3 Weaving Faith Into Life	Which Side of Canaan Valley? Chant a rhyme while choosing snacks.	snacks, wet wipes (optional)	
	Weaving Faith at Home Take home their "Growing With Jesus" pages.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Growing With Jesus" page (at the end of the lesson)	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,

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Genesis 13



Abram and Lot Go to Egypt

Abram and Lot had gone south into Egypt because of a famine in the land of Canaan (Genesis 12:10). In Egypt, Abram pretended to be Sarai's brother because Sarai was beautiful and Abram was afraid Pharaoh would kill him and take her. Pharaoh did bring Sarai into his palace, but he treated Abram very well, giving him sheep, cattle, servants, and a lot more. But then God began to inflict diseases on Pharaoh's household because of Sarai. When Pharaoh realized what was happening, he sent Abram and Sarai away.

Abram Returns to the Promised Land

Abram and Lot headed north, back to the land God had promised to Abram's descendants. This was another long journey of hundreds of miles. The travelers would travel from one source of food and water to the next, but they would have to stay at each place long enough for the flocks and herds to recover.

As Abram returned to Canaan, he again "called on the name of the Lord." Perhaps the incident in Egypt reminded Abram of who God is and of how blessed he was to be chosen by God.

Abram Concedes the Best Land to Lot

In Genesis 13:5 we discover for the first time that Lot was wealthy. It became apparent that a single area wasn't sufficient to support both of their families' flocks and herds.

In this situation and culture, etiquette dictated that Lot allow Abram to take whatever he deemed was rightfully his, because Abram was the more powerful and wealthy as well as the respected elder. So Abram's offer probably shocked Lot. Abram, to keep peace within his family, was willing to give up what was rightfully his. Lot, thinking only of himself, made a choice his entire culture would have deemed unthinkable.

God Reaffirms Promises to Abram

After Lot left, God spoke again to Abram, expanding on the promise made earlier. God's command to Abram to walk around the land likely came from the custom that a new landowner would walk the boundary of the land he was purchasing. God was telling Abram that he had given Abram that land.

The Jesus Connection

Jesus' message of an unselfish and servant heart is central to improving our relationships. Thank Jesus for showing us how to be servants to all, for his sake.

Think about a relationship that's important to you. How would it improve if you put each other first? Look for an opportunity in the coming week to put that other person first, and see if it changes anything. You can pray for that person and write your prayer here.

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INFANT



Sing and Celebrate

What You'll Do

Sing "Be Kind and Loving" (track 13 on the CD) to the tune of "Ten Little Indians" to the babies anytime during the lesson. As you sing, help infants pat you or a friend with soft, gentle touches.

Be kind and loving to each other. Be kind and loving to each other. Be kind and loving to each other— Ephesians 4:32. (Repeat 2x.)

Afterward, say: **GOD WANTS US TO GET ALONG.**

Sing "I Can Trust God" (not on the CD) to the tune of "Jesus Loves Me" to the babies anytime during the lesson. Sing as you rock, feed, or play with the infants.

I can trust God, this I know, For the Bible tells me so. Trust my God who is so strong, Trust in God my whole life long. I trust God. I trust God. I trust God Because God loves me so.

Afterward, say: **GOD WANTS US TO GET ALONG.**



Sing and Celebrate Supplies

CD player **Teacher Pack** CD: "Be Kind and Loving" (track 13)

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Lots of Sheep Supplies

cotton balls

Teacher Pack "Abram and Lot"

Lots of Sheep

Easy Prep

On the teaching picture, spread a thin coat of

glue over Lot's land, and

sprinkle it with green glitter. Glue cotton balls

to the sheep.

teaching picture

glue green glitter

2 BIBLE EXPLORATION

Lots of Sheep

What You'll Do

As crawlers are playing on the floor or as you hold an infant, show the "Abram and Lot" teaching picture that you prepared.

Say: Look at all those sheep! Too many sheep to eat grass in Canaan. Let babies touch the soft sheep. Make soft "baa-ing" sounds with the babies. Time to find new food. Can you see some new green grass? Help babies touch the green area. Abram said, "You choose, Lot." Lot chose the new green land. Abram was so kind. We can be kind, too. ► GOD WANTS US TO GET ALONG.

3 WEAVING FAITH

INTO LIFE

Too Many Lambs

What You'll Do

Sit with your legs extended and crossed. Set a baby on the ankle of your top leg. Younger babies can rest against your shin, while older infants can sit up straight. Gently bounce your top leg as you say:

Baa, baa, baa, baa, Too many lambs! Solve this problem, A-bram. If you go that way, (move your leg to the left) I'll go this. (move your leg to the right) God's in charge, And we can't miss! (gently uncross your leg to stop the ride)

One Little Baby

What You'll Do

Use this rhyme as a simple "finger tickle," or sing it with babies to the tune of "Six Little Ducks":

One little baby learned to be kind (hold up one of baby's fingers) To everyone that she could find. (hold up fingers of the other hand)

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By soft, gentle touches, loving hugs, (use one of baby's hands to stroke the other) Baby learned to show God's love. (clap baby's hands together)

Say: **GOD WANTS US TO GET ALONG.**

Weaving Faith at Home

Have children take home their "Growing With Jesus" pages. Encourage parents to do the activities with children to help them grow with Jesus. By working together and focusing on the same goals, you and parents can help children weave faith into their lives!

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TODDLER **1**GETTING
STARTED

Sing and Celebrate

What You'll Do

Sing "Be Kind and Loving" (track 13 on the CD) to the tune of "Ten Little Indians" anytime during the lesson. Form a group as you sing, and pat toddlers' hands with soft, gentle touches as they hold them out.

Be kind and loving to each other. Be kind and loving to each other. Be kind and loving to each other— Ephesians 4:32. (Repeat 2x.)

Afterward, say: **GOD WANTS US TO GET ALONG.**

When you sing "I Can Trust God" (not on the CD) to the tune of "Jesus Loves Me," kneel behind a toddler and hold his or her hands. Shift the toddler's weight from leg to leg in rhythm to the music.

■ I can trust God, this I know, For the Bible tells me so. Trust my God who is so strong, Trust in God my whole life long. I trust God. I trust God. I trust God Because God loves me so.

Afterward, say: **GOD WANTS US TO GET ALONG.**



Weaving Faith at Home Supplies

My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Growing With Jesus" page (at the end of the lesson)

Weaving Faith at Home Easy Prep

Remove the Lesson 9 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.

Sing and Celebrate Supplies

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CD player **Teacher Pack** CD: "Be Kind and Loving" (track 13)

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You Choose! Supplies

Bible

glue green glitter

cotton balls

blocks or toys Teacher Pack

"Abram and Lot"

teaching picture

Easy Prep

BIBLE EXPLORATION

You Choose!

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What You'll Do

Gather a group of toddlers together. Set a container of blocks or toys nearby. Open your Bible to Genesis 13, and tell children this is God's special book. Point to the "Abram and Lot" teaching picture that you prepared.

Say: Here are Abram and Lot. Our Bible tells us they had many sheep. Many, many sheep—too many sheep! Feel all these fuzzy sheep. Let children gently touch the sheep. They're eating all the grass. Feel the land. Pause to let children touch the picture. It's smooth, not grassy. Then let children touch the glittery "grassy" part. Abram said, "There's lots of land. You choose, Lot. Do you want to stay here or do you want to go?" Lot chose the greener land.

Hold out two blocks to a specific child.

Say: Here are two blocks. Which one do you want? You choose. Keep the other block, add one to it, and let the next child choose. Continue until everyone has had a choice. Abram was kind to Lot. He let Lot choose. God wants us to be kind and get along. Let toddlers practice saying, "You choose." Encourage them to practice this as they play. Remind them often: ► GOD WANTS US TO GET ALONG.



Lot's New Land

What You'll Do

Set out large crayons or washable markers, cotton balls, glue on a paper plate, and copies of the "We Get Along" page.

Encourage children to come one or two at a time to work on their pages.

Say: Lot and Abram shared the land. Abram was kind. He said, "You choose!" Help children glue cotton balls on the sheep in their pictures. Encourage children to share the cotton balls and crayons. Reinforce kind behavior.

Say: Thank you for sharing, [child's name]. I can tell you're learning that FGOD WANTS US TO GET ALONG.

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On the teaching picture,

You Choose!

spread a thin coat of glue over Lot's land, and sprinkle it with green glitter. Glue cotton balls to the sheep.

Lot's New Land Supplies

cotton balls glue crayons or washable markers paper plate My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "We Get Along" page (at the end of this lesson)

Lot's New Land Easy Prep

Remove the Lesson 1 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.



Sock Choices

What You'll Do

Separate pairs of socks, and roll each sock into a ball. Set sock balls in piles near a box or clothes basket. Show a toddler how to toss the socks into the box or basket. Let the toddler choose which color sock he or she will toss.

Ask: **Do you want** [red] **or** [blue] **socks? You choose.** Take turns tossing the socks with the toddler. Then retrieve the socks from the box, and play again.

Say: We have so much fun playing together. ► GOD WANTS US TO GET ALONG. Encourage older toddlers to play the game together as you help direct their behavior.

Weaving Faith at Home

Have children take home their "Growing With Jesus" pages. Encourage parents to do the activities with children to help them grow with Jesus. By working together and focusing on the same goals, you and parents can help children weave faith into their lives!

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2-YEAR-OLD



Sing and Celebrate

What You'll Do

Sing "Be Kind and Loving" (track 13 on the CD) to the tune of "Ten Little Indians" anytime during the lesson. Offer children choices of kind actions to do as they sing. For example, they might give each other pats on the back or gentle hugs.

Be kind and loving to each other. Be kind and loving to each other. Be kind and loving to each other— Ephesians 4:32. (Repeat 2x.)

Afterward, say: **GOD WANTS US TO GET ALONG.**



Sock Choices Supplies

3 pairs of differentcolored socks box

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Weaving Faith at Home Supplies

My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Growing With Jesus" page (at the end of the lesson)

Sing and Celebrate Supplies

CD player **Teacher Pack** CD: "Be Kind and Loving" (track 13)

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Sing "I Can Trust God" (not on the CD) to the tune of "Jesus Loves Me" to the 2-yearolds anytime during the lesson. Sing as you rock, feed, or play with the infants.

I can trust God, this I know, For the Bible tells me so. Trust my God who is so strong, Trust in God my whole life long. I trust God. I trust God. I trust God Because God loves me so.

Afterward, say: **b** GOD WANTS US TO GET ALONG.

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BIBLE EXPLORATION

Lot's Choice

What You'll Do

Gather children together. Set a container of blocks or toys nearby. Open your Bible to Genesis 13, and tell children this is God's special book.

Say: The Bible tells what happened to Abram and Sarai when they got to their new home. Abram and his nephew, Lot, had many sheep. Let's count the sheep we can see.

Show children the "Lot Chooses" poster. Help children count the cotton balls.

Say: Lot and Abram had many sheep, more than all the cotton balls we just counted. They had so many sheep, there wasn't enough green grass to feed them all. Far away, they could see more green grass. See how it sparkles in the poster?

Abram's and Lot's shepherds were fighting over whose sheep should get the new grass. But Abram didn't want to fight with Lot. He wanted to get along. So he said, "You choose, Lot. Where do you want to take your sheep?" Where do you think Lot chose? Lot chose the greenest grass. But that was okay with Abram. Abram knew that ► GOD WANTS US TO GET ALONG. Help children move half the sheep over to the green side of the poster and half the sheep to the brown side of the poster.

Hold out two blocks.

Ask: If there are two blocks and two children, how can we get along? If there is one block and two children, how can we get along? Let children share their ideas. Affirm the kindness in their answers. Give two blocks to every other child.

Lot's Choice Supplies

Bible glue green glitter cotton balls blocks or toys **Teacher Pack** "Lot Chooses" poster (from the Big Bible Poster Pack)

Lot's Choice Easy Prep

Spread a thin coat of glue over Lot's land on the poster, and sprinkle it with green glitter. Set cotton balls on or near the poster.



Say: Find a friend to share a block with. Can you let your friend choose first? That's a way to be kind and get along. SOD WANTS US TO GET ALONG.

Encourage children to share the blocks. Be ready to mediate any conflicts that may arise. This is real-life learning!



3 WEAVING FAITH **INTO LIFE**

Fancy Fingers

What You'll Do

Set out large crayons or washable markers, cotton balls, glue on a paper plate, and copies of the "We Get Along" page.

Encourage the children to come one or two at a time to color their pages.

Say: Lot and Abram shared the land. Abram was kind. He said, "You choose!" GOD WANTS US TO GET ALONG. Letting others choose first can help us get along.

Have children glue cotton balls on the sheep in their pictures. Then help each child pinch a cotton ball between his or her fingers to form a quick finger puppet. Hold a cotton ball between your fingers, and gather children in a circle on the floor. Have them wiggle their finger "sheep" as you say the following rhyme:

Lot's sheep went to greener pastures, And Abram's sheep stayed behind. But all the sheep had plenty, Because Abram was so kind.

Collect the cotton balls afterward.

Say: **GOD WANTS US TO GET ALONG.**

Which Side of Canaan Valley?

What You'll Do

Set up two snack areas on opposite sides of the room. Have 2-year-olds clean their hands and then stand in the center of the room between the two areas. Use this chant to help children choose which snack area they'd like to eat at. Repeat the chant for each child:



Fancy Fingers Supplies

cotton balls alue crayons or washable markers paper plate My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "We Get Along" page (at the end of this lesson)

Fancy Fingers Easy Prep

Remove the Lesson 9 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.

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Which Side of Canaan Vallev? Supplies

snacks wet wipes (optional)



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Weaving Faith at Home Supplies

My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Growing With Jesus" page (at the end of the lesson) [Child's name], [child's name], hey, hey, hey! Which side will you choose today?

After you've repeated the chant several times, the children will enjoy joining in. As children enjoy their snacks, remind them that Abram let Lot choose first. Encourage them to show kindness in their play at home this week.

Say: **BOD WANTS US TO GET ALONG.**

Weaving Faith at Home

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Growing With Jesus

our child learned that God wants us to get along (from Genesis 13). Your child participated in one of the following activities today. You can use these activities with your child to help your child grow with Jesus throughout the week.

Sock Choices

TODDLER

One Little Baby

Use this rhyme as a simple "finger tickle," or sing it with your baby to the tune of "Six Little Ducks":

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One little baby learned to be kind

(hold up one of baby's fingers)

To everyone that she [or he] could find.

(hold up fingers of the other hand)

By soft, gentle touches, loving hugs,

(use one of baby's hands to stroke the other) Baby learned to show

God's love.

(clap baby's hands together)

Say: God wants us to get along.

Separate different-colored pairs of socks, and roll each sock into a ball. Set sock balls in piles near a box or clothes basket. Show your toddler how to toss the socks into the box or basket. Let your toddler choose which color sock he or she will toss.

Ask: **Do you want** [red] **or** [blue] **socks? You choose.** Take turns tossing the socks with your toddler. Then retrieve the socks from the box, and play again.

Say: We have so much fun playing together. God wants us to get along. Which Side of Canaan Valley?

2-YEAR-OLD

Set up two snack areas on opposite sides of a table. Have your child stand by the table, between the two snacks. Use this chant to help your child choose which snack area he or she would like to eat at.

[Child's name], [child's name], hey, hey, hey! Which side will you choose today?

After your child has chosen, you can choose the other snack. If you play this game again later in the week, reverse roles and have your child let you choose first.

Say: God wants us to get along.





Mine!

Sharing is one of the most difficult concepts for young children to master. Don't worry too much if you feel your child is somewhat selfish. All toddlers and 2-vear-olds seem to be! Little ones aren't able to understand other points of view just yet. So they don't empathize with other children or adults as well as they will later on. If you persistently teach your children to share now, you'll be amazed at the selfless decisions they'll make when they're older, and you'll be reinforcing the idea that God wants us to get along.



Use these ideas to help your child become a FaithWeaver:

- Let your child choose between two toys. Thank your child for sharing; then give the other toy to a sibling (or play with it yourself).
- Review the Bible passage as you and your child share a herd of cotton-ball "sheep."



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