

Old Testament

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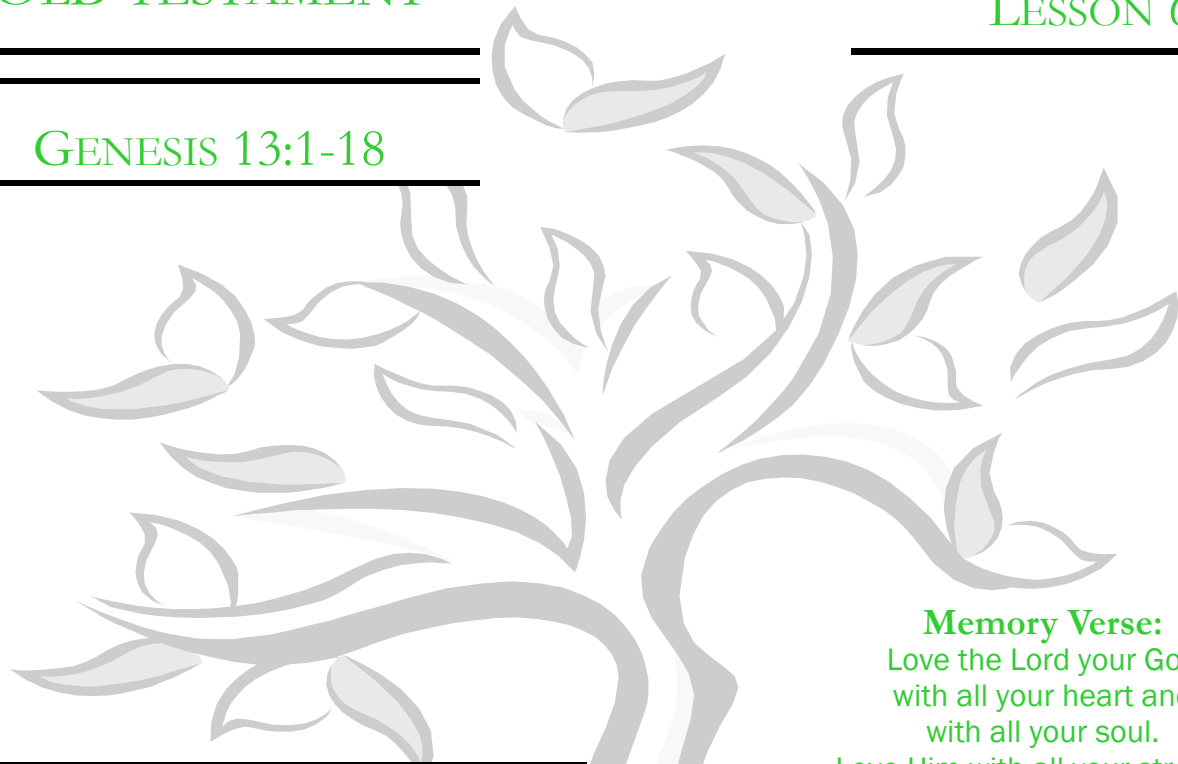
One Year Plan



GOD'S WORD

Created for use with young, unchurched learners Adaptable for all ages.

GENESIS 13:1-18



ABRAHAM AND LOT

Memory Verse:
Love the Lord your God
with all your heart and
with all your soul.
Love Him with all your strength
and with all your mind.
(Luke 10:27 NIV)

Lesson Goals

1. Understand that Abraham and Lot had many animals.
2. Understand that there was not enough food for the animals to graze.
3. Recognize that Lot chose to live in Sodom.
4. Learn that God blessed Abraham and promised him many descendants.

Prayer Time

1. Take a moment to listen to God.
2. Thank God for sending Jesus to help us do right.
3. Ask God to help you know the right way to go.
4. Pray for friends and family members who need to follow God.

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Abraham and Lot

Read Genesis 13:1-18 (Hold your Bible throughout the story.)

Do you know Jesus?

Do you know how you can do things God's way? To be part of God's family, you must tell God you are sorry for all the wrongs you have done and ask Jesus to come into your life. (Romans 10:9-10; I John 1:9) He will come and help you do right. He will show you the right way to go. If you want to know more, talk to your teacher.

Application

There was not enough food for the animals to graze. Abraham asked Lot to choose an area to live in and Abraham would choose another. Lot chose Sodom and Abraham chose Canaan. Abraham believed and obeyed God. God blessed Abraham and promised him many descendants. God was faithful to His promise.

Begin With Prayer

Last week we learned about Abraham. God called him and told him that he would have many descendants. God told Abraham to go to a place that He would show him. Abraham believed God and obeyed.

Have you ever argued over "your space," "your turn," "your rights," etc.? In today's lesson we will learn what Abraham did when something like that happened.

Abraham and his nephew Lot traveled around the desert in tents. They followed God and did what He said. That means they moved when God said move. They went where God told them to go.

Abraham had lots of sheep and animals. They traveled with him and grazed on the land. Lot also had many animals. As they moved from place to place, they had to have enough land for both groups of animals to graze. (Genesis 13:1-5) As the animal herds and flocks grew, they needed more food and land for the animals. One day, Lot's helpers started arguing with Abraham's helpers. They argued over where the animals would graze.

Abraham said, "Let's not have any quarreling between you and me, or between your helpers and my helpers because we are brothers. There is much land all around us. Let's separate. If you go to the left, I will go to the right; if you go to the right, I'll go to the left." (Genesis 13:6-9) As the older man Abraham had the right to choose first. Abraham didn't have to give Lot a choice, but he did.

Lot looked up and saw the beautiful green grass around the river. He also saw two cities that had lots of activity. So, Lot chose for himself the green pastureland to the east. Because Lot chose this land, Abraham went to the west and settled in the land of Canaan.

Lot lived near a city called Sodom. It was full of activity, but the people were very wicked and mean. They often made bad choices and sinned against God. Lot chose to be around people who did wrong and it caused him and his family to accept the sin. They probably did more wrongs because they were around people who sinned. (Genesis 13:10-12)

Abraham, on the other hand, followed God and obeyed God. He did right things and lived to please God. God continued to tell Abraham that He would bless him and give him many children. God also asked Abraham to look at the dusty dirt he was standing on. He told Abraham that he would have more family descendants than dust particles. (Genesis 13:13-18) God told Abraham to look all around. God shared that He would give Abraham and his family all the land that he could see. Abraham believed God and knew He would keep His promise. Abraham and Lot were very different people. Abraham followed God and did things God's way. Lot followed his own way and lived for himself. God wants us to think of others before we think of ourselves. (I Corinthians 10:24) God wants us to care about each other and to take care of each other. Do you live for God and do things God's way or do you want to do things your way? God wants us to do things His way and love Him with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. (Luke 10:27)

Review

1. **Who was Lot?** (Abraham's nephew)
2. **Why did Lot and Abraham separate?** (The land could not sustain the flocks of both men.)
3. **Where did Lot go?** (Lot chose the land to the east and lived in Sodom.)
4. **What did God do?** (God blessed Abraham and told him that He would give him children as numerous as the dust particles.)

Next Week: Abraham and the King ; Genesis 20:1-17

Memory Verse



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Preschool Lesson

Read Genesis 13:1-18 (Hold your Bible throughout the story.)

Memory verse for younger children:

Love God. Luke 10:27

Teacher: Sing “Father Abraham,” “Praise Him,” or another song related to the story.

Abraham and his nephew, Lot, traveled around the desert and lived in tents. They followed God and did what He said. Remember that Abraham had lots of sheep and animals. (Make “baaa” sounds and “moo” sounds.) He traveled with them. They grazed on the land. Lot also had many animals. As they moved from place to place, they had to have enough land for both groups of animals to graze. As the animal herds and flocks grew, they needed more food and land for the animals. One day, Lot’s helpers started arguing with Abraham’s helpers. They argued over where the animals would graze. Abraham said, “Let’s not have any quarreling between you and me, or between your helpers and my helpers because we are brothers. There is much land all around us. Let’s separate. If you go to the left, I will go to the right; if you go to the right, I’ll go to the left.”

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God continued to tell Abraham that He would bless him and give him many children. God told Abraham to look all around. God shared that He would give Abraham and his family all the land that he could see. Abraham believed God and knew He would keep His promise.

God also asked Abraham to look at the dusty dirt he was standing on. He told Abraham that he would have more family descendants than dust particles. We need to be like Abraham and follow God and obey Him.

Prayer Time

1. Take a moment to listen to God.
2. Thank God for sending Jesus to help us do right.
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Memory Verse

Love God.

Luke 10:27

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Word Art

Trace the letters.

God

blessed

Abraham

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Learning Activities

- Memory verse activity**— Bring a map that shows Sodom and Canaan. Allow the children to color the map. Write the memory verse at the bottom of the map.
 - Test your memory**— Use a poster board and make an acrostic. Write the word “Abraham.” As you tell the story fill out the acrostic. You don’t have to fill in the letters in order. You may also do the acrostic ahead of time.
 - Taste activity** — Make cupcakes. Decorate with coconut that you have colored green like grass.
 - Think about it** — Family can sometimes be difficult to be around, but God wants us to be at peace. Talk about ways to be at peace with family members.
- Lot was greedy and chose the best land. He didn’t ask God what He wanted. Abraham waited for God and God blessed him and gave him ALL the land! Name some things that show that we are greedy. Now think of ways to share and do things God’s way.
- Touch activity**— Make puppets of Abraham and Lot with paper sacks. Use construction paper to create them. See the internet for ideas.
- Make sheep with construction paper and cotton balls. See the internet for ideas.
- Run and play**— Cut out strips of construction paper. Give half the children several strips each. The other half must tag the children with the construction paper. One half will try to take the strands from the others by tagging them. When someone is tagged, both children must stop. When everyone stops the children who started out without the strips will now have the strips.
 - Listen**— As the children take time for silence, remind them that God wants us to choose to do right and to choose to go the right way.
 - Sing** — Take time to sing “Father Abraham,” “Praise Him,” “Trust and Obey,” or sing another song related to the story.
 - Reach out** — Pray specifically for kids that did not come today. Ask one of the children to pray. Invite several of the children to go with you to deliver coloring pages to those who did not come. Encourage those who did not come to read the story in the Bible.

Rooted and Grounded



Pray

Ask God to help you hear His voice. Ask Him to help you do the right thing and go the right way. Thank God for sending Jesus to save us from sin.

Pray for persons you know who need to do the right thing and go the right way.

Pray for Bible study leaders who are teaching others about doing the right thing and going the right way.

Read the Bible Daily

This week read Genesis 13.

You may want to choose a reading plan that allows you to read through the Bible in a year. Begin today. Check the internet for ideas.

Think About It

Think about what you read. Abraham allowed Lot to choose first. Think about what this kind of change would mean for you.

The Bible tells us that God promised Abraham many descendants. Is there a promise of God that you are waiting for? Do you trust God to fulfill it?

Do It

Sin is not just doing wrong. Sin is also not doing what is right. Abraham was humble. Lot was greedy. Abraham made a choice. He chose to do the right thing. If there is something that you need to stop doing, ask God to help you. If there is something that you need to do, ask God to help you. Ask God to help you hear His voice.

Tell About It

Talk to a friend or family member this week about how Abraham gave up his rights.

Tell a friend about something you are going to do that is right, to the right way. (Praying, reading Bible, etc.)

Change it

Ask yourself about what needs to change in your life; your attitude, your actions. (If there is sin in your life — greed, pride of demanding your rights— etc., ask God to help you stop.)

Study it

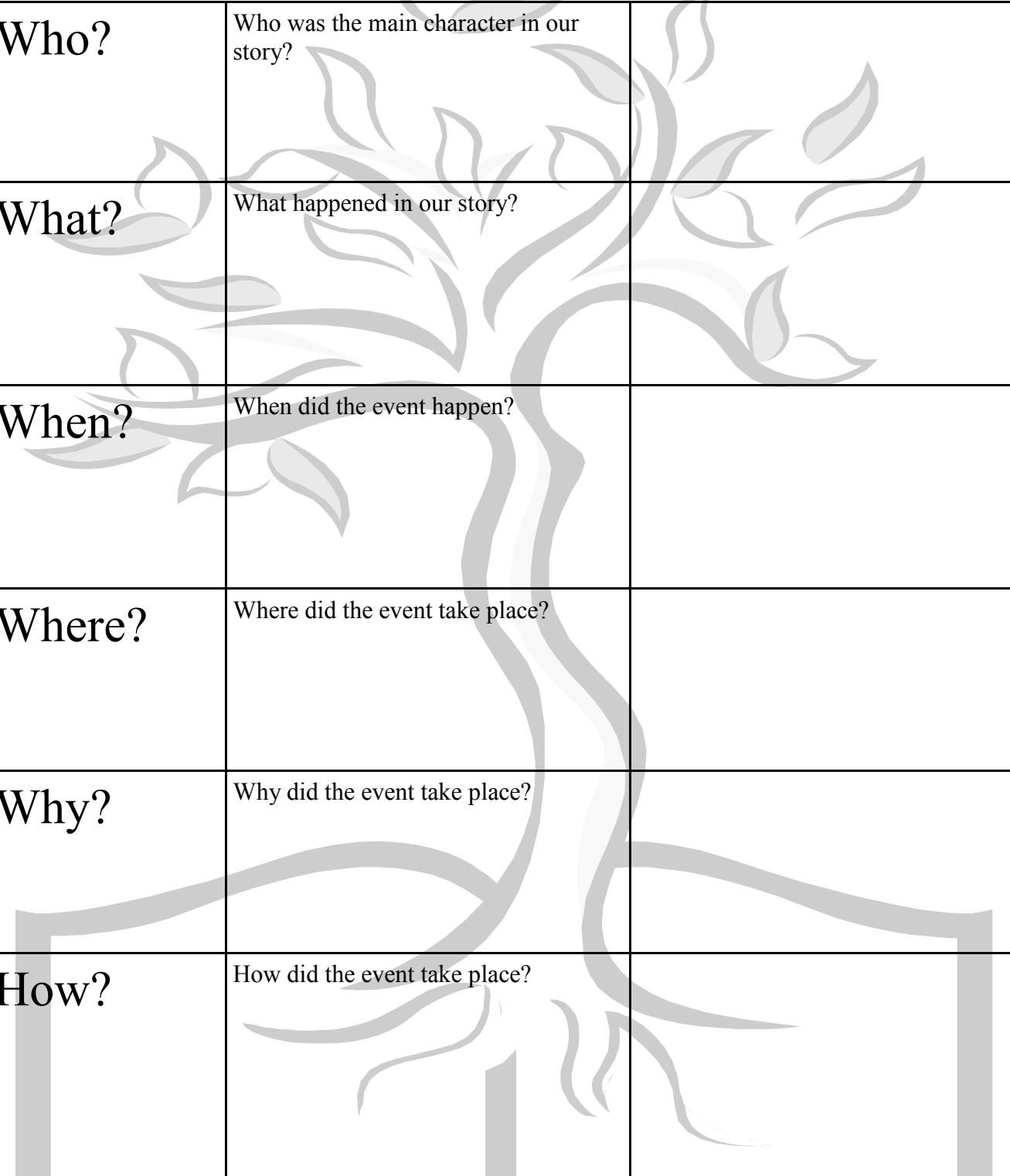
Attend Bible study this week with a friend who may be attending church without family.

Write verses that relate to your situation on index cards. Find verses about doing the right thing and going the right way, etc. Place the verses on your bathroom mirror or in places where you can see them daily. Memorize the verse/s.

Record It

Create a spiritual journal, write about what God is teaching you about salvation. Put a date on each entry.

Learning the Facts



Who?	Who was the main character in our story?	
What?	What happened in our story?	
When?	When did the event happen?	
Where?	Where did the event take place?	
Why?	Why did the event take place?	
How?	How did the event take place?	

Word Search

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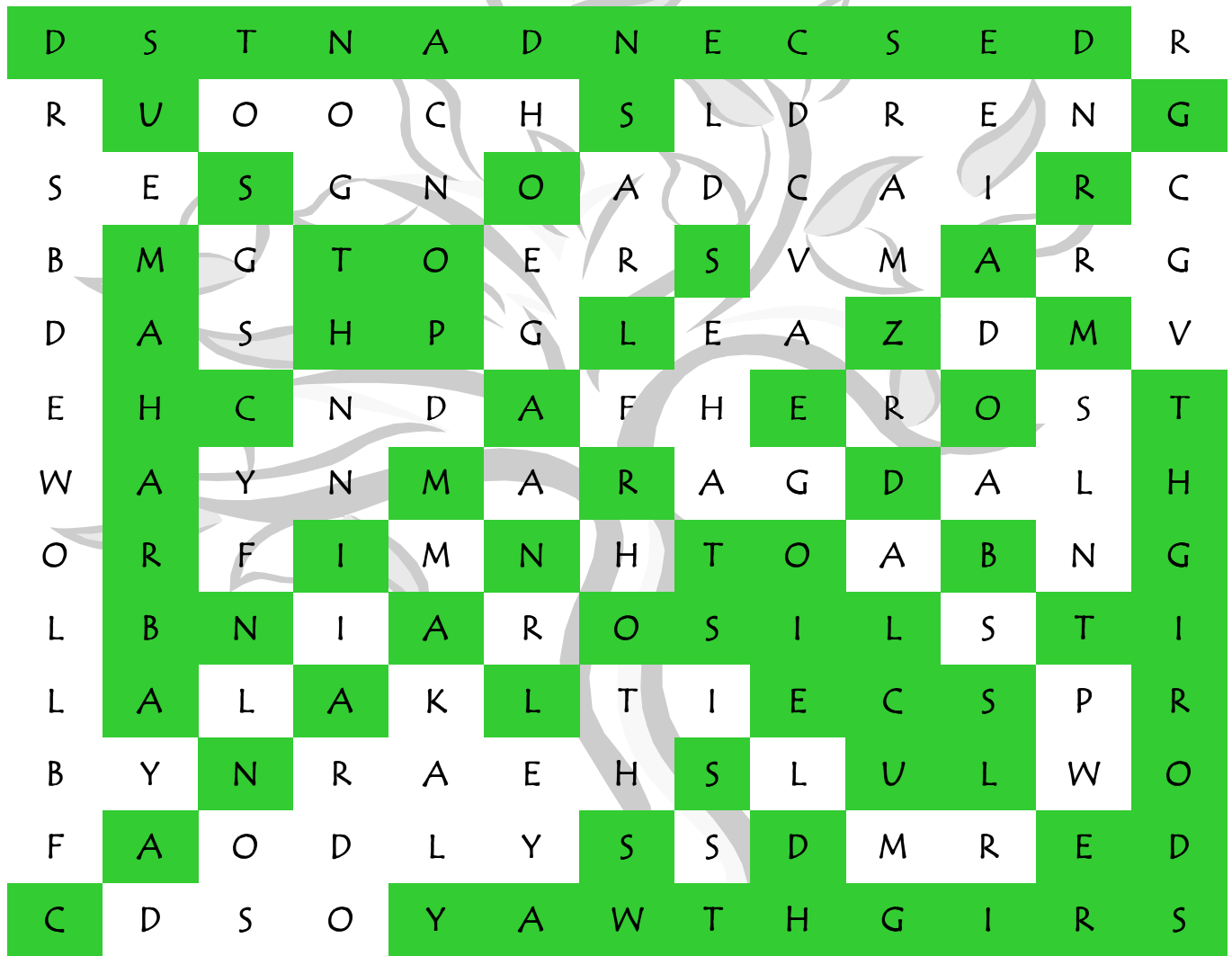
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