



Beautiful
BIBLE TREASURES
For Children

Lesson 14

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Living Peacefully

Abraham was a kind and generous man.

One time when there wasn't enough grass for all the sheep, goats and other animals to graze on, the shepherds wondered what to do. Abraham thought of a solution.

His nephew Lot and his big team and all his animals were also travelling with them.

Abraham suggested that Lot choose whatever new area he'd like to move to, so his flocks and herds could get all that they needed.

Lot was given first choice, and he chose the best place he could find, and moved there.

Abraham was glad to make Lot and his team happy and to bring peace.



Living Peacefully

Abraham wanted to have a peaceful time while living and travelling with his very big team. Abraham's nephew and his team were also travelling with him. One time when there wasn't enough grass around for all the animals, it made things quarrelsome between all the herdsmen.

Abraham suggested to Lot, his nephew, that he choose whatever part of the land he would like to go to, and Abraham and his team would then go to another place. He kindly gave Lot the first choice.

So Lot looked around and took the best place that he could see and moved there with his own team of helpers and animals. It was a place with plenty of water, grass and trees. Everything they needed was there.



It was good that they stopped quarrelling over the little area of dry land, and looked for other ideas and solutions. Things were at peace again, and Abraham's journey continued.

Activity

*Make some "Stop-and-look-around" glasses out of cardboard. Write these words at the top of the cardboard glasses frame: "Stop and look around." Keep them handy to put on and to remind yourself of this story, next time you or your friend or brother or sister are fussing over wanting the same toy at the same time.

Living Peacefully



One time when there wasn't enough grass for all the sheep, cattle and animals, Abraham showed his faith and kindness.

Abraham had a nephew called Lot, who was travelling with him as part of the big team. It wasn't just Lot, but all his many animals and herdsmen: everyone was having a hard time finding enough greenery around. There wasn't enough grass for the sheep and cattle, where they were camping at that time.

Has it ever happened that you and your brother or sister or friend both wanted the same thing? You're both very focused on wanting just that one thing that you both happen to want at the same time, and there is only one, and you are having a hard time letting the other have the first turn with it?

There could be several other things to do and to play with, but you sort of forget, while thinking only about the one item or game or whatever it is that you very much want. Then you don't act kindly or react patiently with one another, because all you want is that one thing!



Well, when Abraham's and Lot's herdsmen and shepherds started to only focus on the grass they needed for the animals, they started to

quarrel. They wanted to take good care of the sheep, goats and cattle, and make sure that they had all that they needed. But they forgot that there were other places to travel to, new places they could go to.

Abraham reminded Lot to look around and see all the other areas that had greenery and whatever would be needed for their animals. He gave Lot the first choice. "Where would you like to be? Choose any place around the country. If you go to the left, I'll go with our team to the right. If you go to the right, we'll go to the left."

So the teams split, and Lot chose to go to a place very well watered, and beautiful—almost as nice as the Garden of Eden it seemed. See, if he had just stayed there, quarrelling over what little bit of grass he and his team needed, he wouldn't have had a very nice time.

Maybe you can try that too. If you and someone else are both wishing for the same thing, try looking around, exploring new ideas and possibilities. You might even have more fun than just getting the one thing you wish you could have.



Let's Talk About It

*Talk about things that are real important to you, that you'd like others to realise that you need, or would very much enjoy. Or things that make it extra difficult for you if you have to miss or go without them, or that are hard for you if things are a certain way.

*Think of ideas and opportunities where you can give each other the "first choice" that will bring greater peace and friendship.

Activity

*Act out some solutions to quarrelsome situations, things that are common to your home. (Examples: Both people wanting to use the same thing, or wanting to be first, or wanting to be the one to first tell a story of what happened, or wanting to be the best at a skill, etc.) You can include in the skit how if you stop and think for a moment about other things, and focus less on just that one thing, there may be something else that you can do, say or try that will make you just as happy, or even happier!

Fountain of Faith



Philippians 2:13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

Deuteronomy 7:9 Know therefore that the Lord thy God, he *is* God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations.

Living peacefully



Connect and Communicate

*Quote or read in unison the portion of Psalm 19 that talks about God's word. (Psalm 19: 7-11)
Then fill in new words and ideas to express the sentence:

"More to be desired are they than ____!"

Study Fun

Find: All the words that talk about land or geography in some way (Example: garden, eastward, etc.)

Learn: "Length" and "breadth" and measure various places in your house or property.

Demonstrate: With actions, any words you notice here that have to do with numbers, amounts and math.

Genesis

13:5 And Lot also, which went with Abram, had flocks, and herds, and tents.

13:6 And the land was not able to bear them, that they might dwell together: for their substance was great, so that they could not dwell together.



13:7 And there was a strife between the herdmen of Abram's cattle and the herdmen of Lot's cattle: and the Canaanite and the Perizzite dwelled then in the land.

13:8 And Abram said unto Lot, Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdmen and thy herdmen; for we be brethren.

13:9 Is not the whole land before thee? separate thyself, I pray thee, from me: if thou wilt take the left hand, then I will go to the right; or if thou depart to the right hand, then I will go to the left.

13:10 And Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered every where... even as the garden of the Lord, like the land of Egypt, as thou comest unto Zoar.

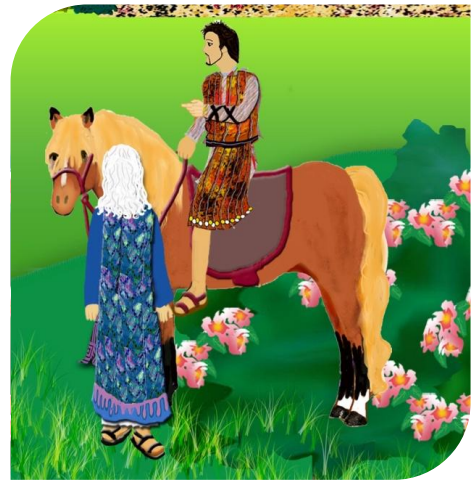
13:11 Then Lot chose him all the plain of Jordan; and Lot journeyed east: and they separated themselves the one from the other.

13:14 And the Lord said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward:

13:15 For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever.

13:16 And I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth: so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, then shall thy seed also be numbered.

13:17 Arise, walk through the land in the length of it and in the breadth of it; for I will give it unto thee.



Activity

*Find out the names of the male, female, offspring and group of sheep, goats, camels and cows. Look at pictures of various breeds.

Flashback - Elijah Praying for Rain

Prayer

Isaiah 45:11 Thus saith the Lord, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker, Ask me of things to come concerning my sons, and concerning the work of my hands command ye me.

*Give each other topics to pray for. Then pray silently at the same time for 1 or 2 minutes.

Old Testament

(There were 3½ years of famine because Elijah prayed that it would not rain.)

1 Kings 17:1 And Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the inhabitants of Gilead, said unto Ahab, As the Lord God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word.

(When it is time for the rain to come, Elijah tells Ahab to go enjoy a good meal. He says he hears the sound of abundant rains, while he goes to the top of Mount Carmel.)

1 Kings 18:41 And Elijah said unto Ahab, Get thee up, eat and drink; for there is a sound of abundance of rain.

(Then when he prayed for rain, it didn't happen immediately. He prayed once, and then sent his servant to look towards the sea. The servant tells that there is nothing. Elijah prays again, and sends his servant to check. Still there was nothing!)

1 Kings 18:42 So Ahab went up to eat and to drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; and he cast himself down upon the earth, and put his face between his knees,

1 Kings 18:43 And said to his servant, Go up now, look toward the sea. And he went up, and looked, and said, There is nothing. And he said, Go again seven times.

(It goes on until the seventh time, when the servant reports a cloud about the size of a man's hand in the distance. Note the visual perspective. A hand is not big like the sun, but you can put your hand in front of your eyes, and the sun is covered. We know the sun is huge. It looks small because it's a great distance away. In the same manner, the servant tells about the size of the cloud in the distance. Elijah recognises it and sends word to Ahab to get moving to the city before his chariot gets stuck in the mud.)

1 Kings 18:44 And it came to pass at the seventh time, that he said, Behold, there ariseth a little cloud out of the sea, like a man's hand. And he said, Go up, say unto Ahab, Prepare thy chariot, and get thee down that the rain stop thee not.

1 Kings 18:45 And it came to pass in the mean while, that the heaven was black with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain. And Ahab rode, and went to Jezreel.

(Afterwards, he runs so quickly that he reaches the city gates before Ahab.)

1 Kings 18:46 And the hand of the Lord was on Elijah; and he girded up his loins, and ran before Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel.

New Testament

James 5:17 Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months.

James 5:18 And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit.

Activity

*Try running with a sheet wrapped around the waist and it reaching down towards the feet. Then try running with the sheet folded up above the knee. Better running speed! (If you are familiar with Indian wear, a dhoti or a lungi would give the idea.)



Topic Treasures

—God Doesn't Fail

Study Fun

Find: All the times these verses mention God speaking, such as: "promise/ word/ said".

Learn: One of the faith building verses below by heart.

Demonstrate: One of the verses, using actions only, after reading all the verses. See who can guess which one is being acted out.

Genesis 1:9 And God said, ... and it was so.

1 Kings 8:56b There hath not failed one word of all his good promise, which he promised by the hand of Moses his servant.

2 Corinthians 1:20a For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen.

Joshua 23:14b Not one thing hath failed of all the good things which the Lord your God spake concerning you; all are come to pass unto you, and not one thing hath failed thereof.

Romans 4:20-21 He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.

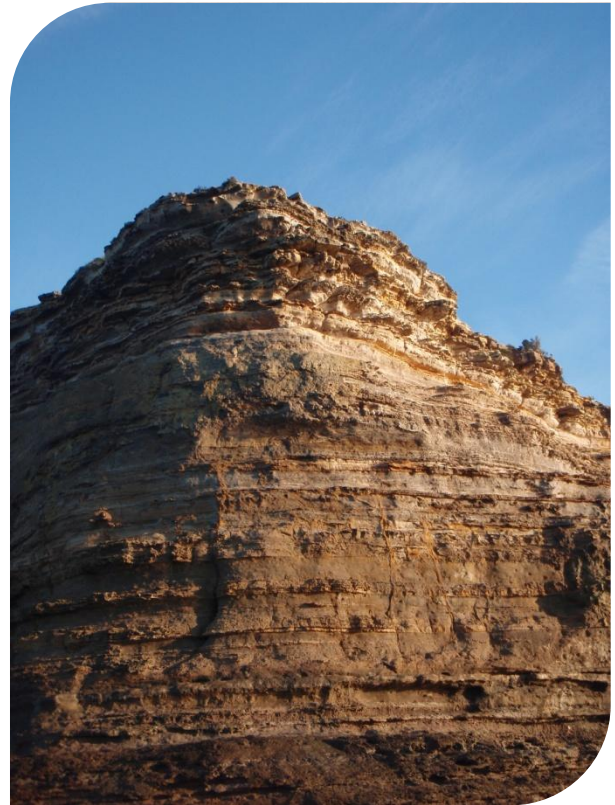
1 Thessalonians 5:24 Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.

Philippians 2:13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

John 17:12a While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost.

Isaiah 40:8 The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.

Psalms 18:30 As for God, his way is perfect: the word of the Lord is tried: he is a buckler to all those that trust in him.



Daily Diary

*Write a list of things that are important to you personally, that you are praying for and trusting the Lord to do for you.

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