

LESSON 12

God Rescues Lot

GENESIS 19:1-3, 12-29



BIBLE TRUTH

GOD JUDGES SODOM AND GOMORRAH BUT SAVES LOT AND HIS FAMILY

LESSON SNAPSHOT

- 1. OPENING REVIEW 5 MIN**
Use last week’s lesson outline to review with the children what they learned.
- 2. BIBLE STORY 10 MIN**
Read Genesis 19:1–3, 12–29 from the Scriptures or read story 12, “God Rescues Lot,” from *The Gospel Story Bible*.
- 3. OBJECT LESSON 1 10 MIN**
Plenty of Time
- 4. TEACHING/DISCUSSION 10 MIN**
- 5. OBJECT LESSON 2 10 MIN**
Obituary
SUPPLIES:
✓ clip an obituary or newspaper story of a person who died unexpectedly
- 6. SWORD BIBLE MEMORY 5 MIN**
- 7. ACTIVITY TIME 10 MIN**
Coloring Activity
SUPPLIES:
✓ coloring page 12—one copy for each child
- 8. CLOSING PRAYER 5 MIN**
- 9. BONUS OBJECT LESSON 10 MIN**
Pillar of Salt
SUPPLIES:
✓ salt in a cardboard container

TOTAL 75 MIN

PREPARING TO TEACH

TEACHING POINTS

A note to the teachers: Genesis 19:4–11 has been omitted from the reading due to the mature nature of the sexual encounter described. The confrontation the two angels of the Lord have with the townspeople is not critical to Lot’s rescue. Please read through this passage. If children ask questions about the skipped verses, simply refer them back to their parents.

Sin is a serious thing—Lot’s two daughters were engaged to men who lived in the wicked city of Sodom. When Lot was told that Sodom was about to be destroyed, he urged the men to flee with them. But the men did not come and were destroyed along with the rest of the city. God warned the men through Lot, but the men did not listen. They passed up the opportunity to be saved because they could not imagine that Lot really meant what he said.

Psalm 1 tells us to avoid the way of sinners, and 1 Corinthians 15:33 says that “bad company ruins good morals.” People living in the midst of sin or surrounded by sinning friends are often blind to how serious sin really is.

We should not delay to obey—When the angels of the Lord told Lot that Sodom was going to be destroyed, Lot believed them. We know this because he warned the men who were engaged to his daughters. Lot must have waited all night, hoping the young men would join them in escaping the doomed city. At dawn the angels urged Lot to hurry, and when Lot hesitated, the angels grabbed him by the hand and hurried him out of the city.

What a comfort to know that God is able to help us and save us in spite of ourselves. In God, there is always salvation and safety from judgment for those who believe.

God will judge all sin—God is holy and has holy anger toward sin. All sin will be punished by God. For those who are saved, that punishment was taken by Jesus. For those who refuse God’s offer of salvation in Jesus, the story of Sodom is an awful picture of the destruction to come.

WHERE IS JESUS? _____

How does today's Bible story fit into God's greater plan of redemption?

Read 2 Peter 2:7-9.

Here, Peter uses the story of Lot to encourage us in our own struggle with sin. Lot willingly left Abraham, whom God had promised would be a blessing to all peoples, and went to live in a horribly sinful place. Lot seemed much more interested in earthly blessings than he was in the blessings that come from God. But God still spared him, making sure he got out of Sodom before it was destroyed.

Despite our sinful choices, our running away from the promises of God, and our attraction to sin, we too can be spared from God's judgment. This is possible because of what Jesus did on the cross.

THE LESSON

OPENING REVIEW 5 MIN

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BIBLE STORY 10 MIN

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OBJECT LESSON 1 10 MIN

Plenty of Time

Read the following story from the New Testament and then ask the following questions.

And he told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man produced plentifully, and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you,

and the things you have prepared, whose will they be? So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God (Luke 12:16–21).

Compare the story of Lot’s future sons-in-law in Genesis 19:14 with the parable above.

- Did the rich man in the parable realize he was going to die?
(No, he had no idea. He thought he would live for many years.)

- Did Lot’s future sons-in-law think they were going to die?
(No, they did not believe Lot’s warning.)

- What can we learn from these two stories?
(We should not think that we have plenty of time to serve God. Only God knows how long we will live. Also, we need to believe the Word of God given to us, the Bible, and follow what it says.)

TEACHING/DISCUSSION 10 MIN

Using the teaching points, teach through the lesson for today.

OBJECT LESSON 2 10 MIN

Obituary

SUPPLIES:

- ✓ clip an obituary or newspaper story of a person who died unexpectedly

Tell the story to the class and then ask the following questions:

- How many of us are going to die some day if the Lord does not return first?
(all of us)

- How many of us know how long we will live?
(none of us)

Read the promise Jesus gave Martha at Lazarus’ death to encourage her.

Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.” Jesus said to her, “Your

brother will rise again.” Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?” She said to him, “Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.” (John 11:21–27)

■ How can Jesus’ promise encourage us?

(It is an amazing promise to know that after we die we will live again. In fact, it is very much like going to bed in the evening. It is not a frightful thing to fall asleep because you know you will, Lord willing, wake again in the morning. Death is like that for Christians who are trusting in Christ. That is why Scripture sometimes refers to death as falling asleep.)

■ How should we respond to the call of Jesus to believe?

(We need to repent and place our trust in Christ.)

SWORD BIBLE MEMORY 5 MIN

Take time during the class to review the SWORD Bible Memory verses with the class. Provide the opportunity for each child to recite the verses to an adult worker.

ACTIVITY TIME 10 MIN

Coloring Activity

SUPPLIES:

- ✓ coloring page 12—one copy for each child

While the children are coloring, engage them by asking the following questions:

■ What happened to Lot’s wife?

(She disobeyed the Lord and when she looked back to the city of Sodom God turned her into a pillar of salt.)

■ Why do you think she looked back?

(She was more interested in Sodom than in the Lord’s command.)

■ Do you think Lot’s wife thought anything would happen to her?

(No, she thought she would get away with taking a look.)

- What warnings does God give us today about sin?

(Read Galatians 6:7–8: “Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.”)

CLOSING PRAYER 5 MIN

Pick several children to pray prayers based on the day’s scripture passages.

BONUS OBJECT LESSON 10 MIN

Pillar of Salt

SUPPLIES:

- ✓ salt in a cardboard container

Days prior to class, cut the top off of the salt container and drizzle approximately one-half cup of water onto the salt until it is damp all the way through. Place the container with the salt outside in the sun to dry, or bake it in an oven on very low heat until it is dry. The salt will harden into a block that you can pass around to the children when you read the part of the story where Lot’s wife is turned into a pillar of salt. You can also scrape a bit of the salt off onto a sheet of paper and invite the children to taste it.

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