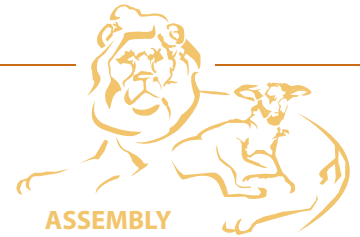


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*You may want to read Genesis 18:16-33 and 19:12-26.
The following are some ideas for creative ways that you can present this material.*

LESSON IDEAS

FLEE FROM SIN

Read Genesis 19:12-17. Ask the children why the angel told Lot and his family to flee. Make sure they realize it was not just because the evil city was going to be destroyed, but that we are also commanded to flee evil. Share 2 Timothy 2:22 with the class and have the children recite the Scripture and do their best to memorize it. Ask for volunteers to try to repeat it with a little of your help. Congratulate anyone who is willing to give it a try.

Flee the evil desires of youth, and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace... (2 Timothy 2:22)

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LAUGHING AT GOD

Supplies:

- prepare some red and black confetti for this skit. (Don't make the pieces very small since you will need to clean up after you are done.) Place the confetti in a container and explain to the class you will be acting out the destruction of the city. (The confetti is for a surprise, so don't tell them about it.)

Note: Quantity of consumable supplies should be adjusted for the number of sessions you will be teaching.

Read Genesis 19:14. Ask for volunteers to be Lot. Pick three of the older boys to play the role of Lot. The rest of the class will play the role of the sons-in-law. The three should use the warning from Genesis 19: "Hurry and get out of this place, because the Lord is about to destroy the city." Have the rest of the class laugh and say things like, "Oh, that's funny! That's a good joke!" (You can have a teacher or helper play along with the Lot boys and another with the class.) Have one other person play an Angel to tell Lot to flee. Have the class keep on laughing and then all of a sudden shower them with the confetti.

Have everyone help clean up and then ask the following questions:

- Were you surprised when I dumped out the confetti on you?
- Do you think the people of Sodom were surprised when God really did judge them?
- Why is it not a good idea to laugh at God or His people? (God is all-powerful and He will do what He says. It is disrespectful to laugh at God.)
- Do people still laugh at others who are following God? (Yes, sometimes even children make fun of those who obey God or lift their hands in worship or choose to obey their parents.)
- What happened to the sons-in-law? (They were destroyed with the city.)



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Where Is Jesus?

Please use the following comments connecting today's lesson to the Gospel to help inform your understanding and serve you by aiding your preparation for class. Remember, we want to do more than present disconnected Bible stories and lessons to our young children. We want them to understand how each story in the Bible plays a part in God's greater plan of redemption.

Lot left Abraham to venture on his own, choosing to pitch his tent near the sinful peoples of Sodom. Lot gave no objection to Abraham in sending him away. Lot did not seem to mind leaving the man who God promised would be a blessing to all peoples. In spite of Lot striking it on his own to seek earthly blessings instead of the blessing that comes from God, God spared him.

Because of what Jesus did on the cross, we too can be spared from our sinful choices and our running away from the promises of God to pitch our tents in a world of sin.

Peter uses the story of Lot to encourage us. Peter says,

...if he rescued Lot, a righteous man, who was distressed by the filthy lives of lawless men (for that righteous man, living among them day after day, was tormented in his righteous soul by the lawless deeds he saw and heard) - if this is so, then the Lord knows how to rescue godly men from trials and to hold the unrighteous for the day of judgment, while continuing their punishment.

(2 Peter 2:7-9)

