

## GOD RESCUES LOT

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: GENESIS 18-19



## The STORY

Read "On the Way to Sodom" and "Lot's Rescue" from The Children's Bible in 365 Stories (pages 20 - 27).

**Please note:** The discussion questions in the following sections are written to serve as a guide in teaching our youngest children. Three to six year olds are not going to be able to answer these questions like their older brothers and sisters. Please refer to the God's Story Preschool Curriculum Outline for additional ideas.

After reading the story, use the following questions to involve the children in a discussion.

- Why did God destroy Sodom and Gomorrah? (Because of their great wickedness.)
- Did God kill good men in the cities He destroyed? (No, He only killed unrighteous or evil men.)
- How do we know God only killed evil men? (God promised Abraham He would spare the whole city if He found just ten righteous men. God made sure the angels saved Lot and his family before He destroyed the city.)
- When the Bible says God would destroy the city, what does it mean? (Ruin the buildings and kill all the people for their wickedness.)

Note: In the case of Sodom and Gomorrah, the cities were destroyed by fire from heaven, see Genesis 19:24.

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### CRAFT QUESTIONS

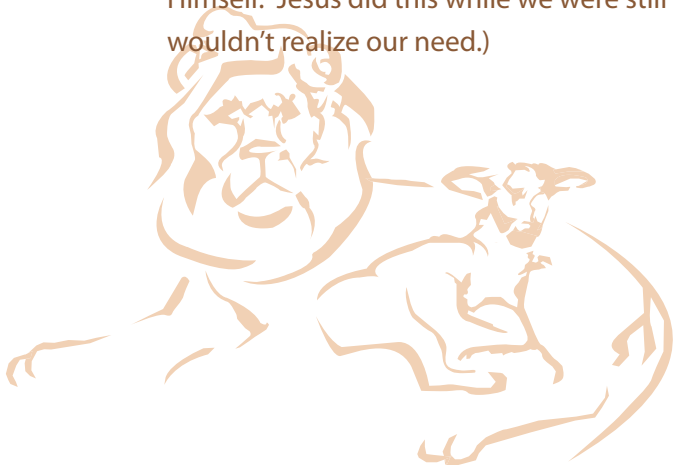
**Coloring sheets have been provided that exemplify today's lesson: picture of Lot's wife turned into a pillar of salt while she looks back at Sodom. Engage the children by asking:**

- What happened to Lot's wife? (She disobeyed the Lord and 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? (Galatians 6:7-8 "Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.")

### SNACK QUESTIONS

**While the children are eating the snack, engage the children by asking:**

- Do you think it was wise of Lot to be living near such a wicked city? (No, he should have set up camp away from the city and trusted God to protect him.)
- Did Lot ask God to save him? (No. Lot did not even realize he was in danger.)
- How is the way God saved Lot similar to the way God through Christ is saving people today? (People are attracted to sin and wickedness just as Lot was. People don't even know they are in need of salvation. Jesus came down from heaven and became a man to take the punishment that man deserved upon Himself. Jesus did this while we were still His enemies. Apart from His Holy Spirit opening our eyes, we wouldn't realize our need.)



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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)

### SWORD BIBLE MEMORY

#### BE A DOER OF THE WORD

*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.*

