



At-A-Glance: Ages 8-9  
God of Wonders Part 2: Genesis - Joshua  
Unit 7, Lesson 32

## Abram and Lot

Lesson Aim: To learn how to  
be a peacekeeper.

### THE WELCOME

**MEET & GREET:** Where would you like to live?

**GAME:** Herding Cattle

### THE WORSHIP THE GOD WHO KEEPS HIS PROMISES

Read Worship Scripture: Psalm 145:13.

Sing songs and worship God.

Bless and collect the offering.

Perform High Seas Adventures script or read storybook.

### THE WORD ABRAM KEPT THE PEACE WITH LOT

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: God called Abram to move to a new land.

Point to Abram. **Today, we will read Abram acted as a peacekeeper with his nephew Lot. A few years earlier, there had been a famine (which means there was very little food), so Abram and Lot had moved to Egypt.** Point to Egypt, then to Bethel and Hebron in ancient Canaan. Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Genesis 13:1-2, 5-18. Find It First. Highlight Key Verse: Genesis 13:8. Pray. **As we read, keep in mind that to quarrel is to argue. The word offspring means children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.** Read Genesis 13:1-2, 5-18.

### THE WAY BE A PEACEKEEPER

**What was the problem between Abram and Lot?** (It was too crowded for sharing, their herdsmen quarreled.) **Why did Abram say they should not quarrel?** (They were "brothers," they belonged to the same big family.) **Abram cared about Lot and wanted to be at peace with him.**

**What did Abram do to make peace?** (He let Lot choose the land he wanted.) **When Abram told Lot to choose some land, what selfish choice did Lot make?** (He chose the best land.) **What choice would have been the best peacemaking choice for Lot to make?** (To give the best land to Abram or to divide it fairly.)

**God wants us to be generous. What choices can you make this week in order to be more generous?**

**When Lot looked up, he only saw the best well-watered land. When God told Abram to look up, what did God show Abram about his land?** (That it would be filled with many offspring—his future family.) **How many offspring did God say Abram would have?** (As many as the "dust of the earth," which means he would have more than he could count.)

**Abram let Lot have first choice of the land so they could be at peace with each other. God blessed Abram for being faithful and made his land great. What are some ways we can make peace when others want to fight?** Discuss specific conflict issues the children have had with siblings or classmates. Discuss ways to resolve each conflict peacefully.

### **CHRIST CONNECTION:**

**Over 2000 years after Abram said, "Let's not quarrel," the apostle James explained the cause of people quarreling.** Reveal James 4:1-3. Find It First. Highlight. Read.

**It is not wrong to disagree with someone, but to quarrel is unnecessary and it does not honor God. What is the difference between respectfully disagreeing and quarreling?** (Quarreling is disrespectful or angry arguing. Give examples.) **Why do people quarrel?** (For selfish reasons, because they cannot get what they want.) **To ask with wrong motives is to ask for selfish reasons. It means to ask without caring for the needs of others or for what God wants. What do you quarrel about with others? How can you avoid these quarrels?**

**THE GOLDEN BOWL:** Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

### **FINAL FIVE MINUTES:**

- TREASURE TREAT: Map of ancient Canaan with Bible Memory Verse
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- OFFERING OF ART: Abram and Lot dividing the land
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

### GOT TIME?

**SNACK:** Crunch Munch

**GAME:** Look North, South, East, and West

**CRAFT:** Peaceful Sand

**DISCUSSION:** Take a Walk with God

**BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES:** Scrambled Promise, Understanding the Promise

**BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW**



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**Unit 7, Lesson 33**

## Hagar and Ishmael

**Lesson Aim: To see God watches over us and ensures His plans for us.**

### **THE WELCOME**

**MEET & GREET: What is your favorite drink?**

**GAME:** Water From the Well

### **THE WORSHIP THE GOD WHO KEEPS HIS PROMISES**

Read Worship Scripture: Psalm 121:1-8.

Sing songs and worship God.

Bless and collect the offering.

Perform High Seas Adventures script or read storybook.

### **THE WORD GOD WATCHED OVER HAGAR AND ISHMAEL**

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: God gave Abram the land and blessed it.

**Today, we will read how God watched over Hagar and her son, Ishmael, and gave them a special promise.** Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Genesis 16:7-16; 21:9-20. Find It First. Highlight Key Verse: Genesis 16:13. Pray.

**Sarai and Abram did not want to wait any longer for a son, so Sarai told Abram to marry her servant Hagar. When Hagar became pregnant, she and Sarai didn't get along. Hagar ran away.** Point to Shur and to the desert of Beersheeba. Read Genesis 16:7-16.

**A few years after Ishmael was born, God changed Abram and Sarai's names to Abraham and Sarah. When Sarah and Abraham finally had their son Isaac, Sarah sent Hagar and Ishmael into the desert. Let's read about what happened.** Read Genesis 21:9-20.

### **THE WAY GOD WATCHES OVER YOU**

**What did Hagar call God? (The God who sees me.) Why do you think she called God that? What did the angel tell Hagar to do when she ran away? (Go back to Sarai.) The angel said God heard of her misery, which is her pain, sadness, and worries. What did the angel tell her**

**about God's plan for her life?** (Her baby son would grow to be a strong man. She would have many descendants—children and grandchildren.)

**Have you ever wanted to run away from your problems? If you ever feel that way, how might it help if an angel told you God sees your misery and has a good plan for your life?**

**Ishmael was a teenager when Isaac was born. What did Ishmael do to Isaac which caused Sarah to send Hagar and Ishmael away? (He mocked Isaac.) How did Abraham feel about that? (Worried.) God comforted Abraham with the promise about His plan for Ishmael. What was that promise? (Ishmael's family would become a nation.)**

**Why did Hagar cry in the desert? (They had no water. She thought her son was going to die of thirst.) How might Hagar have reacted differently if she had trusted God's plan for Ishmael as told by the angel years earlier? (She would have trusted that Ishmael was not going to die in the desert because God was going to make his family into a nation.)**

### **CHRIST CONNECTION:**

**Over 2000 years after the angel told Hagar God saw her misery, Jesus reminded us that God sees our every need. Check out what Jesus tells us to do instead of worrying about what we need.** Reveal Matthew 6:26, 31-33. Find It First. Highlight. Read.

**God promises to watch over us. He always sees our needs. What are some of the things you worry about? How might Jesus' words help? Can you think of a time when God helped you see that He was with you? (Being comforted when afraid, sent a friend or parent to help, etc.)**

**THE GOLDEN BOWL:** Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

### **FINAL FIVE MINUTES:**

- TREASURE TREAT: Bird feather
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- OFFERING OF ART: Hagar and Ishmael at the well in the desert
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

### **GOT TIME?**

**SNACK:** Well Water

**GAME:** My Eyes See

**CRAFT:** Well of Water

**DISCUSSION:** Name Change

**BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES:** Scrambled Promise, Understanding the Promise

**BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW**



**At-A-Glance: Ages 8-9**  
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**Unit 7, Lesson 34**

## **Abraham and Isaac**

**Lesson Aim: To challenge children to a more active faith.**

### **THE WELCOME**

**MEET & GREET: Who is the oldest person you have ever met?**

**GAME:** Test of Faith

### **THE WORSHIP THE GOD WHO KEEPS HIS PROMISES**

Read Worship Scripture: 1 John 4:9-10.

Sing songs and worship God.

Bless and collect the offering.

Perform High Seas Adventures script or read storybook.

### **THE WORD ABRAHAM TRUSTED AND OBEYED GOD**

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: God watched over Hagar and Ishmael and gave them a promise.

**Today, we will read God promised a son to Abraham. Many years passed and he still did not have a son. In fact, he and his wife, Sarah, became too old to have a baby. Finally, when Abraham was 100 years old, he and Sarah had a baby just as God had promised. They named him Isaac.** Point to Abraham and Isaac (Circa 2050 B.C.).

Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Genesis 22:1-2, 6-18. Find It First. Highlight Key Verse: Genesis 22:8. Pray.

**When Isaac was older, God tested Abraham on Mount Moriah.** Point to Mount Moriah. **Abraham's test involved a sacrifice, which is giving up something special to you. During Abraham's lifetime, people used to give special things to God by burning them on a mound of stones called an altar. Let's read Genesis 22:1-2, 6-18.** Read.

### **THE WAY WE CAN HAVE FAITH AS ABRAHAM DID**

**Earlier you were given a test to help you grow in your faith. What does it mean to have faith in God?** (To trust God and to believe everything He says is true and will happen as He says.) **It's not always easy to trust God will provide what we need, but remembering what God has already done in our lives builds our faith. How does this story help you trust God more?**

**What did God ask Abraham to do?** (Sacrifice his son.) **For this test, Abraham knew the four things listed below.** Discuss why each of these would have helped Abraham trust and obey. (1) Isaac was a special gift from God. (2) God had promised Isaac would live to have children. (3) God always kept His promises. (4) God could do anything He promised.

**Knowing these things, Abraham was able to trust God enough to obey, even though it looked like obeying would ruin everything. Abraham had faith in God to keep His promise, even when it looked impossible for God to do so. Hebrews 11:19 explains Abraham reasoned that if he sacrificed Isaac, God would raise Isaac from the dead so all God's promises about Isaac would still come true. Who did God send to stop Abraham from sacrificing Isaac?** (An angel.) **What did God provide to be sacrificed instead of Isaac?** (A ram.)

**What do you think Abraham learned about God during this test of faith? How might it have helped Abraham trust God even more? Just like Abraham, when we obey God's instructions and trust Him to keep His promises, we get to see Him do amazing things! What amazing things have you seen God do that help you trust Him?**

### **CHRIST CONNECTION:**

**Over 2000 years after God provided the ram, God provided His Son Jesus as a final sacrifice to pay for our sins once and for all. This showed God's love for us.** Reveal 1 John 4:9. Find It First. Highlight. Read. **The Bible says God did this so we might live through Jesus. Do you trust Jesus can give you life forever close with Him? Ask God to build your faith so each day you can trust and obey God in all things as Abraham did.**

**THE GOLDEN BOWL:** Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

### **FINAL FIVE MINUTES:**

- TREASURE TREAT: (Glow in the dark) star
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- OFFERING OF ART: Abraham and Isaac finding the ram in the bushes
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

### **GOT TIME?**

**SNACK:** As Many As the Stars

**GAME:** Trusted Provision

**CRAFT:** Faith Stars

**BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES:** Scrambled Promise, Understanding the Promise

**BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW**



At-A-Glance: Ages 8-9  
God of Wonders Part 2: Genesis - Joshua  
Unit 7, Lesson 35

## The Search for Rebekah

**Lesson Aim:** To challenge children in each job they have been given to obey, pray, and give themselves away.

### THE WELCOME

**MEET & GREET:** What is the hardest job you have ever been given?

**GAME:** Secret Message

### THE WORSHIP THE GOD WHO KEEPS HIS PROMISES

Read Worship Scripture: Jeremiah 29:11-13.

Sing songs and worship God.

Bless and collect the offering.

Perform High Seas Adventures script or read storybook.

### THE WORD THE SERVANT SEARCHES FOR REBEKAH

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: God tested Abraham's faith.

**Today, we will read how Abraham's chief servant was sent to search for a wife for Isaac. Abraham wanted her to be from his homeland because they believed in God. The servant neared the town of Abraham's brother Nahor.** Point to Mesopotamia. Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Genesis 24:34-51. Find It First. Highlight Key Verse: Genesis 24:48. Pray. **Today, we will be given a special mission: "OPERATION O.P.G." Let's listen to the servant's successful O.P.G. Mission.** Read Genesis 24:34-51.

### THE WAY OUR MISSION: OBEY, PRAY, GIVE YOURSELF AWAY

**What job did Abraham give his servant?** (Find a wife for Isaac.) **Why did Abraham want Isaac's wife to be from far away?** (He wanted her to be from his homeland where they followed God.) **What did Abraham make his servant do before leaving?** (Swear an oath, which is a promise, to complete his job.) **These O.P.G. folders hold clues that will help us complete our mission.** Distribute Operation O.P.G. folders.

**What did the servant do when asked to do this job?** (He obeyed.) **The first part of our Operation O.P.G. job is to obey. Print the letter "O"**

**on the first blank in your O.P.G. folder. When given a job to do by God, our parents, or teachers, we should obey.**

**Who did the servant ask for help?** (God.) **Abraham said God would send an angel to help him. What sign did the servant ask for?** (The woman would give water to him and his camels.) **What happened?** (Rebekah appeared and did exactly as he had prayed.) **What did the servant do then?** (Praised and thanked God.) **The "P" in Operation O.P.G. stands for "Pray." Print the letter "P" on the second blank.**

**Not only did the servant obey and pray, but he also gave his best effort to complete his job. The "G" in Operation O.P.G. stands for "give away." That means to give your time, energy and best effort so you will do a great job. Print the letter "G" on the third blank. How did the servant give himself away?** (He gave his time, his energy, his best effort, and the jewelry Abraham had sent with him.)

### **CHRIST CONNECTION:**

**2000 years later, Paul wrote to the Ephesians about giving yourself away. Paul's advice to the slaves in Ephesus is true for us today.** Reveal Ephesians 6:5-8. Find It First. Highlight. Read. **God wants us to do our best work, as if He was the one who gave us the job. He wants us to obey with a smile, pray for help, and give our best effort.**

**What three things should you do when given a job?** (O.P.G. = Obey. Pray. Give yourself away.) **What are your chores or jobs? List your jobs in your O.P.G. folder. In the jobs you have been given, what are some ways you can obey, pray, and give yourself away?** If time allows, use the I CAN O.P.G. discussion located in the GOT TIME? segment of this lesson.

**THE GOLDEN BOWL:** Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

### **FINAL FIVE MINUTES:**

- TREASURE TREAT: Operation O.P.G. folder
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- OFFERING OF ART: Abraham's servant praying at the well
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

### **GOT TIME?**

**SNACK:** Secret Snack

**GAME:** What's My Job?

**DISCUSSIONS:** The Rest of the Story, I Can O.P.G.

**CRAFT:** Watercolor Messages

**BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES:** Scrambled Promise, Understanding the Promise

**BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW**



**At-A-Glance: Ages 8-9**  
**God of Wonders Part 2: Genesis - Joshua**  
**Unit 7, Lesson 36**

## Jacob and Esau

**Lesson Aim: To understand the role of God's mercy in the lives of those He chooses to use in His plans.**

### THE WELCOME

**MEET & GREET: What is the best trick you have ever seen?**

**GAME:** Family Fray

### THE WORSHIP THE GOD WHO KEEPS HIS PROMISES

Read Worship Scripture: Psalm 32:1-2.

Sing songs and worship God.

Bless and collect the offering.

Perform High Seas Adventures script or read storybook.

### THE WORD JACOB TAKES ESAU'S BIRTHRIGHT AND BLESSING

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: God helped the servant fulfill his mission and find Rebekah.

**Rebekah and Isaac had twin boys named Jacob and Esau.** Point to Jacob and Esau (Circa 1900 B.C.). **Esau, being the firstborn, would receive a double inheritance, his "birthright." He would receive most of what his father owned after his father's death.** Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Genesis 25:29-33; 27:19-23, 32-36. Find It First. Highlight Key Verse: Genesis 27:23. Pray.

Read Genesis 25:29-33. **When Isaac was very old and blind, he asked Esau to go hunting and prepare his favorite food. He was going to give Esau the special blessing. In the meantime, Rebekah chose to help Jacob trick his father into giving it to him. She gave him Esau's clothes and covered his hands and neck with goatskins so he would be hairy like Esau. Jacob brought Isaac's favorite food.** Read Genesis 27:19-23. **Isaac gave him the special blessing. When Esau returned, it was too late.** Read Genesis 27:32-36. **Esau was very angry, so Jacob was afraid and ran away to Haran.** Point to Haran.

### THE WAY GOD CHOOSES US FOR HIS PLAN

**When Esau asked for some stew, what did Jacob do?** (He would not give it to him unless Esau sold him his birthright, his inheritance.) **Jacob**

**tricked Esau into giving him his special inheritance for a bowl of stew. How do you think Esau felt?** (Angry, cheated.)

**When Isaac was old, what did Rebekah and Jacob do?** (Tricked Isaac into giving Jacob the family's special blessing.) **Jacob tricked his father and brother. He received the birthright and the family blessing. What did Esau do?** (Begged his father bless him. He was very angry.) **Jacob suffered the consequences of his sin—he had to run away because Esau threatened to kill him for what he had done.**

**Do you think God knew Jacob sinned?** (Yes. He sees everything.) **Do you think Jacob deserved to keep the blessing?** **Since God hates sin, it is hard to understand why He would allow Jacob's sin to move His perfect plan forward. In Isaiah 55:8, God tells us His thoughts are not our thoughts, and our ways are not His ways. God chose to show mercy to Jacob; to forgive and show undeserved kindness.**

**Even though Jacob lied and cheated, God did not reject him. Seeing Jacob's sins reminds us that God is full of mercy toward us. He uses us in His plans, even though we do not deserve it.**

### **CHRIST CONNECTION:**

**Almost 2000 years later, Paul explains one reason God shows us His mercy. Before believing in Jesus, Paul (then Saul) was a violent man determined to hurt those who followed Jesus. Check out what Paul said.** Reveal 1 Timothy 1:15-16. Find It First. Highlight. Read.

**This is true for all of us because we all sin (do wrong in God's eyes). God chose to forgive and use sinners like Jacob and Paul to build His kingdom. God will use us to build His kingdom, too.**

**THE GOLDEN BOWL:** Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

### **FINAL FIVE MINUTES:**

- TREASURE TREAT: Lentil bean
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- OFFERING OF ART: Jacob receiving the blessing from his father
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

### GOT TIME?

**SNACK:** Fruit Stew

**GAME:** Family Support

**CRAFT:** Chosen and Forgiven

**BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES:** Scrambled Promise, Understanding the Promise

**BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW**



**At-A-Glance: Ages 10-12**  
**God of Wonders Part 2: Genesis - Joshua**  
**Unit 7, Lesson 37**

## **Life of Jacob: The Family**

**Lesson Aim: To encourage overcoming obstacles and perseverance in relationships with God and family.**

### **THE WELCOME**

**MEET & GREET: What is the best dream you have ever had?**

**GAME:** Family Olympics

### **THE WORSHIP THE GOD WHO KEEPS HIS PROMISES**

Read Worship Scripture: Psalm 135:3-4.

Sing songs and worship God.

Bless and collect the offering.

Perform High Seas Adventures script or read storybook.

### **THE WORD JACOB OVERCOMES IN HIS RELATIONSHIPS**

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: God had a plan for Jacob and Esau.

Point to Jacob and Esau (Circa 1900 B.C.). **Today, we look at the next twenty years of Jacob's life. He overcame many obstacles. He never gave up building his relationships with his family and God.** Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Genesis 29:25-27; 31:40-42; 32:24-30; 35:1-3, 10-12. Find It First. Highlight Key Verse: Genesis 32:28. Pray.

**Jacob ran away to Haran to work for his Uncle Laban. He fell in love with Laban's younger daughter, Rachel. For permission to marry her, Jacob agreed to work seven years for Laban. But, Laban tricked Jacob into marrying his older daughter, Leah.** Read Genesis 29:25-27.

**Jacob worked seven more years so he could marry Rachel. Later, he ran away with his family and servants. Laban chased and caught up with them. Read what Jacob told Laban.** Read Genesis 31:40-42.

**Jacob sent a message to Esau because he was sorry. He was afraid Esau would still be angry, so he sent many gifts. Then, he sent his family to safety.** Point to Haran and the Jabbok River. **Let's read what happened near the Jabbok River.** Read Genesis 32:24-30.

**The next day, to Jacob's surprise, Esau hugged and kissed him; all was forgiven. Then, God sent Jacob to the place where 20 years**

**earlier he had dreamed of a ladder to heaven. In the dream, God promised to be with Jacob.** Read Genesis 35:1-3, 10-12.

### **THE WAY RELATIONSHIPS WITH GOD AND WITH OUR FAMILY**

**To gain his father's blessing, Jacob tricked Isaac. Seven years later, Laban tricked Jacob. How do you think Jacob felt? Jacob chose to work another seven years to marry Rachel. What negative choices could he have made instead? (To quit, seek revenge, etc.) Have you ever faced an unfair or discouraging time when you wanted to give up? If so, how does this story encourage you?**

**When Jacob sinned against Esau, he broke their relationship. Esau chose to hold a grudge against him. Twenty years later, what did Jacob do even though he was afraid? (Sent him a message and gifts to show he was sorry.) Have you ever needed courage to ask someone for forgiveness? Esau hugged, kissed, and forgave Jacob. How does Esau's choice to forgive remind you of God? What negative choices could Esau have made? (To refuse to come, to seek revenge, etc.) Is there a broken relationship in your life? What obstacles do you face in mending that relationship? (Fear, guilt, revenge, etc.)**

**Just as Jacob never gave up on building a relationship with Rachel and then with Esau, he never gave up on seeking God's presence and His blessing. When Esau hugged him, Jacob said it was like seeing God's face. What other time did he feel that way? (When he wrestled with the stranger God sent in the night.) In the same way Jacob wrestled physically for God's blessing, we sometimes wrestle with God through our prayers. Who did Jacob say he saw face-to-face as he wrestled? (God.) Jacob would not let go until God blessed him. Have you been waiting for God to bless you?**

**What was Jacob promised in God's blessing? (A community of nations and kings would come from him, the land promised to Abraham and Isaac.) What new name was given to Jacob? (Israel.) Why? (He struggled with God and with men and had overcome.) Jacob's struggles brought him closer to God and his family.**

### **CHRIST CONNECTION:**

**1900 years later, Paul wrote about the good things God builds in us during hard times.** Reveal Romans 5:3-5. Find It First. Highlight. Read.

**What examples can you find in Jacob's story to show his suffering led to perseverance (never giving up), character (making right choices), and hope? Jacob suffered when tricked by Laban, but he persevered in his work for twenty years which built his character enough for him to approach Esau and to wrestle for God's blessing. When have your struggles built perseverance, character, or hope?**

**THE GOLDEN BOWL:** Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

**FINAL FIVE MINUTES:**

- TREASURE TREAT: Small stone
- W<sup>3</sup> BETWEEN THE LINES Journal Entry #37
- OFFERING OF ART: Esau running to meet Jacob
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

**GOT TIME?**

**SNACK:** Promise Pudding

**GAME:** Jacob's Family Find

**CRAFT:** Promise Balloons

**DISCUSSION:** Jacob's Tithe

**BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES:** Scrambled Promise,  
Understanding the Promise

**BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW**