

WEEK
TWO
MARCH 2024

LARGE GROUP
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TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Let Go
Abram and Lot
Genesis 13:5-18

PRELUDE: Setting the tone for the experience

See the **Getting Ready** pages at the end of this document for a detailed description of what you'll need for today. In the **Prelude** folder of your curriculum, you'll find a variety of other resources to help you prepare.

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

You can show you care by
letting go of what's fair.

Scripture

Genesis 13:5-18

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

"If possible, live in peace
with everyone. Do that
as much as you can."
Romans 12:18, NIV

BIBLE STORY

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Storyteller
- Host
- Bible
- Two large, wooden (or plastic) staffs
- Several large landscaping stones that you can stack on each other

MONTHLY VIRTUE

Peace—Proving you care
more about each other than
winning an argument

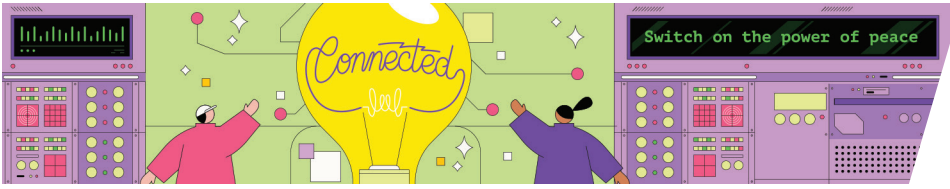
Host

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Host
- Tap lights with batteries (one per Small Group)
- Team Challenge Cards, printed and cut out from the LG Assets PDF (one of each card per Small Group; see "What You Do")
- Paper bags (one per Small Group)
- Paper tent signs that say #1, #2, #3
- Small bubble bottles with included wands (one per Small Group)

BASIC TRUTH

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I want to be treated.



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LARGE GROUP

ENGAGE KIDS' HEARTS THROUGH A DYNAMIC AND INTERACTIVE BIBLE STORY, WORSHIP, AND PRAYER EXPERIENCE IN A LARGE GROUP SETTING.

AUDIO: PLAY HIGH-ENERGY MUSIC AS KIDS ENTER.

SLIDE: THEME

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP

Host enters.

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): COUNTDOWN

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME

OPENER

HOST: Hello, friends! How's everybody doing? If you're glad to be here, give a friend a high-five like this! (*Demonstrate.*) Today we're talking about peace. Now, if you're sitting there thinking, 'What's so great about peace?' let me tell you, peace is actually pretty powerful! So this month we're switching on the power of peace!

SLIDE: VIRTUE

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME TRANSITION TO VIRTUE

"Peace is **proving you care more about each other than winning an argument.**"

SLIDE: THEME

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): VIRTUE TRANSITION TO THEME

"If we choose peace, we can make a big difference in our relationships with other people. And God is always there to help us! Peace is something God's Spirit does IN us to change the world AROUND us.

"I've got a fun game for us to play today that's all about switching on the power.

Tap one of the tap lights to turn it on.

"For this game, you'll work with your small group to complete three team challenges. When the game begins, you'll send someone from your group up to grab card #1.

Reference the stack of cards with the #1 sign.



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"That person will bring the card back to your Small Group Leader, who will read the challenge to your whole group . . . and then you'll all complete the challenge as a team. Once you're done, you'll send the next person up to get card #2.

Reference the stack of cards with the #2 sign.

"Again, that person will bring the card back to your leader, who will read the challenge to your whole group . . . and then you'll complete the challenge together. Once you're done, you'll send the next person up to get card #3—which is actually in one of these bags!

Reference the paper lunch bags with the #3 sign.

"Again, that person will bring the bag back to your leader, who will read the challenge to your whole group . . . and then you'll complete the challenge together. When you finish challenge #3, THEN you can hit your group's light!

Set a tap light next to each group. (Make sure the lights are off.)

"We'll keep going until all groups have turned on their lights.

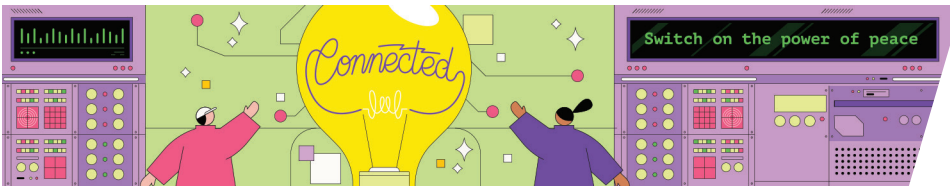
"All right. I think we're ready to begin. Let's see how well you can work together. Three, two, one, GO!

AUDIO: FUN INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Comment on the action as the groups complete the challenges and turn on their tap lights.

Celebrate when all teams have their lights on at the end. Collect the game supplies in the paper bags.

"Way to go, everybody! You did it! Let's keep the fun going now, because it's time for worship."



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Worship Leaders enter as Host exits.

WORSHIP LEADER: “Yes! This is the best time of the week for me. I love worshiping God together with all of you. Singing praise to God isn’t just something that somebody made up for us to do when we go to church. It’s something that God made us to do! As David wrote in Psalm 30:4: *‘Sing the praises of the Lord, you who are faithful to him. Praise him, because his name is holy.’* (NirV) Right now, let’s lift our voices together to sing God’s praise. Here we go!

AUDIO: “*SING YOUR PRAISE*” / TRACK 2 FROM MY LIFE FOR YOU

OPTIONAL VIDEO: “*SING YOUR PRAISE*” LIVE LYRICS OR DANCE MOVES MUSIC VIDEO

“That’s right! We can sing God’s praise with our voices, and also with the way we live our lives each day. Before we continue in worship, let’s watch this.

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): LIVE LOUD VIDEO FROM GET REEL

“Last week we taught you a song called ‘Jesus Is Peace.’ Peace is a gift Jesus gives to us . . . because we know that He is always with us. We are never alone. We can share His peace with others as we show love and kindness. Let’s lift up this song of praise today.”

AUDIO: “*JESUS IS PEACE*” / TRACK 8 FROM MY LIFE FOR YOU

OPTIONAL VIDEO: “*JESUS IS PEACE*” LIVE LYRICS OR DANCE MOVES MUSIC VIDEO



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BIBLE STORY

SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND

Storyteller enters as Worship Leaders exit.

SETTING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: "Hi, everyone! Today we're looking at a story from the very first book of the Bible, Genesis. *(Hold up Bible.)*

"In Genesis, we read how God created the world. Sadly, people turned away from God . . . but God had a plan to make things right. God chose a man named Abram, who you might also know as Abraham. God promised to bless the whole world through Abram and his family. God said Abram's family would outnumber the stars in the sky!

"Abram trusted God. He and his wife, Sarai, along with his nephew Lot, left behind everything they knew. They traveled to the brand-new land where God had called them.

"Now . . . as we get started with our story, I'll need a little help to tell it.

Hold up a staff.

"I'll be playing the part of Abram. Our friend [Host's name] will be playing the part of Abram's nephew Lot. *(Calling backstage)* Come on out, [Host's name]!

Host enters, also holding a staff.

(To audience) "And I'd like all of YOU to help me out by making some sounds to set the scene. I might cue you to make animal sounds . . . or maybe some other sounds too. Okay? *(Pause.)* Let's get started."

THIS LAND AIN'T BIG ENOUGH . . .

STORYTELLER: "Abram and Lot had traveled to this new land where God had led them. And in the new land, they did very well. *(To Host)* Way to go, Lot!

Give the Host a high-five.

"Both Abram and Lot owned lots of sheep and livestock.

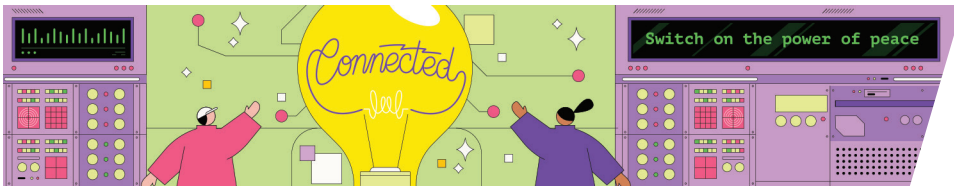
Cue the kids (like an orchestra conductor) to get them to make animal sounds.

"Yes—perfect! The flocks and herds that belonged to Abram and Lot began to grow. Before long, they had so many animals that there wasn't enough land to FEED all of them. And so . . . the shepherds and herdsmen who took care of the animals started arguing. Quick—let me hear you grumble!

Cue the kids (like an orchestra conductor) to get them to make grumbling sounds.

ABRAM'S SOLUTION

STORYTELLER: "It would have been easy for Abram and Lot to join in the fighting.



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Look at the Host, lean in, and start circling, like you're pretending to argue. (This should be comical.)

"They could have said, 'This land belongs to ME! I need it to feed all of MY animals.'

Cue the kids (like an orchestra conductor) to get them to make animal sounds.

"But instead, Abram decided to calm the situation down. He took the time to talk with his nephew.

Sit on the edge of the stage with the Host.

"He said:

Open the Bible to Genesis 13:8-9 (NirV) and read.

"Let's not argue with each other. The people taking care of your herds and those taking care of mine shouldn't argue with one another either. After all, we're part of the same family. Isn't the whole land in front of you? Let's separate. If you go to the left, I'll go to the right. If you go to the right, I'll go to the left." (NirV)

Stand back up.

"Abram knew how to make peace! He told Lot that they should split up and each have their own land. But get this—Abram didn't choose the best land for himself, even though he could have. Abram told Lot that HE could choose first." *(Extend your hand like you're referencing the land for Lot.)*

LOT LEAVES

STORYTELLER: "Lot saw that the land in the Jordan River valley was very good.

Host stands up and puts his hand over his eyes like he's looking in the distance. He points with his other hand like he's choosing the land that he's seeing.

"It was filled with water . . .

Cue the kids (like an orchestra conductor) to get them to make water sounds.

". . . and plants.

Cue the kids (like an orchestra conductor) to get them to make plant sounds—whatever that might be!

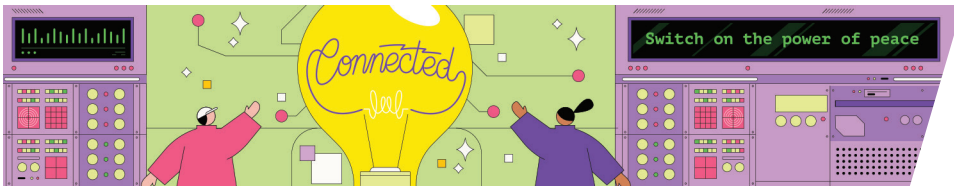
"It looked like it would be perfect for all of his flocks and herds of animals.

Cue the kids (like an orchestra conductor) to get them to make animal sounds.

"So Lot chose the good land that he saw, and he started out toward the east.

Host waves and exits cheerfully.

"Abram went the other way and lived in the land of Canaan.



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"As the head of the family, Abram could have taken the best land for himself. But instead, he chose to keep the peace by allowing Lot to choose first. As Abram stood in the new land, God spoke to him.

Look up, like you're listening to God. Then look down to read the passage.

"God said:

Open the Bible to Genesis 13:14-15 (NIRV) and read.

"Look around from where you are. Look north and south, east and west. I will give you all the land you see. I will give it forever to you and your family who comes after you." (NIRV)

"That's a pretty incredible promise, isn't it? Everybody say, 'Oooooooooohhhhhhhhh!'"

AUDIENCE: "Oooooooooohhhhhhhhh!"

WRAPPING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: "Abram trusted God's promise to him. He went to live near the large trees at a place called Mamre.

Stack the stones on top of each other.

"He built an altar there to honor God—as a way to remember what God had done for him.

"By giving Lot first choice, Abram ended a fight before things got out of control. He showed Lot that he cared about him, and that he didn't just want to take what was best for himself. Abram also showed that he trusted God to take care of him, no matter what.

"Did you know that you can make peace like Abram did?"

SLIDE: BOTTOM LINE

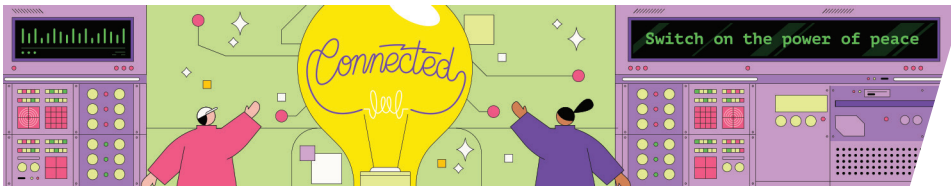
"You can show you care by letting go of what's fair.

"I know that's not always easy. Let's pray and ask God to help us choose peace."

SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND

PRAY

STORYTELLER: "Dear God, thank You so much for this story about Abram, and for the way he made peace with Lot. It shows us that we can choose peace by letting go of the things we might think we deserve. Help us to remember that we can make peace with others by putting them first. And help us to remember that **[Basic Truth] we can trust You no matter what.** We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."



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CLOSER

Host enters as Storyteller exits.

HOST: "I think if I were Abram, it would have been tough for me to let Lot choose the good land. I probably would have wanted it for myself! And the thing is, Abram was older. Back then, that would have meant he had the right to take the better land. Plus, God had made all of those promises about a new nation to him, not to Lot. But Abram didn't just think about himself. He cared about his relationship with Lot. He wanted to have peace with Lot . . . so he let Lot choose first."

"We're all tempted to think of ourselves first and choose what's best for us. But with God's help, we can make peace by putting others first."

"Remember:

SLIDE: BOTTOM LINE

"You can show you care by letting go of what's fair."

"Do you remember how God promised to bless the whole world through Abram's family? Well, years and years later, and many generations down the line, Jesus would be born into Abram's family! When Jesus died on the cross for our sins, He made peace between God and people everywhere. Because of Jesus, we can have true peace that nothing can take away."

"When I think about all that Jesus has done for me, that makes me want to make peace with the people around me. And we can do that in lots of different ways. Maybe you let someone else go in front of you in line because it looks like they're in a hurry. Maybe you let your brother or sister have the last cookie in the jar. Or maybe you choose to say you're sorry to a friend instead of staying mad at them."

"It's important to remember that there ARE times when something isn't fair and needs to be made right. If you're ever in a situation like that, be sure to talk to an adult you trust who can help you decide what to do. But there are also times when we can let go of something in order to show someone else that we care. God can help us make peace and **[Basic Truth] treat others the way we want to be treated.**"

"I'm so glad you were here today! You can head to Small Group now and talk with your friends about how you can make peace."

Dismiss kids to their small groups.

AUDIO: PLAY HIGH-ENERGY MUSIC AS THE KIDS EXIT.

SLIDE: THEME

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