

LIFE POINT
Family members
can choose to work
together and get
along.

ABRAM SOLVED A QUARREL



LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

God wants family members to love and help one another.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE

Genesis 13

UNIT VERSE

Show love to one another.
Romans 12:10

WEEKLY VERSE

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SUGGESTED FOR THE WEEK OF

October 8



LEADER BIBLE STUDY

This will not come as a surprise, but family conflict has always been part of humanity. Ever heard the term “family drama”? You will not have any trouble thinking of a television show or movie that depicts family conflict. You may be experiencing it under your own roof right now.

Abram sure had his share of family drama. Sometimes Abram’s sin caused major turmoil, but in Genesis 13, Abram showed his selfless and gracious character. Guided by God, he was not willing to let conflict break the family relationship between him and his nephew, Lot. Someone had to give in before the battle of words became a full-blown war with bloodshed!

The land could not support all the people, flocks, and herds. Abram’s workers and Lot’s workers started to argue. Division grew. Before the situation escalated, Abram stepped in as a wise and godly leader. Knowing they needed to separate to save their relationship, Abram lovingly honored Lot by giving him the first choice of land.

As difficult as it may be, start this week with some self-reflection. Are you nurturing hard feelings toward a family member? Has conflict hurt the unity of your family? Even if you did not cause the strife, is there a loving and selfless act that could bring healing? Scripture teaches that God wants families to obey and honor Him, and He blesses those who seek healthy reconciliation. Ask God for the strength and courage to be that kind of gracious family member today.



GROUP TIME

- » **Move to music.** Form a line of preschoolers, choosing one to be the leader. Play “God Made Family.” Invite the children to sing and move as they follow the leader.
- » **Tell the Bible story.** Ask the preschoolers what it means to have a disagreement. Tell that disagreements happen when people do not think the same way about something. Comment that today’s Bible story is about a family who had a big disagreement. Open a Bible to Genesis 13. Display the teaching picture as you tell the story.

ABRAM SOLVED A QUARREL

—Based on Genesis 13

Abram had a large family and many animals. He had helpers to take care of his animals. Abram was Lot’s uncle. Lot had many animals, too. Lot also had helpers to care for his animals.

Lot’s helpers began arguing with Abram’s helpers. There was not enough grass and water for all the animals.

Abram heard the helpers fighting. He knew it was wrong for the helpers to be arguing. Abram knew that God wants families to get along and work together. Abram decided to talk to Lot.

Abram told Lot to choose the land where he wanted to live. Abram said that he would take the other land. This way they would both have plenty of grass for their animals.

Lot chose the grassy land by the river. He moved his family, helpers, and animals to the land next to the river. Abram took his family, helpers, and animals and moved to another part of the land.

- » **Review the Bible story.** Spread the Review Board on the floor. Invite a child to toss a beanbag onto one of the squares. Read the corresponding prompt on the Bible Story Review pack item. Repeat until all prompts have been discussed.
- » **Learn the Life Point.** Mention that Abram’s and Lot’s helpers argued about space to take care of their animals. Mention that Abram chose to work together and get along with Lot. Comment that all families have disagreements, but they can work together to get along. Point to the Life Point Poster. Invite a child to tape the Session 2 Life Point Add-on to one of the branches on the poster. Say the Life Point together: “Family members can choose to work together and get along.”
- » **Learn the Bible verse.** Open a Bible to the marker. Read Romans 12:10. Invite the children to repeat it together. Sing “God Loves Families” with the preschoolers.
- » **Wrap it up.** Show the “Abram Solved a Quarrel” video. Pray, asking God to help families work together and get along when they have disagreements.

CHOOSE

your own

SCHEDULE

Decide when to have group time; then select learning activities to use before and/or after group time.



- » Pack Items 14, 25, 26, 27A, 28: “Weekly Verses,” “Life Point Poster,” “Life Point Add-ons,” “Review Board,” “Bible Story Review”
- » Teaching Picture 6
- » Music
- » Videos
- » Bible, scissors, tape, beanbag
- » Place the verse marker in a Bible. Cut out the Session 2 Life Point Add-on. Display the Life Point Poster on wall near the group-time area.



BIBLE-LEARNING ACTIVITIES

- › Kids Activity Page
- › Printables: “Family Banner”
- › Heavyweight paper, scissors, crayons or washable markers, brads

- › Pack Items 14, 31: “Weekly Verses,” “Unit 2 Verse Cards”
- › Bible, wooden blocks, tape

- › Pack Item 32: “Family Puzzles”
- › Teaching Picture 6
- › Scissors

- › Pack Item 27B: “Gameboard”
- › Small items to use as game pieces, die

CREATE A FAMILY BANNER

Print and cut out multiple people from the “Family Banner” (1 cutout for each person in a preschooler’s immediate family)

- › Lead each preschooler to complete an activity page.
- › Say that God wants family members to love and help one another.
- › Distribute people cutouts to the children, giving one for each immediate family member. Invite preschoolers to decorate the people.
- › Assist preschoolers in placing the people in a line with hands overlapping. Use brads to connect the hands of the people together.
- › Say that when the children see the banners they made, it can remind them to choose to work together and get along with their families. (Art)

ARRANGE THE BLOCKS

Place the verse marker in a Bible. Tape the Unit 2 Verse Cards to blocks, 1 card per block.

- › Open the Bible to the marker. Read Romans 12:10. Repeat it together.
- › Invite the preschoolers to place the blocks in order using the number of dots on each card as a guide. Guide the boys and girls to take turns mixing up the blocks and putting them in order again.
- › Lead each child to name a way he can show love to his family members.
- › State that God had a very good plan for Abram and his family. Many years later, Jesus was born into their family. God showed His love by sending Jesus. Jesus was God’s plan to save people from sin. (Blocks)

COMPLETE PUZZLES

Cut apart the puzzles.

- › Display the teaching picture as you review the Bible story.
- › Remind the preschoolers that Abram showed love to Lot by giving him the first choice of land for his family. Mention that even though families have disagreements, they can choose to work together and get along.
- › Help the children assemble the puzzles. Talk about ways they can show love to those in their family. Say the Life Point together: “Family members can choose to work together and get along.” (Puzzles)

PLAY A GAME

- › Mention that families can choose to work together and get along.
- › Guide the preschoolers to choose a game piece and place it at “START” on the gameboard. Tell that during the game, the children will be reminded of the importance of working together and getting along.
- › Lead the first player to roll a die and move that many spaces. Help the preschoolers follow the prompts they land on.
- › Encourage the second player to roll the die and move his piece accordingly. Continue until all players reach the finish line. (Games)

SHARE INSTRUMENTS

- » Say the Life Point together: “Family members can choose to work together and get along.”
- » Distribute instruments to the children. Play “God Made Family.” Lead the preschoolers to sing along and make music with their instruments.
- » Stop the song periodically and encourage the boys and girls to trade instruments so each child has a turn making different sounds.
- » Guide the children to talk about how taking turns makes them feel. Remind them that taking turns is a way people can work together and get along. (Music)

WORK AND PLAY TOGETHER

Cut apart People Figures. Laminate for added stability. Tape people figures to small blocks to help them stand.

- » Say that God wants family members to love and help one another.
- » Talk about specific ways family members can work together.
- » Display the missions pictures as you talk about the Harrell family in Mozambique. Talk about the importance of missionaries working together to help one another.
- » Invite children to use the people figures and backdrops to play out being a family. Encourage them to find ways to work together. (Dramatic Play)

COLOR AND CHOOSE

- » Retell the Bible story as children complete their coloring pages.
- » Remind the boys and girls that Abram’s and Lot’s helpers had a disagreement about land for their animals.
- » Mention that we can have disagreements too, but we can choose to get along with each other—even if we do not get our way.
- » Ask the preschoolers to answer “Would you rather?” questions, such as “Would you rather eat broccoli or carrots? / play outside or inside? / sing or dance? / have a pet hamster or a pet squirrel? / fly like a bird or swim like a fish?”
- » Invite them to move to one side of the room if they prefer one answer and the other side of the room if they prefer the other.
- » Remark that Lot decided he would rather choose the grassy land by the river. Abram moved to another part of the land.

CLEAN UP

- » Invite the preschoolers to work together to clean up their activities. Thank them for cleaning up and following directions.

» Music

» Musical instruments (tambourines, rhythm sticks, maracas, drums, and so on)

» Pack Items 33, 34A: “Backdrops,” “Unit 2 People Figures”

» Printables: “Unit 2 Missions”

» Scissors, blocks, tape

» Printables: “Abram Solved a Quarrel” Coloring Page

» Crayons