



CREATION AND THE BEGINNING OF HUMAN HISTORY

#37 – The Destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah

Genesis 19:1-29

PICTURES NEEDED

37-2 God destroys Sodom and Gomorrah

REVIEW

- **Big Question:** Why did Abraham believe God's promise?

Abraham was fully persuaded that God was able to do what he promised.

- **Lesson Rhyme:** Review the lesson rhyme.

P—P

Promise

Like the stars
that he could see

P—P—Promise

His descendants
one day'd be

Make sign of "P"

Raise R hand from top of L like swearing on Bible

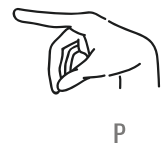
Put hands up & wiggle fingers like twinkling stars

R hand over eyes looking up

Same as above

2 fingers R hand walking on L palm

Move above across body



LESSON CONTENT

- **Introduction:** Show visual (picture 37-2)

What is this a picture of?

Abraham had a nephew named Lot who lived in the town of Sodom. The people in the town were very bad and did wicked things so God had decided to destroy it. Abraham asked God to save the town if there were ten good men in it.

There weren't even ten good men in the city, but God sent two angels to rescue Lot and his family because they weren't being bad. When they were leaving the city, the angels told Lot and his family not to look back at the town. Lot's wife disobeyed God. She looked back and she was turned into a pillar of salt.

Then God rained burning fire down on the town to destroy it and everyone who lived there. God hates wickedness but he extends his hand to save those who do what is right.

The big question for this week is: **What does God do for the righteous?**

Listen as I read the lesson book and see if you can answer the question afterwards.

- **Lesson Book:** Read the book. Refer to the attached daily discussion questions.
Title: Why did God destroy Sodom and Gomorrah?

Page 1—Genesis 18:20-21

(picture of Sodom and Gomorrah)

In Sodom and Gomorrah,
the people did what's bad.
When God looked upon their evil,
his heart was really sad.
God told his servant Abraham
the towns he would wipe out.
Fire raining down from high
would bring this all about.

Page 2—Genesis 18:32

(picture of Abraham praying)

Abraham asked God,
if he would change his mind,
If God could find ten righteous men
who still were good and kind.
But in the town just Lot
and his family were found right.
Because all the other people
to evil did hold tight.

Page 3—Genesis 19:16-17

(picture of angels and Lot's family)

So God he sent two angels
to lead Lot's family from the town.
God would keep them safe from harm
when fire did rain down.
The angels told Lot's family
to keep walking straight ahead.
They were not to look on Sodom;
they were not to turn their head.

Page 4—Genesis 19:25-26

(picture of Lot's wife turned to salt)

The only one to disobey
was the one who was Lot's wife.
She look back to see the town
and so she lost her life.
A pillar of salt Lot's wife became
like a statue standing there.
Neither she nor the town,
did God choose to spare.

Page 5—Genesis 19:27-28

(picture of sulfur from above)

God destroyed the cities
lying in the plain

With burning sulfur from above,
falling down like rain.

The next day Abraham looked out
from a place on high.

The towns were gone with only smoke,
rising in the sky.

Page 6—Psalm 37:27-28

(picture of Lot's wife looking back)

Evil God will always judge
because it brings us harm.

Seeing it or doing it
should cause us great alarm.

We must keep our eyes on Jesus
and what is good and right.

Turn away from evil
and to God's truth cling tight.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Day 1: Why did God feel sad about Sodom and Gomorrah? What did he tell Abraham he was going to do?

Day 2: What did Abraham ask God? Who were the only ones that were found right?

Day 3: What did God do for Lot and his family? What did the angels tell them not to do?

Day 4: What did Lot's wife do? What happened to her?

Day 5: How did God destroy the cities? What did Abraham see when he looked out on the towns?

Day 6: Why does God judge evil? What will keep you from doing evil?

Review: Select a couple questions from above to ask the students again.

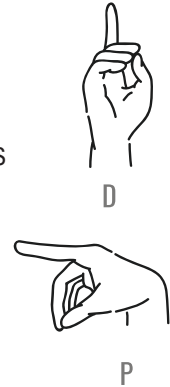
- Prayer: Thank God that he is God and that he does what is right. Pray that you would want to live a life that pleases him and devote yourself to following after Jesus.
- The Big Question: **What does God do for the righteous?**
God rescues those who do what is right.

ACTIVITIES

Any age appropriate activity can be included which fits into the club time. The activities with a star are included on the class notes handout sheet.

★ **Lesson Rhyme:** Practice the lesson rhyme with movements.

D—D	Make sign of "D"
Destroy	Cross palms, move back & make fists
The people	Make sign of "P" with both hands, move in circles
did what's bad	Make thumbs down sign
D—D—Destroy	Same as above
Their evil	Make evil face, twist hands by mouth
made God sad	Put fists up at eyes like wiping tears



★ **Activity:** Tracing

Trace around your hand as a reminder that God puts out his hand to help people who do what is right.

★ **Letter/Sound Recognition:** Say the sound of and trace over each letter in the boxes.
With which sound does destroy begin?

★ **Coloring:** Color in the lesson picture.

★ **Song: Oh Be Careful!**

Oh, be careful little eyes what you see,
Oh, be careful little eyes what you see,
For the Father up above is looking down with love.
Oh, be careful little eyes what you see.

Other verses

Oh, be careful little ears what you hear
Oh, be careful little mouths what you say
Oh, be careful little hands what you do
Oh, be careful little feet where you go
Oh, be careful little minds what you think

• **Craft 1:** A Pillar of Salt

As a reminder that God rescued Lot but his wife was turned into a pillar of salt when she disobeyed God's command and looked back, complete the coloring sheet of Sodom and Gomorrah and then cover Lot's wife with salt.

Materials: cover stock paper, glue, crayons or colored pencils, salt.

Preparation: Run off craft 37 on cover stock paper.

Instructions:

1. Color in Lot and his daughters.
2. Paint glue over Lot's wife and then sprinkle salt on top of her. (Do this over a plate to collect the excess salt.)

- **Craft 2:** Lot's Wife

As a reminder that Lot's wife was turned into a pillar of salt when she disobeyed God's command and looked back, make Lot's wife out of white play dough.

Materials: Small paper plates, white play dough

Preparation: Make up a batch of white play dough.

Instructions: Have the children form statues of Lot's wife out of play dough and stand them on the plates.

JOURNAL

The journal is passed out at the end of class for the students to complete at home. It has six poetic readings and related Bible verses. It would be beneficial for the teacher to read through and be familiar with its content.