

Child's Name: _____

Lesson Passage—Genesis 12:12-29

¹² The two men said to Lot, "Do you have anyone else here—sons-in-law, sons or daughters, or anyone else in the city who belongs to you? Get them out of here, ¹³ because we are going to destroy this place. The outcry to the LORD against its people is so great that he has sent us to destroy it."

¹⁴ So Lot went out and spoke to his sons-in-law, who were pledged to marry his daughters. He said, "Hurry and get out of this place, because the LORD is about to destroy the city!" But his sons-in-law thought he was joking.

¹⁵ With the coming of dawn, the angels urged Lot, saying, "Hurry! Take your wife and your two daughters who are here, or you will be swept away when the city is punished."

¹⁶ When he hesitated, the men grasped his hand and the hands of his wife and of his two daughters and led them safely out of the city, for the LORD was merciful to them. ¹⁷ As soon as they had brought them out, one of them said, "Flee for your lives! Don't look back, and don't stop anywhere in the plain! Flee to the mountains or you will be swept away!"

¹⁸ But Lot said to them, "No, my lords, please! ¹⁹ Your servant has found favor in your eyes, and you have shown great kindness to me in sparing my life. But I can't flee to the mountains; this disaster will overtake me, and I'll die. ²⁰ Look, here is a town near enough to run to, and it is small. Let me flee to it—it is very small, isn't it? Then my life will be spared."

²¹ He said to him, "Very well, I will grant this request too; I will not overthrow the town you speak of. ²² But flee there quickly, because I cannot do anything until you reach it." (That is why the town was called Zoar.)

²³ By the time Lot reached Zoar, the sun had risen over the land. ²⁴ Then the LORD rained down burning sulfur on Sodom and Gomorrah—from the LORD out of the heavens. ²⁵ Thus he overthrew those cities and the entire plain, including all those living in the cities—and also the vegetation in the land. ²⁶ But Lot's wife looked back, and she became a pillar of salt.

²⁷ Early the next morning Abraham got up and returned to the place where he had stood before the LORD. ²⁸ He looked down toward Sodom and Gomorrah, toward all the land of the plain, and he saw dense smoke rising from the land, like smoke from a furnace.

²⁹ So when God destroyed the cities of the plain, he remembered Abraham, and he brought Lot out of the catastrophe that overthrew the cities where Lot had lived.



LESSON 37



CREATION AND THE BEGINNING OF HUMAN HISTORY

THIS WEEK'S BIG QUESTION

What does God do for the righteous?

LESSON RHYME

D—D—Destroy
The people did what's bad
D—D—Destroy
Their evil made God sad

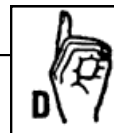
Level 2—Parent Notes:

- **Daily Reading:** Read the entire booklet to the child. Go back to the appropriate day, reread the content and have the child answer questions about it from the **Daily Reading Questions** at the back of the booklet. Include personal ideas and additional questions. Read and discuss the daily Bible verse if appropriate for the child. Have the child draw a picture related to the content.
- **Lesson Rhyme:** Read the **Lesson Rhyme** on the next page, saying the sound of the letter instead of its name. Point to each word as you read it. Discuss the meaning of the rhyme. Have the child trace the letter with a finger and say its sound. Practice with the child the signs that go along with the **Lesson Rhyme** (included below). Review and repeat the rhyme every day.
- **Concluding Lesson:** Complete the activities under **Concluding Lesson** at the back of the book.
- **Completion:** If the student brings this booklet back to the teacher on Sunday, with each day's work completed and the lesson rhyme memorized, the student will receive acknowledgement of a job well done.
- **Way to go, parents!** Your faithfulness in teaching your children the deed and statutes of the Lord isn't always easy, but it honors God and will have an eternal impact. Keep up the good work! Remember Galatians 6:9, *Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.*

This week I learned

Lesson Rhyme Signs

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



Daily Reading 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 down on the towns?

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

Concluding Lesson

Review: Why did God feel sad about Sodom and Gomorrah? What did God do for Lot and his family? What happened to Lot's wife? Why? How did God destroy Sodom and Gomorrah?

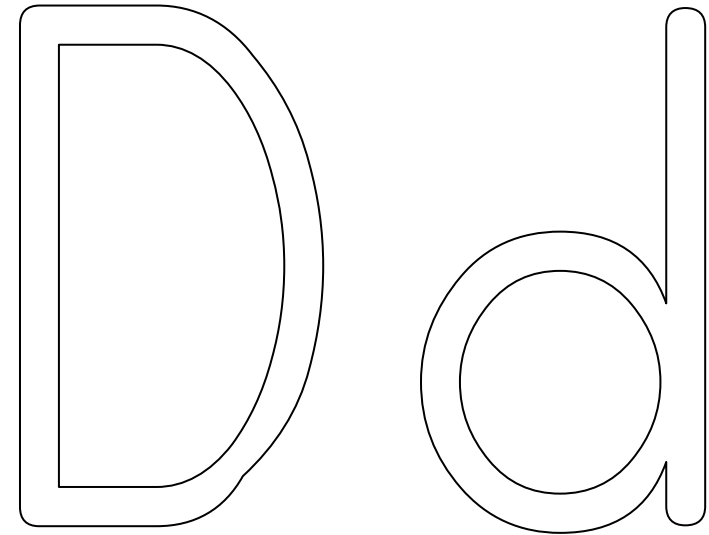
Prayer: Thank God that he is God and that he does what is right. Pray that you would want to live a life that pleases him and devote yourself to following after Jesus.

Application: What are things people do that make God sad? What are things you do that make God sad? How can you stop doing those things?

Dictation: Have the child dictate what important truth was learned from the lesson. Have the child repeat back the dictation, trace over the letters and draw a picture to go with it.

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Why did God destroy Sodom and Gomorrah?



D—D—Destroy

The people did what's bad

D—D—Destroy

Their evil made God sad

Day 1 Draw a 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.

Day 6 Draw a picture of you praying.

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.

Genesis 18:20-21: ²⁰ Then the LORD said, "The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great and their sin so grievous ²¹ that I will go down and see if what they have done is as bad as the outcry that has reached me. If not, I will know."

Psalms 37:27-28: ²⁷ Turn from evil and do good; then you will dwell in the land forever. ²⁸ For the LORD loves the just and will not forsake his faithful ones. They will be protected forever, but the offspring of the wicked will be cut off.

Day 5

Draw a picture of the burnt cities.

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.

Day 2

Draw a 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.

Genesis 19:27-28:²⁷ Early the next morning Abraham got up and returned to the place where he had stood before the LORD.²⁸ He looked down toward Sodom and Gomorrah, toward all the land of the plain, and he saw dense smoke rising from the land, like smoke from a furnace.

Genesis 18:32:³² Then he said, "May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak just once more. What if only ten can be found there?" He answered, "For the sake of ten, I will not destroy it."

Day 3 Draw a picture of the 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.

Genesis 19:16-17: ¹⁶ When he hesitated, the men grasped his hand and the hands of his wife and of his two daughters and led them safely out of the city, for the LORD was merciful to them. ¹⁷ As soon as they had brought them out, one of them said, "Flee for your lives! Don't look back, and don't stop anywhere in the plain! Flee to the mountains or you will be swept away!"

Day 4 Draw a picture of Lot's wife.

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.

Genesis 19:25-26: ²⁵ Thus he overthrew those cities and the entire plain, including all those living in the cities—and also the vegetation in the land. ²⁶ But Lot's wife looked back, and she became a pillar of salt.