

Lesson No. ( 37 )

**THE BROTHERLY LOVE  
ABRAHAM AND LOT**

**References:**

Genesis 14.

**Notes for Servants**

- ★ We should not choose for ourselves material things according to our desires. Lot chose for himself so he was captured, his possessions were burnt in Sodom, he lost his wife, his soul was tortured and his two daughters became immoral.
- ★ But how great Abraham the father of fathers was when he defended his nephew who was difficult to control. True love forgets the mistreatment of others and remembers only the perfect love of God. The true love directs him to Melchizedek (Christ) to receive His blessings and to offer Him more worship.

**Objectives**

**General:** To love all our relatives in pure heart and trouble ourselves to serve them.

**Specific:**

The children will be able to ...

- A. Understand the meaning of brotherly love to all our relatives.
- B. Practice this love at home, with their family and even with friends.
- C. Know that the result of giving is receiving more from God, on earth and in heaven.

**Bible Verse**

**" Let brotherly love continue. "**

(Hebrews 13:1)

**Teaching Aids**

A big picture - Scenes - the picture of the lesson.

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**Instruction**

- (1) Review last week's lesson.
- (2) Who remembers the verse?
- (3) Remind the children about the church occasions for the coming week.
- (4) Teacher should prepare the appropriate questions to emphasize the objectives during the lesson.

## Story Time

Our father Abraham had a nephew named Lot. They both walked in the way of the Lord. Unfortunately, Lot concerned himself with earthly matters, so when a dispute rose between his servants and Abraham's servants who cared for their cattle, Abraham spoke to him gently... and asked him to choose for himself the good land and leave him the rest of the land. Lot lifted his eyes and saw that the Jordan area was good because it contained water, plants and pastures so he chose it, and left the land of Canaan for Abraham. Although Abraham was older than Lot, he was not selfish but he loved Lot.

A war broke out among many kings and the kings of the area where Lot dwelt. The enemies were victorious and looted all the people of Sodom and Gomorrah and took their possessions. Lot, his wife and daughters were among the captives. It was a terrible war. The captives went out of Sodom in rows led by their enemies. They were severely treated. Lot thought of himself and repented that he had chosen that place. He was sorry for what he did. He thought about Abraham's love and unselfishness and how he rescued him from his enemies and how he was then living on his land in comfort.

While Abraham was sitting in his tent, some men came and told him what happened... (Describe his worry, weeping and his love for Lot and how some people said that he deserved this punishment as he chose for himself... but Abraham did not judge others.) He began to think of a way to save Lot. Abraham called together all the fighting men in his camp and pursued those who captured Lot. They attacked the enemy by night and defeated them. He chased them and recovered the loot that had been taken.

Abraham exposed himself to death for his nephew. "Let brotherly love continue." Abraham won a great victory. He brought the captives back to their country. The King of Sodom went out to meet Abraham. He thanked him and wanted to reward him but Abraham refused. They all thanked God for that victory. On their way back, there was a surprise. A man named Melchizedek, the King of Salem appeared to them. He was a king and a priest. He brought bread and wine to Abraham and blessed him. Abraham gave him a tenth of all the loot he had recovered. This man is a symbol of Christ who gave us His body and blood and blessed us and we give Him a tenth of all that we have. He who loves his brothers sees Christ and Christ loves him. They all went back home with joy and thanked the Lord and were amazed when they saw how much Abraham loved Lot.

### Discussion

- 1 - Follow up the story by talking about it with the children.
- 2 - Continue the discussion while they do the activity.

### Learning Activities

Activity Sheet.