

# Adventures with GOD!

## FAITH AND THE SALVATION OF LOT (B.3.FALL.10)

Biblical Reference	Genesis 19
Key Verse	Psalm 34:7
Key Concept	My faith in God helps me to trust that God is with me no matter what happens
Educational Objectives	At the end of the class today, the children will be able to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Tell how God protected Lot and his family</li> <li>2. Share ways that they see the protection of God in their lives</li> <li>3. Give thanks to God for God's protection and care</li> </ol>

### LIFE APPLICATION

God protected Lot and his family when they were facing danger and death. God acted and God continues to act today. The way that God acts may look different in our different circumstances, but one thing is certain God is faithful to be with us whatever the circumstance we are in. This week the children will be able to express ways they have experienced God's care and protection.

### POSSIBLE ACTIVITIES AND CLASS PLAN

Activity	Materials	Time
My GROW adventure	GROW Adventure w/God materials	5 minutes
Opening prayer	Candle	1 minute
Bible Reading	Bible	5 minutes
Introduction	Map, bag of salt	5 minutes
Bible exploration	Bibles	10 minutes
Activity	Blank paper, markers, crayons	10 minutes
Game	Paper, pencils	10 minutes
My GROW adventure	Review	5 minutes
Closing prayer	Candle	1 minute



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## INSTRUCTIONS

**My GROW Adventure with God Weekly Review:** As children enter take time to have them reflect on their adventure with God booklets and either discuss or use art materials to express their journey during the past week. You may wish to add any art work, written poems, prayers or songs to a GROW wall in the room. You can find my GROW Adventure with God materials on the Covchurch.org website in the same place as the Adventures with God sessions.

**Opening Prayer:** Gather children around a candle. Light the candle and explain that we are entering into a special time with God. Encourage the children to hold their hands out in front of them palms up as a sign they are ready to receive what God has for them today.

**Prayer Example:** Lord God, thank you for making us, for loving us, for forgiving us, and guiding us. We know you are here with us right now. As we enter into your word, the Bible, help us draw close to you, to understand and to listen to what you have to say to us. Amen (For safety sake, you may wish to extinguish the candle after the prayer.)

**Bible Reading:** Explain that as we read the Bible we do so first to spend time with God. Children can remain with hands out-stretched, palms up to receive the word as it's being read. Alternatively they can be invited to draw what they hear. Read the biblical reference for the day (Genesis 19:12-17) two times and ask children to respond.

**Question examples:** What did you notice in this passage? How does it make you feel? Was there anything you would ask God about that you didn't understand or was confusing? Is God saying anything to you through the story?

**Introduction:** Together look at the map that outlines the journey of Abraham and Sarah. Help them to locate Sodom and Gomorrah on the map. Then, pass around a bag of salt. Allow them to touch the salt, smell it and even taste a little. Ask them what salt is used for and why we use it. Today's story involves salt, so they should be attentive to hear what in the world salt has to do with Abraham and Sarah and their family.

**Bible exploration:** Today's story is a complicated one for children to understand. First it involves God's anger, second it involves the complex situation that Lot finds himself in when the people in the town come to harm the men who are visiting, and third it involves a drastic consequence when Lot's wife disobeys the Lord. Still, in this story, God's presence and protection is seen in the life of Lot and his family. Even in the midst of danger, God was with Lot and guided him and his family to safety. The story is found in Genesis 19 and it

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would be good to have the story told in your own words using illustrations or figures, or using a children's Bible with illustrations.

It is important to give the children the context surrounding today's story. God spoke to Abraham at the end of Genesis 18 about the situation of Lot and his family and the situation of the city of Sodom that was filled with sin and selfishness. The people in the city of Sodom were acting in evil ways, treating one another horribly. They were so selfish and were acting out against God. So God told Abraham he was going to destroy the city (Genesis 18:16-33). But Abraham began to pray and intercede on behalf of his family and the other righteous people living in the city. He asked God to show mercy and God promised to show mercy if a certain number of righteous people could be found. In the end God was not satisfied with the number of righteous people found and determined to destroy the city, but promised to save Abraham's family – the family of Lot.

Some of the highlights in this story are:

- Angels visited Sodom and went to the home where Lot, Abraham's nephew, was living (Genesis 19:1-3)
- Evil men came to attack and hurt the angels that were visiting Lot (vs. 4-9)
- The angels protected Lot and struck the evil men with blindness (vs. 10-11)
- The angels told Lot that he and his family had to leave the city because it was going to be destroyed (vs. 12-19)
- Lot and his family left the city (vs. 14-18)
- God told Lot not to look back, but Lot's wife looked back and turned into a statue of salt (vs. 26)

Talk about the story together. Ask questions about what the experience must have been like for Lot and his family. What must they have felt when the people of the city came to threaten them and the visitors? What would their reaction have been when they were told to flee their house? How did God guide them? Who did he use to warn them of the destruction of the city?

Together say the Bible memory verse – Psalm 34:7. If possible sing the memory verse, making up your own song as a group.

**Activity:** Illustrating the story. This activity will help them to visualize the events in today's Bible story, helping them to guard the word of God in their hearts and remember how God was faithful to Lot and protected him and his family.

**Game:** God protects me. Divide the class into two or three groups. Each team should think of moments or situations when God has taken care of them or their family, or ways they

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have seen God protect others. They should then write each of these moments on a small strip of paper and these papers will be collected and put into a basket. To start the game, a child from one of the teams will choose a paper from the basket and will act out the situation described on the slip of paper and his team should guess the answer. If the team does not answer correctly, the next team may try to answer. The game continues and the teams take turns acting out and guessing the situation. A point is given for each correctly guessed answer.

## **Today's GROW Adventure with God Review:**

**G: God's Word:** What is the story? (Give children an opportunity to express their understanding of the story).

**R: Relationships:** Is there anything in today's Bible story that shows us how we should or shouldn't share God's love with others? (Remind children that sometimes God uses the stories of the Bible to show us how we shouldn't act toward God or others and give them a chance to consider how we might show God's love instead).

**O: Outward Action:** Is there anything in the Bible story that shows us how we should help or serve God or others? (Explore concrete ways the children could live this out in the coming week).

**W: Worship:** Is there anything in the Bible story that shows us how we should accept God's love for us and others? **Ask:** How do you feel about God? How would you like to respond to God? What would you like to say to God?

**Closing Prayer:** Gather children around the candle again. As you light the candle explain that the flame is something that is present in the light and the darkness. In the same way, it reminds us that God is always with us. Is there anything anyone wishes to say to God? After children have responded, close the prayer time.

**Prayer Example:** Lord God, we thank you that you are always with us, and always love us. It's good to be with you. Thank you for what we have learned today. Thank you for being with us and for teaching us through the Bible. Help us to remember what you have taught us today and to live it out when we leave. Amen.



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## ACTIVITY

### ILLUSTRATING THE STORY

One way to remember the events of a Bible story are to use pictures. Offer ideas of the different things that happened in the story of Lot in Sodom and Gomorrah and allow them to draw a picture of the event in the story that most stands out to them.

**Visitors (angels) arrive in Sodom and visit Lot.**

**The people in the city are sinful and have rebelled against God.**

**Lot, his wife, and his daughters flee the city.**

**Sodom and Gomorrah are destroyed.**

**Lot's wife turns into a pillar of salt when she disobeys God and looks back at the city.**

**Lot and his daughters find safety in a new city.**