

# Adventures with GOD!

## GOD HELPED A FAMILY ESCAPE (A.2.Spring.9)

Biblical Reference	Genesis 19:1-30
Key Verse	Psalms 63:7
Key Concept	God helps me in times of uncertainty
Educational Objectives	At the end of class today, children will be able to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Recite today's Key Verse.</li><li>2. Dramatize how God helped Lot and his family escape.</li><li>3. Explain how angels helped Lot and his family.</li></ol>

### Life Application

For young children it can be very difficult to understand and believe in things they cannot see. Lot's story is fascinating because angels were visible to all of Sodom. Children will learn that God loves us so much that wherever we are, God keeps us protected and safe.

### Possible Activities and Class Plan

Activity	Materials	Time
Opening Prayer	Candle	1 minute
Introduction	See instructions	5 minutes
Bible Story	Bible	10 minutes
Craft	Crayons, hole punch, string	15 minutes
Snack	Healthy snack	10 minutes
Closing Prayer	Candle	1 minute

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## INSTRUCTIONS

### Opening Prayer

Gather children around a 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. Light the candle.

**Prayer:** God we light this candle remembering: you made light, you made us, and you are with us now. Amen (For safety sake, you may wish to extinguish the candle after the prayer.)

**Introduction:** Ask children about their week at school, home, and with their friends. Review what they learned over the past few weeks. Children can use drawings and pictures to help remember what they have studied.

**Bible Story:** Begin the story remembering the things God has done for us every day. Talk about Lot and his family. While they are sitting ask them to think about how God guides us to do good. Use puppets or the accompanying illustrations to represent Lot, his wife and children. The focus of the story is that God rescued Lot and his family from a dangerous place. God sent two angels who appeared to warn men and bring them out of town. Do not mention anything about the bad things they wanted to do to the inhabitants of Sodom and the angels. Simply talk about God's love and care and how God led Lot and his family out of a very dangerous place, because God loved Lot. Explain to children that we need to obey God at all times. This story has a very sad part so please use caution when discussing. The angels guided the family out of the city, telling them to run fast to the mountains. The angels also said that God warned against looking back. So Lot and his family ran and ran, when suddenly, Lot's wife looked back to where her home was. And you know what happened? She became a pillar of salt. How sad it is to not obey God!

God loved them so much, and brought Lot and his family out of a dangerous place. It's important for children to understand that they shouldn't go to dangerous places. But if one is in a dangerous place, you can ask for help from God – God loves and cares for us in times of danger. Remind children to listen to God, parents, and elders, because they protect and keep us safe, as well.

**Craft:** See craft sheet found on page 7. Children can color Lot's wife. Once colored, punch a hole at the top and run a string to hang it as a mobile.

**Snacks:** Serve children a healthy snack and encourage them to give thanks to God for protection, care and assurance. In prayer, ask for help to be more obedient.

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During the snack, talk about moments when children have felt safe in the hands of God. Then you can sing about the love of God.

// The love of God is wonderful //  
so great is the love of God.  
So high that I cannot go above it.  
So low that I cannot go down it.  
So wide that I cannot go outside it.  
So great is the love of God.

## **Closing Prayer**

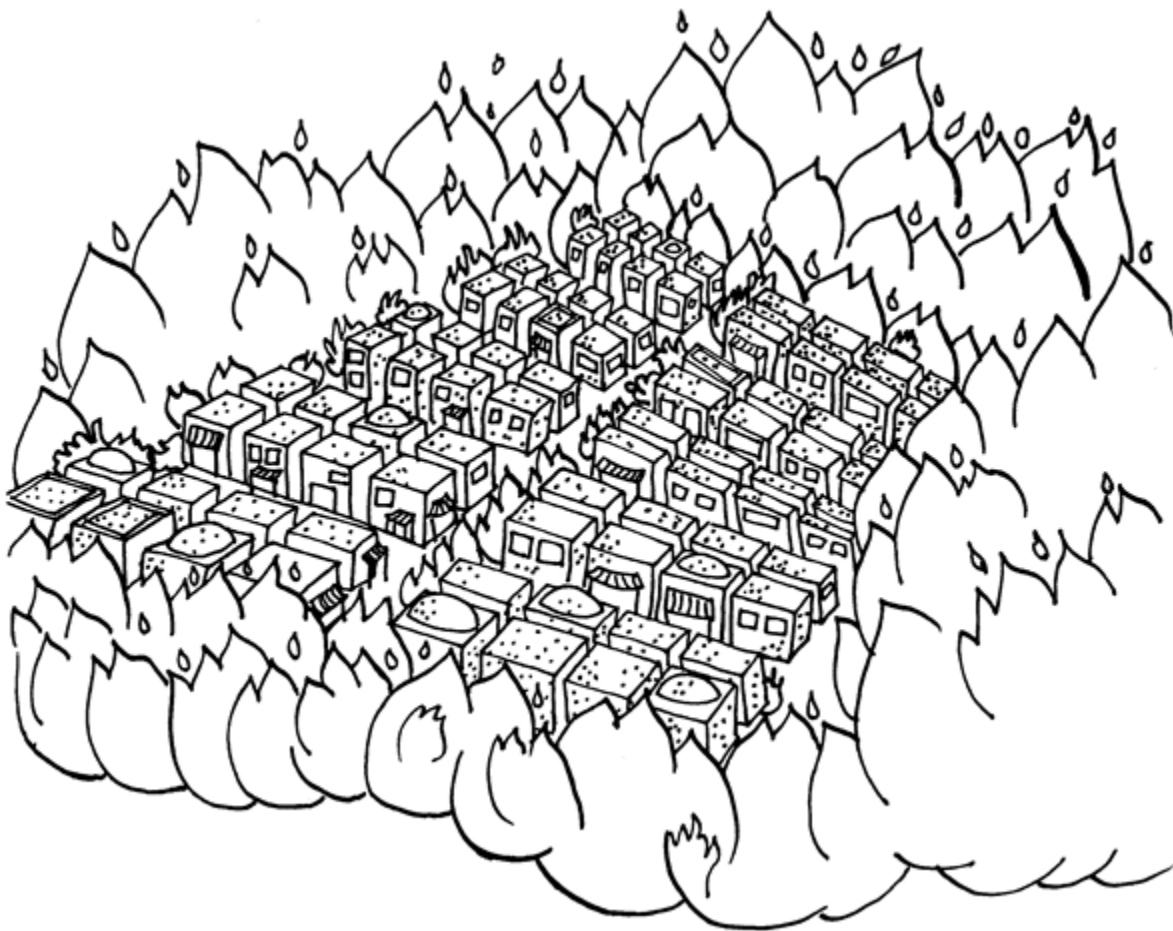
Gather children around the candle again and light the candle.

**Prayer:** Thank you God for loving us, for sending your son Jesus into the world.

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## ILLUSTRATION

Sodom and Gomorrah



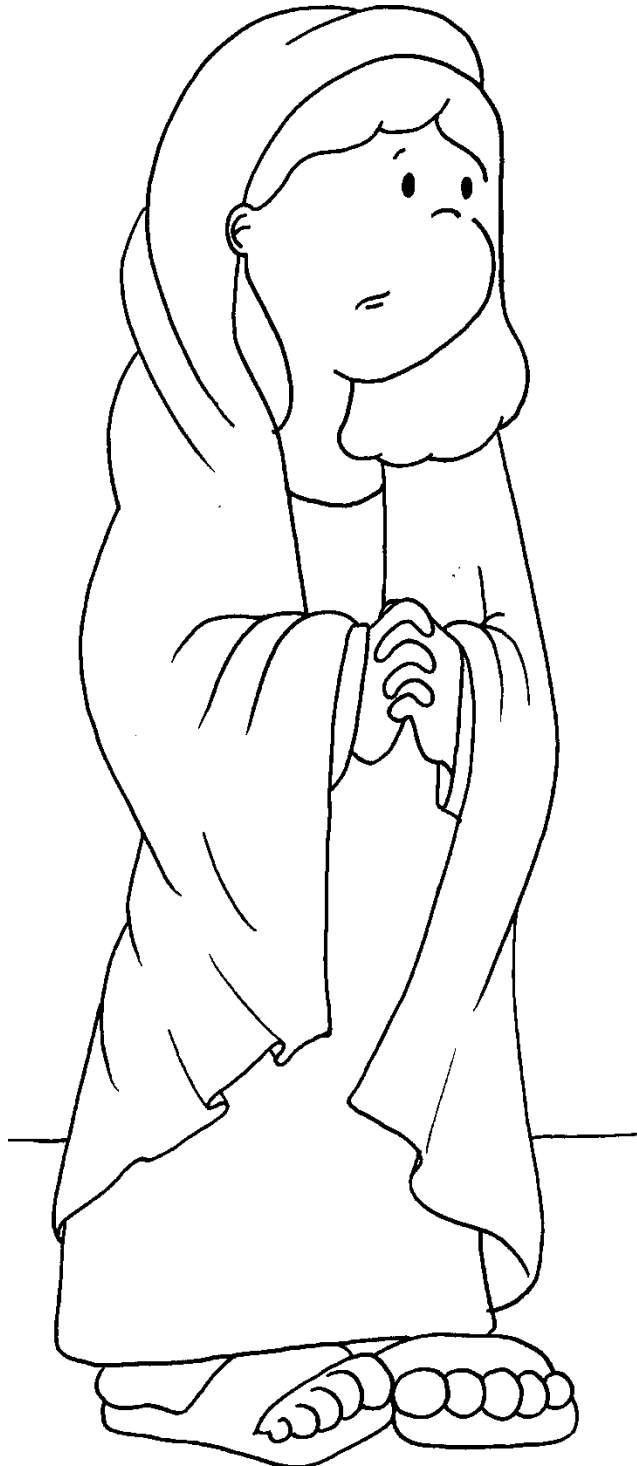
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Illustration - Lot



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Illustration – Lot's Wife



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CRAFT - Mobile

