



Sodom and Gomorrah

God punished the wicked cities but spared Lot's family.

Lesson Focus

The Lord and two angels appeared to Abraham and announced the judgment on Sodom and Gomorrah because of the sin and wickedness God saw there. Abraham pleaded not only for the cities but also for his nephew Lot. God must punish sin, but he had mercy on Lot and his family.

Key Passages

Genesis 18:1–2, 18:23, 18:32, 19:17, 19:26

Memory Verse

Genesis 12:1–2 Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go . . . to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.”

Review Questions

K-1st Review Questions

1. Who came to visit Abraham and Sarah? *The Lord and two angels.*
2. Why was the Lord going to destroy the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah? *They were very wicked.*
3. What did the Lord say he would NOT do if he could find 10 righteous people in the cities? *He would not destroy the cities.*
4. Who did Lot invite to stay at his house in Sodom? *Two angels.*
5. Who came and surrounded the house and wanted to hurt the angels? *The evil men of Sodom.*
6. What did the angels do to the wicked men who were trying to break in? *Struck them with blindness.*
7. What did the angels do when Lot and his family didn't leave the city right away? *Took them by the hand and led them out of the city.*
8. What did the angels tell Lot and his family to do? *Escape for their lives.*
9. What did the angels tell Lot and his family NOT to do? *Look back.*
10. Where did the angels tell Lot to go? *The hills.*
11. Where did Lot ask to go instead? *Zoar.*
12. How did the Lord destroy the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah? What came down from the sky? *He rained down fire and sulfur.*
13. How did Lot's wife disobey the command the angels gave them? What did she do? *She looked back at Sodom.*
14. How was she punished for disobeying? *She was turned into a pillar of salt.*
15. Why does God have to punish sin? *He is holy, just.*
16. How did God show mercy? *He sent the angels to rescue Lot and his family.*

Pre-K Review Questions

1. Who came to visit Abraham and Sarah? *The Lord and two angels.*
2. Why was the Lord going to destroy the cities, including Sodom? *They were very wicked.*
3. Who was living in Sodom that Abraham knew? *Lot.*
4. Who came and surrounded Lot's house and wanted to hurt the angels? *The evil men of Sodom.*
5. What did the angels do to the wicked men who were trying to break in? *Made them go blind.*
6. What did the angels tell Lot and his family to do? *Escape for their lives.*
7. What did the angels tell Lot and his family NOT to do? *Look back.*
8. Where did the angels tell Lot to go? *The hills.*
9. Where did Lot ask to go instead? *Zoar.*
10. How did Lot's wife disobey the command the angels gave them? What did she do? *She looked back at Sodom.*
11. How was she punished for disobeying? *She was turned into a pillar of salt.*
12. God is holy. What does he think of sin? *He hates it and must punish sin.*
13. How did God show mercy to Lot? *He sent the angels to rescue Lot and his family.*

Run from Sodom Game

Materials

- ☐ Large area for running (gym, hallway, outside)
- ☐ Optional: masking tape to mark the finish line

Instructions

Have students line up at one end of the area. Use masking tape or some other object to mark the finish line at the far end of the area.

Explain that you are going to pretend to be the angel and the students will pretend to be Lot and his family. When you say, "Run from Sodom!" the students will run toward the finish. When you say, "Don't look back!" they must "freeze" like a statue (or a pillar of salt).

Alternate running and freezing until someone reaches the finish line. Repeat as time allows.

Smaller area option: If you don't have a large area, have the students run in place when you say, "Run from Sodom!" and "freeze" like a statue when you say, "Don't look back!"

Suggested Discussion

The Bible tells us what happened to Sodom and some other wicked cities. God destroyed those cities because the people were very sinful. But God had mercy on Lot and his family and allowed them to escape.

- ? What did the angels tell Lot and his family to do? *Run!*
- ? What did the angels command them NOT to do? *Look back.*

That's right. Lot and his family did run away from Sodom like they were told to do. But Lot's wife did look back, and she was punished for her disobedience. She was turned into a pillar of salt.

- ? Do you think it's important to obey God's commands? *Allow discussion.*

It's very important to obey God, isn't it? Jesus said that if you love him, then you will obey him.

Name _____

God is holy. He must punish sin.

