

Abraham and Lot (Genesis 13)

God had promised Abraham many things. He said, "... I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing to others." All Abraham needed to do was obey what God was telling him and follow Him. This meant that Abraham had to leave his country, his people, and his relatives and go to the land that God would show him. Simple enough, right?

This meant that Abraham faced many obstacles and each obstacle God came through and helped him to fulfill His promises He had made to Abraham.

No sooner had God helped Abraham through one obstacle and another one would seem to appear. In this case, it was about land and cattle and space.

God had begun to bless Abraham and his nephew Lot with a lot of livestock. In that time, the more livestock you had, the wealthier you were. However, livestock required looking after, and that meant that they needed lots of land to graze on and lots of water to drink.

When Abraham, his wife, Lot, all their livestock, and all their herdsmen moved out of Egypt, to a place called Bethel, it became very apparent that there was not enough room for all the livestock to live comfortably. Soon, arguing broke out between Abraham's shepherds and Lot's shepherds.

What were they to do? This was the land God gave them, and now it seemed like there wasn't enough of it. Abram said to Lot, "Let's not have fighting between us, between your shepherds and my shepherds. We are family."

Then Abraham said, "If you look around, isn't there plenty of land out there? We have to separate ways, but if you go left I'll go right. If you go right I'll go left."

Lot looked east and saw a plain of land called the Jordan, which looked to him like God's garden and would be perfect for all his needs. So they separated. Abraham moved to a place called the Oaks of Mamre in Hebron.

But before Abraham moved, God once again encouraged him saying, "... Open your

eyes, look around. Look north, south, east, and west. Everything you see, the whole land spread out before you, I have given you and your children forever. I'll make your descendants like dust — counting your descendants will be as impossible as counting the dust of the earth. Get up on your feet and get moving! Walk through the country, its length and breadth; I'm giving it all to you.”

So Abraham moved to Hebron. When he got there, he built an altar to God and offered Him thanks and praise for once again fulfilling His promises and making a way through all the obstacles he faced.

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this lesson's verse:**

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who keeps covenant and
mercy for a thousand
generations with those
who love Him and keep
His commandments.
(Deuteronomy 7:9)*

I choose this one!



Drawing Prayer

Draw something on a piece of paper that reminds you about this Bible story. Then when you go home, post your picture as a reminder to pray and ask God to help you remember that He is faithful.

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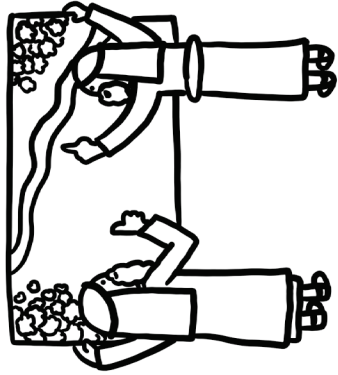
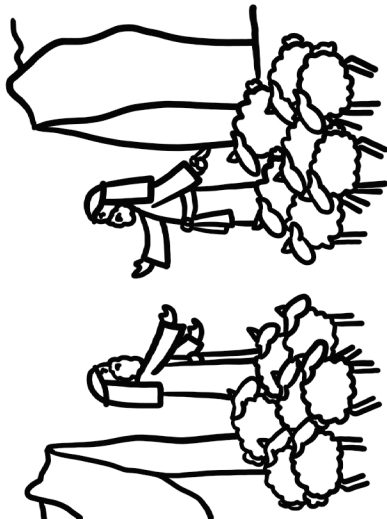
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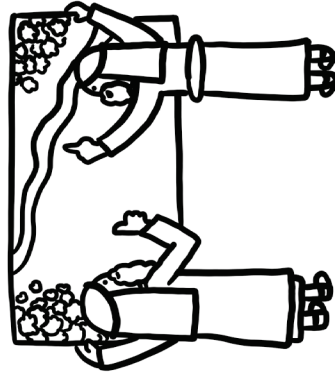
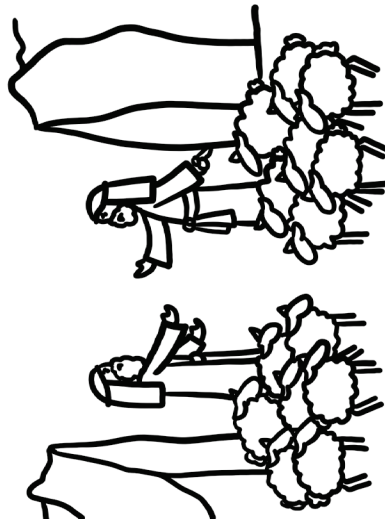
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