Opening

Gathering: Tell of a choice you made that appeared right at the time, but turned out to be wrong.

Today’s Focus: To recognize God’s desire to protect us during our daily lives and to save us from the punishment we deserve.

Key Verses:

This is my prayer: that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ. Philippians 1:9-10

“Do I take any pleasure in the death of the wicked?” declares the Sovereign LORD. “Rather, am I not pleased when they turn from their ways and live?” Ezekiel 18:23

If He rescued Lot, a righteous man who was distressed by the filthy lives of lawless men, then the Lord knows how to rescue godly men from trials. 2 Peter 2:7-9

Opening Prayer

Lesson

Uncle Abe (Genesis 11:31-13:5)

Who was Lot and how was he related to Abram?
Genesis 11:31

Why does Lot play a big part of the story of Abram?
Genesis 12:1, 4

Why did Lot go with Abram instead of staying home in Haran?
Genesis 11:28

How did God bless Abram during his first years in Canaan and Egypt?
Genesis 13:1-2

What was a big part of God’s purpose in blessing Abram?
Genesis 12:2

Was Lot blessed by being with Abram in Canaan and Egypt?
Genesis 13:5

Separate Ways (Genesis 13:6-13)

What caused Lot to separate from Abram?
Genesis 13:6-9

Abram trusted God to provide when he gave Lot the choice. Did Lot trust God in choosing?
Genesis 13:10-11

How can Lot’s choice be a sign of a weak faith?
Proverbs 16:2, 25

How did Lot’s choice seriously challenge the faith he had?
Genesis 13:12-13

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Uncle Abe to the Rescue  *(Genesis 14)*

What happened to Lot while he was living near Sodom?  
Genesis 14:3, 10-12
How was Lot and his family saved from lives of slavery?  
Genesis 14:14-16
How was God involved in this story?  
Genesis 14:18-20

God’s Business  *(Genesis 18:1-21)*

Why did God visit Abraham when he was 99 years old?  
Genesis 18:10-11
How did God appear to Abraham during this visit?  
Genesis 18:1-3
Did God have any other places to go during this visit to earth in human form?  
Genesis 18:16
Why was God going to Sodom?  
Genesis 18:20-21
Why did God tell Abraham His plans?  
Genesis 18:17-19

Abraham Negotiates  *(Genesis 18:22-33)*

Did God leave Abraham immediately after speaking of His judgment?  
Genesis 18:22
What did Abraham think about God judging the city where his nephew lived?  
Genesis 18:23-25
How did God respond to Abraham’s bold request?  
Genesis 18:26

How did Abraham speak even more boldly with the Almighty Creator?  
Genesis 18:27-28
How did God further show His patience with Abraham?  
Genesis 18:29
Did this satisfy Abraham?  
Genesis 18:30

Did Abraham’s boldness in trying to negotiate with God upset Him?  
Genesis 18:31
To what extent did God show His love to Abraham?  
Genesis 18:32-33

Note:  Lot’s family was at least 6 - Lot, his wife, 2 daughters, 2 sons-in-law (betrothed, not married)  
Lot had a household of servants when he left Abraham  
Abraham likely felt that Lot would be protected at 10
Men of Sodom  (Genesis 19:1-9)

Was Lot just living near Sodom, or had he become a citizen of the city?
Genesis 19:1
Did Lot show any of the hospitality of his uncle Abraham?
Genesis 19:2-3
How many days did the angels spend in Sodom before its evil was revealed?
Genesis 19:4-5
How did Lot show his sacrificial service to these men of God?
Genesis 19:6-8
Being a city leader, was Lot able to reason with the men?
Genesis 19:9

Guardian Angels  (Genesis 19:10-22)

How did Lot find out that his two visitors were more than just men?
Genesis 19:10-11
Besides saving Lot from the men, how else did the angels protect Lot?
Genesis 19:12-13
How difficult was it for Lot to get his family safely out of Sodom?
Genesis 19:14-15
Where is Lot's great wealth and servants?
Genesis 19:16-17
How did the angels intervene again to save Lot and his family?
Genesis 19:18-22

God Destroys Sodom & Gomorrah  (Genesis 19:23-29)

How far out of town was Lot when God began destroying the cities?
Genesis 19:23-25
Did all of Lot's family make it to Zoar in time?
Genesis 19:26
Had God saved Lot and his daughters because they were righteous?
Genesis 19:27-29
Edersheim - The Dead Sea basin was examined and found to consist of two lakes: one 1300 ft deep and the other 13 ft deep. The shallow lake is likely the site of Sodom & Gomorrah, which were likely on the shore of the deep sweet-water lake. The chemical composition of the Dead Sea points to volcanic activity that may have destroyed, then submerged the area.

Moabites and Ammonites  (Genesis 19:30-28)

Did Lot stay in Zoar or did he go back to his uncle Abraham?
Genesis 19:30
What problem did Lot's daughters have where they took matters into their own hands?
Genesis 19:31-32
How did Lot react to their plan?
Genesis 19:33-36
Why was this story important enough to be included in the Bible?
Genesis 19:37-38
Abraham’s Trust  *(Genesis 20)*

- Had Abraham always exhibited a stronger faith and trust in God than Lot?  
  *Genesis 12:11-13*
- Did Abraham learn to better trust in God after years of closeness with God?  
  *Genesis 20:1-2*
- How did this lack of trust especially threaten God’s plan?  
  *Genesis 18:10a*
- How did God protect His plan despite Abraham’s careless distrust?  
  *Genesis 20:3-7*
- How did Abimelech respond to God’s command?  
  *Genesis 20:8-10*
- Why did Abraham lie to Abimelech?  
  *Genesis 20:11-13*

Blessed to be a Blessing  *(Genesis 20:14-18; 21:22-24)*

- How did God bless Abraham in this incident despite his lack of trust?  
  *Genesis 20:14-16*
- How did God allow Abraham to be a blessing to Abimelech?  
  *Genesis 20:17-18*
- How do we see that God began to make Abraham into a great nation and make his name great?  
  *Genesis 21:22-24*

Abraham and Abimelech - Again  *(Genesis 21:25-34)*

- How was Abraham’s view of Abimelech confirmed as a man of honor with a true fear of God?  
  *Genesis 21:25-26*
- What type of treaty did the two likely make?  
  *Genesis 21:27*
- What was done to help each other remember the treaty?  
  *Genesis 21:28-31*
- What did Abraham do to thank God for blessing him with greatness so that he could be a blessing?  
  *Genesis 21:32-33*
- Did Abraham return to the land of Canaan that God had promised to give to his descendants?  
  *Genesis 21:34*

Closing Prayer

Response

2. Would God count me among the righteous in my community?  
   *(Genesis 5:24; 6:8-9; 18:22-32; Job 1:8; Ezekiel 14:12-20; Luke 1:5-6; James 2:14-26)*
3. How would I treat God’s angels if they came to me?  
4. Do I obey God in the simple and seemingly minor instructions He gives?  
   *(Genesis 19:17, 23-26; 1 Samuel 13:5-14; Luke 16:10-12; James 2:10)*
5. Do I trust God for protection, or would I lie to save my skin?  
   *(Genesis 12:10-20; 20:1-18; Proverbs 12:22; Nahum 1:7; John 14:1)*

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