



## PHUMC Sunday School lessons for Preschool – 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

### June 6, 2021 – Abraham and Lot (Genesis 13)

#### Prepare to Wonder

#### Faith Word: Peace

God called Abraham to leave his home and move his family to an unknown destination. God promised Abraham he would be the father of a great nation, built on the land he would move to. Abraham took his wife, Sarah, and his nephew, Lot. They were joined by Abraham's and Lot's servants and animals.

Abraham and Lot traveled a long way together. After a while, Abraham's and Lot's servants began to argue with one another. Between them, they had so many animals, the land could not support all of them. Abraham and Lot wanted to keep peace. They didn't want to fight with each other.

To ensure peace, Abraham gave Lot the choice of the two lands. Lot chose the Jordan Valley, because it was lush and green. There would be plenty of food for his animals. Without complaining, Abraham moved his animals and servants to the drier land.

As the elder, Abraham could have chosen land first. However, Abraham knew God would be with him wherever he went. Abraham loved Lot and wanted to be fair, so he allowed Lot to choose the land he wanted.

Our Unit 1 Spiritual Practice is exploring peace through justice. Explain to the children that justice means you love others by making sure they are treated fairly and equally. Abraham kept peace with Lot by letting him be the first to choose the land. Letting Lot choose first was an act of justice by Abraham that treated Lot fairly and kept peace.

#### Wonder with Me

##### READ the Bible Story

- Abraham and Lot, from Genesis 13 (*Read from your Bible, see the verses listed below, or see one of the following pages for a picture of the Celebrate Wonder version.*)

<sup>13</sup> So Abram went up from Egypt to the Negev, with his wife and everything he had, and Lot went with him. <sup>2</sup> Abram had become very wealthy in livestock and in silver and gold.

<sup>3</sup> From the Negev he went from place to place until he came to Bethel, to the place between Bethel and Ai where his tent had been earlier <sup>4</sup> and where he had first built an altar. There Abram called on the name of the LORD.

<sup>5</sup> Now Lot, who was moving about with Abram, also had flocks and herds and tents. <sup>6</sup> But the land could not support them while they stayed together, for their possessions were so great that they were not able to stay together. <sup>7</sup> And quarreling arose between Abram's herders and Lot's. The Canaanites and Perizzites were also living in the land at that time.

<sup>8</sup> So Abram said to Lot, "Let's not have any quarreling between you and me, or between your herders and mine, for we are close relatives. <sup>9</sup> Is not the whole land before you? Let's part company. If you go to the left, I'll go to the right; if you go to the right, I'll go to the left."

<sup>10</sup> Lot looked around and saw that the whole plain of the Jordan toward Zoar was well watered, like the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt. (This was before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah.) <sup>11</sup> So Lot chose for himself the whole plain of the Jordan and set out toward the east. The two men parted company: <sup>12</sup> Abram lived in the land of Canaan, while Lot lived among the cities of the plain and pitched his tents near Sodom. <sup>13</sup> Now the people of Sodom were wicked and were sinning greatly against the LORD.

<sup>14</sup> The LORD said to Abram after Lot had parted from him, "Look around from where you are, to the north and south, to the east and west. <sup>15</sup> All the land that you see I will give to you and your offspring<sup>[a]</sup> forever. <sup>16</sup> I will make your offspring like the dust of the earth, so that if anyone could count the dust, then your offspring could be counted. <sup>17</sup> Go, walk through the length and breadth of the land, for I am giving it to you."

<sup>18</sup> So Abram went to live near the great trees of Mamre at Hebron, where he pitched his tents. There he built an altar to the LORD.

### **WATCH the Bible Story**

- [https://youtu.be/k8mJr\\_bvmjA](https://youtu.be/k8mJr_bvmjA)

### **SHARE the Faith Word**

Faith Word: Peace – means living together in harmony without fighting. To be calm and know God's presence.

### **WONDER Together:**

1. What does peace feel like to you?
2. How can you help others feel at peace?

## **Spiritual Practice**

- **Share the Celebrate Wonder Family Activity Book together** (page 4 & 5). On page 5 (*and below*) you will find the suggested Spiritual Practice activity for the week.

**Abraham let Lot choose what direction he wanted to go so there would be peace.**

**How would you feel if you let a friend choose a toy to play with first and your friend chose the toy you wanted?**

You might get upset. If you do, say to yourself, *I don't want to fight with my friends. I love my friends. I want to be a peacemaker.*

You can make this important saying. Repeat to yourself, *I want to be a peacemaker.* Do this several times.

## Go in Peace

**Blessing:** Touch your child and say: "May God bless you as a person of peace and fairness. Go now in peace."

**Prayer:** Dear God, Help me see the people not treated fairly. Help me to be a peacemaker and speak up for them. Amen.

## Additional Activity for each age group

Select the material toward the end of the lesson that is age appropriate for your child(ren)

# WONDER CELEBRATE • DR Bible Storybook

## Abraham and Lot

Genesis 13:1-12

Abraham had lots of cattle, sheep, goats, silver, and gold. Abraham's nephew, Lot, also owned many sheep, goats, and cattle. Lot and Abraham had shepherds who took care of their animals. The shepherds started fighting. There wasn't enough land for all the animals. Abraham said, "Let's not fight. Lot, look at all the land. Choose a place to live. Then I will move in the other direction." Lot looked around and said, "I like the Jordan River Valley. It's pretty and green, and has good grass and plenty of water for my animals." Abraham said, "Then you should move to the Jordan River Valley." Abraham went to live in the Hebron Valley. God said to Abraham, "I will give you land as far as your eyes can see, and I will also bless you with a very large family."

I wonder: Was it hard for Abraham and Lot to move away from each other?



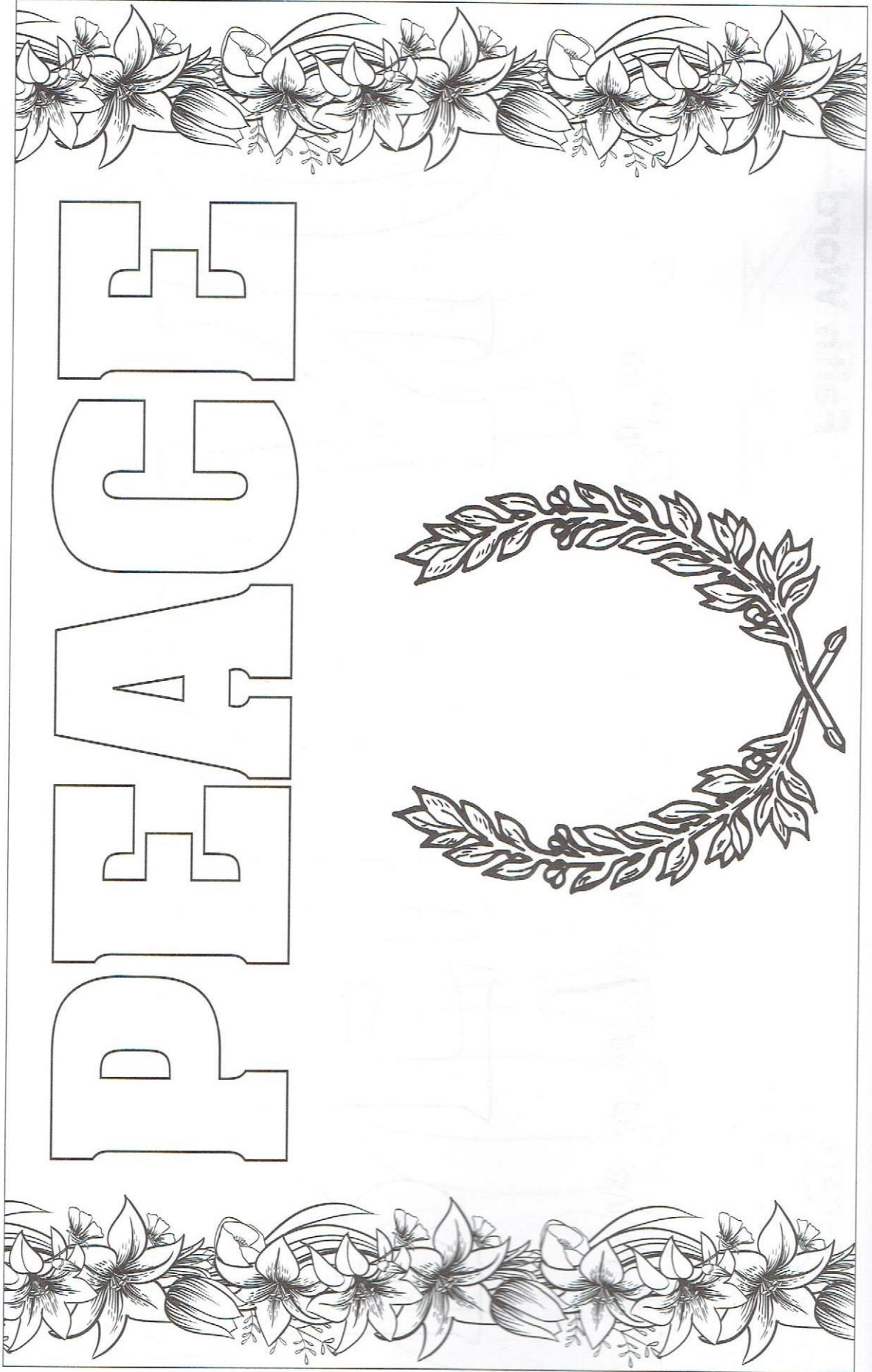


# Color Sheet for all



## Faith Word—Unit 1

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# Preschool Activity Spiritual Practice, Additional story video, video song, and Coloring Activity sheet

**Supplies:** computer/smart phone to watch the 2 suggested videos and a printout of the coloring activity sheet and color crayons.

**Say:** This week our Bible story is about Abraham and Lot. The idea of justice is a part of the story, in that it is important to keep peace by making sure everyone is treated fairly. Abraham kept the peace and treated Lot fairly by allowing Lot to choose the land he would take. God honored Abraham for keeping the peace. Let's do an activity called a spiritual practice that helps us see how we can keep peace. *(You will also want to remind them that a spiritual practice is something we do to help us connect with God.)*

- **Guide your child through the following spiritual practice.**
  - **Close your eyes and think of a time you were not treated fairly. You can say it out loud or you can say it silently to yourself.** *(You may need to give your child some addition prompts to help them think of something.)*
  - **Tell yourself that when you see someone else treated unfairly, you will try and help that person.** *(Perhaps you can discuss different scenarios' where someone is being treated unfairly and what they could do to help.)*

Here are a couple of videos that tie into our lesson. The song "Show Me Your Ways" reminds us that God will help us work for peace.

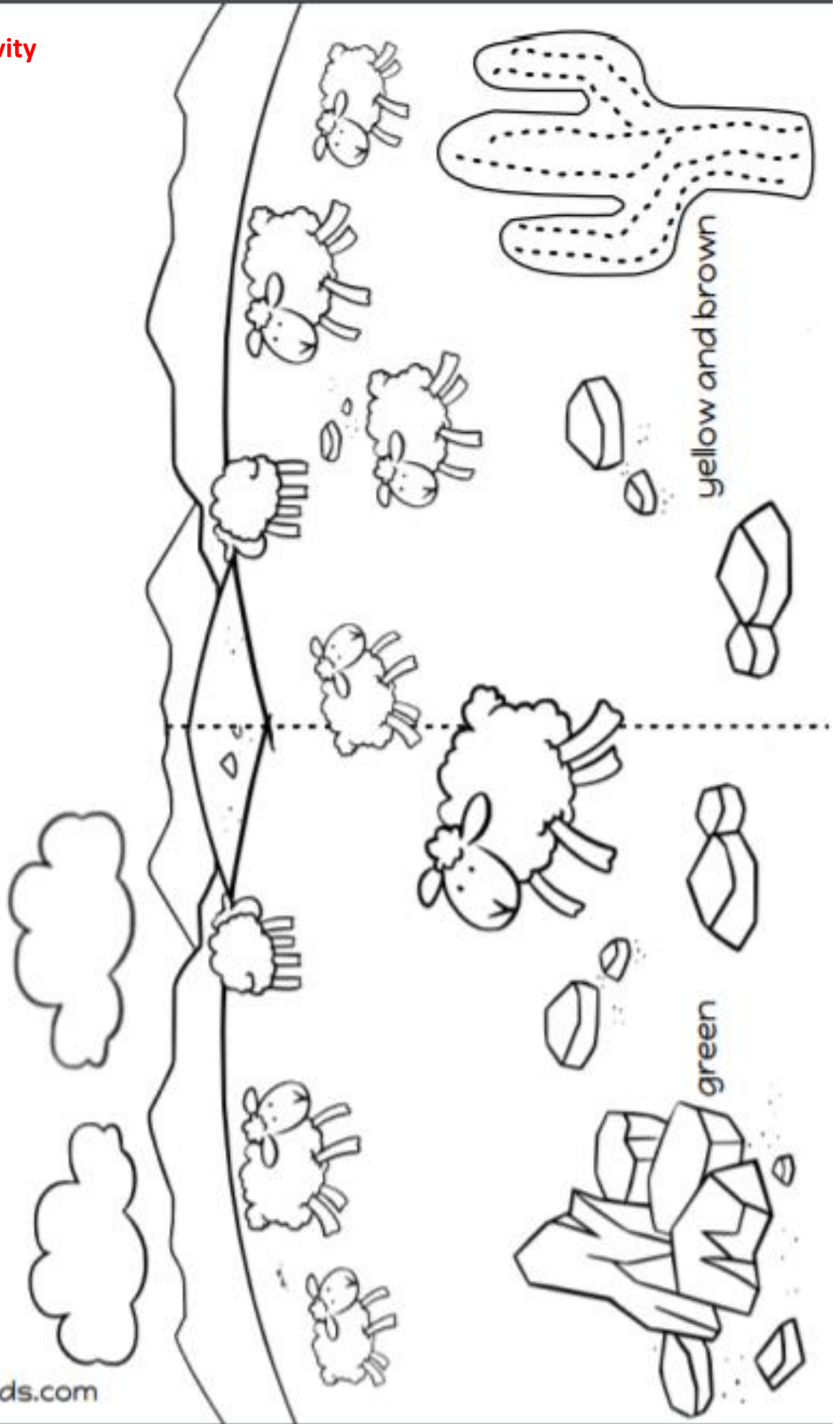
**Abraham and Lot (Genesis 12-13)**

[https://youtu.be/tYjQf1SXW\\_8](https://youtu.be/tYjQf1SXW_8)

**Worship Song – Show Me Your Ways**

[https://youtu.be/7bClloxL\\_9Zw](https://youtu.be/7bClloxL_9Zw)

Lot saw that one side was green and good for his sheep.  
Color one side of the picture green and the other yellow and brown.



# Early Elementary Activity

## We all are Family (Art)

**Supplies:** paper, markers, crayons, colored pencils

**Wonder:** **What does your family look like? Are there people you consider family who do not live with you or who live far away? How could you find ways to be with your family even if you are far away?**

Have each child draw a picture of her or his whole family. Encourage the children to think about and to include all the people they love and care for.

**Say:** No matter who our family is or where our family might be, God wants us to share peace and love.

# Older Elementary Activity

## We all are Family (Art)

**Supplies:** paper, markers, crayons, colored pencils

**Wonder: What does your family look like? Are there people you consider family who do not live with you or who live far away? How could you find ways to be with your family even if you are far away?**

Have each child draw a picture of her or his whole family. Encourage the children to think about and to include all the people they love and care for.

**Say:** No matter who our family is or where our family might be, God wants us to share peace and love.



# ABRAM and LOT

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