

Lot and Abram Divide the Land

Genesis 13

Bible point: God want us to put others first

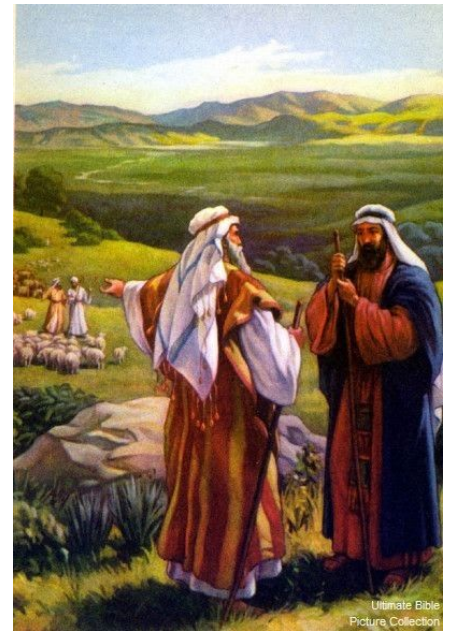
Our Bible Point for today tells us that God wants us to put others first. When we share our things and time with others, it's a way to put others first. In Genesis 13, we'll learn about a man named Abram and how he put another person first. Abram had to give something away to take care of another person.

The Bible says God sent Abram on a long trip. Abram took his wife; his servants; his nephew, Lot; and his sheep and other animals. They moved from place to place so they could find enough food for everyone's sheep and other animals. Soon they realized that the land they were staying on didn't have enough food and water for both Abram's sheep and Lot's sheep. The men who watched Abram's sheep and the men who watched Lot's sheep began to argue over whose animals had the right to the food and water on the land.

One night Abram went to Lot's tent and said, "Lot, we need to stop this arguing between our families. We need to start getting along with each other." Lot said, "I think we need to stop arguing, too." Abram pointed to all the land around them and said, "Look at all this land. If you go left, I'll go right. And if you go right, I'll go left."

Lot looked around and saw the beautiful land around the Jordan River. This land was full of green grass and trees. He said to himself, "That land would be wonderful for my sheep". This land was the best of all the land, and Abram offered it to Lot.

Lot said to Abram, "I'll take that land over there by the Jordan River." Abram said, "That's good. I'll take that land over there." Abram pointed to land that was rocky and not as beautiful as the land Lot chose. Abram left Lot and returned to his family, his sheep, and his other animals. After Abram left Lot, God stopped Abram and spoke to him.



Genesis 13:14-17

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. All the land that you see I will give to you and your offspring forever. 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. Go, walk through the length and breadth of the land, for I am giving it to you."

God promised to always give Abram everything he needed. He never had to worry about not having enough. Even though Lot picked the better-looking land, God made Abram's land better because Abram put Lot first. And when Abram had the chance, he was generous with others, like God was

generous with him. God wants us to put others first as Abram put Lot first—Abram knew that God always takes care of us.



Sharing Plan Jar:

Supplies:

Container or jar
Construction paper- blue and red
Scissors
Tape
Crayons
Stickers

Instructions:

Start with a piece of construction paper and wrap it around the outside of your container/jar to see what size paper you need. Trim the paper so that it will fit and write the words “**My Sharing Plan**” on it. Decorate it and then secure it to the container/jar.

Then use the sheets of red and blue construction paper and cut out three squares of each color.

On the three red sheets draw pictures of three things you could share with someone:

1. some kind of food
2. a piece of clothing
3. a toy

On the blue sheets draw three people:

1. a family member
2. a friend
3. another person



Fold the blue and red pictures and put them in your container/jar. To use your “sharing plan” by choosing one a red paper and one blue paper from the jar. Match the item you drew with the person you drew and start sharing! God wants us to put others first and when we share our things and our time with others, it's a way to put others first!