

Sodom & Gomorrah

Genesis 18-19



God answered Abraham's faithful prayer and showed mercy to Lot by rescuing him from wicked people.



The Story

Introduction:

Prepare the following recipe and shape into a person:

SALT SCULPTURE

Combine 1 cup salt and ½ cup cornstarch with ¾ cup cold water

Mix the ingredients together in a double boiler and heat, stirring constantly for 2 or 3 minutes until thick. Remove the mixture from the heat, allow to cool, and then knead for several minutes until an even consistency is attained. It is now ready for use. This clay doesn't shrink when drying. It will harden to the consistency of stone. It won't powder.

"How could this remind us of our sins?" The answer will be given at the end of the story.

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The Lord had come with two angels and visited with Abraham, and had promised that Abraham and Sarah would soon have a baby son.

When the visit was over, the Lord and the two angels got up and started walking toward the city of Sodom. Abraham went along with them.

The Lord said to Abraham, "I have heard that the people of Sodom and Gomorrah are doing terrible sins. I will go there now and see if they are as evil as I have heard they are or not."

The two angels continued walking toward Sodom, but the Lord stayed with Abraham. Now, Abraham knew that the Lord planned to destroy the wicked cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. But his nephew Lot lived in the city of Sodom, and Abraham didn't want Lot and his family to be destroyed. So Abraham spoke boldly to the Lord. "Are you going to destroy the good people along with the evil ones? Suppose there are 50 believers in the city.

You don't want to destroy the good people along with the evil ones. You are the Judge of all the earth. You always do what is right."

The Lord answered, "If I find 50 believers in Sodom, I will not destroy the city."

Then Abraham spoke again to the Lord, "I know that I am not worthy to ask this of You, Lord, but suppose there are only 45 believers in Sodom? Will you destroy the whole city because there were just 5 fewer than 50 believers?"

Again the Lord answered, "If I find 45 believers in Sodom, I will not destroy the city."

Abraham went from 45 to 40 to 30 to 20. Finally, Abraham said, "Lord, do not be angry with me if I ask one more time. Suppose there are 10 believers in Sodom?"

And the Lord answered, "I will not destroy Sodom if there are 10 believers there."

Then the Lord went on His way, and Abraham went back home.

Now the two angels came to Sodom in the evening, and Lot was sitting at the gate of the city. When Lot saw them, he begged them to spend the night at his house. He made a feast for them to eat. Before they went to bed that night, the men of the city surrounded Lot's house. They knew that Lot had two guests at his house. They called to Lot, and told him to send the guests out of the house. Those wicked men wanted to hurt the two "men". They wanted to do very wicked things to them.

Lot didn't want anyone to hurt his guests. He went out to talk to the wicked men of Sodom. "Don't do these wicked things," he begged. But it didn't help. They threatened to do even worse things to Lot, instead! When they tried to break

down the door, the angels inside reached out of the house and pulled Lot into the house, and shut the door. Then the angels made the wicked men outside become blind. Even this didn't make the men stop! They kept trying to find the door, but they could not. Finally they were tired of trying to find the door, and they left.

Then the angels asked Lot, "Do you have anyone else here? Get all of your relatives and take them out of here, because we will destroy this city soon. The Lord has sent us to destroy it."

So Lot went out and spoke to his sons-in-law, but they just thought he was joking.

When morning came, the angels told Lot, "Hurry! Take your wife and your two daughters and get out of this place or you will be destroyed along with the city!"

Still Lot and his family did not hurry. So the angels held them by the hand, and led them out of the city. Then one angel said, "Escape for your life! Go to the mountains, and don't look back!"

Lot and his two daughters were saved, but Lot's wife was not. She looked back at the burning city, and she was turned into a pillar of salt.

Early the next morning, Abraham looked toward Sodom and Gomorrah. He saw clouds of smoke, and he knew that God had destroyed the cities. But God had also answered Abraham's prayer. He had led Lot and Lot's family out of Sodom, and they were safe in the mountains.

Lot had a very bad problem. He was living in a wicked city, and was in danger of being burned up with the city! But God didn't forget about him. God sent angels to save Lot.

We have a problem that is even worse than Lot's problem. We are living in a wicked world, and we deserve to go to hell because of our sins. But God didn't forget about us. God sent His Son to die on the cross and save us from our sins. We will go to heaven to live forever!

Activity One - Use the word box to answer the following questions.

angels	destroy	house	prayed	safe	Sodom	wicked
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1. Lot lived in _____.
2. The people of Sodom and Gomorrah were very _____.
3. God planned to _____ Sodom and Gomorrah.
4. Abraham _____ to God to save the cities for Lot's sake.
5. The men who stayed with Lot were really _____.
6. The men of Sodom tried to get into Lot's _____.
7. Although Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed, Lot and his daughters were _____.

Activity Two - We need to take all of our problems to God in prayer. We know that He always hears our prayers, and answers them. Make a prayer list by writing one thing to pray for on each finger of the praying hands.

God shows mercy to us by rescuing us from Satan and this sinful world.



Activity Three - Use a red crayon to underline the sentences that show our sin.
Use a yellow crayon to underline the sentences that show our salvation.

1. The men of Sodom wanted to hurt the angels.
2. Lot was slow in leaving the city of Sodom.
3. Lot's wife looked back at Sodom.
4. We love the world and the things in the world more than we love God.
5. We know that Jesus died to take away our sins.
6. We don't want to listen to God.
7. We will live in heaven forever.
8. Our sins are forgiven.

Passages

Luke 17:32 - "Remember Lot's wife."

Psalms 145:18 - "The LORD is near to all
who call upon Him."

Hymn - TLH #459 v. 1-3

Come, my soul, thy suit prepare,
Jesus loves to answer prayer;
He Himself has bid thee pray,
Therefore will not say thee nay.

Thou art coming to a King,
Large petitions with thee bring;
For His grace and pow'r are such
None can ever ask too much.

With my burden I begin:
Lord, remove this load of sin;
Let Thy blood, for sinners spilt,
Set my conscience free from guilt. Amen.

Prayer

Dear Jesus, We are sorry that we don't listen to You the way we should. Please help us to remember to come to You in prayer, and remind us that You always hear and answer our prayers. Thank You also for taking care of us all the time. Thank You for protecting us from danger. Most of all, thank You for saving us from our sins so we will go to heaven. Amen.