

Sodom & Gomorrah

5+ lesson pack



Introduction

This week's lesson is taken from Genesis 18:16-19:29 and covers the account of Sodom and Gomorrah. While this is a difficult passage to teach younger children, it is important we don't overlook the important truths that the passage teaches.

Main points:

- God is patient but will judge sin.
- We should pray for others.
- We should flee from sin and temptation.
- God is gracious to save.

Video playlist



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Lesson guide

Reflect on our previous lesson where Abraham and Lot separated. Share how Lot choose to go towards the city of Sodom.

Use some toys and a piece of paper to act out Lot getting closer and closer to the city. Finally put lot in the middle of the paper. Review positional and directions words with your child as move Lot. Explain that Lot started off going near to Sodom and then ended up right in the middle of the city.

It is important for the child to understand that Sodom was a bad place. Rather than covering the sexual depravity of Sodom, focus on that they were very wicked. Genesis 13:13 says "The people of Sodom were wicked and were sinning greatly against the Lord." Another verse which speaks of the sin of Sodom can be found in Ezekiel 16:49 "This was the sin of your sister Sodom: She and her daughters were proud. They had plenty of food. They lived in great comfort. But she did not help the poor and needy."

It teaches about being proud and not helping others in need. Concepts children will easily understand.

Explain the God calls us to run away from sin. Recap on what your child might have already learned about sin from Adam and Eve and Noah. Explain what sin is and how God must judge it.

Share how Abraham prayed and tried to bargain with God to save the city. He would have been concerned about Lot and his family. Take some time to pray people you know. It is important to pray for others.

Set up items to remove from the table each time Abraham asks for a lower number. When you finally reach ten items, explain that God promised to save Sodom if there were ten righteous people there, but it was such a wicked city, He couldn't even find ten righteous people.

Even though Lot and his family made bad choice and put themselves in a dangerous place, God was gracious to save them. Explain how he sent angels to rescue them from the city.

Play a game where your child faces away from you or the other children. Tell them that they must not turn around. Everyone else must then try to call them or trick them to look behind.

Share how the angels led Lot and his family out of the city and told them not to look back. Explain how when Lot's wife looked back, she became a pillar (column) of salt (19:26).

Read Luke 17:32-33. Jesus used Lot's wife to remind us to leave our old life behind. Explain how God wants us to enjoy a new life with Him.

Sodom and Gomorrah

One day, Abraham was sitting in his tent. He saw three men standing nearby and ran to greet them.

Abraham told Sarah to prepare bread and he prepared meat for the three visitors to their tent.

One of the men said, "I will return to you about the same time next year and Sarah your wife will have a son."



The three were not just men at all. They were heavenly visitors!

The Lord decided that He would reveal to Abraham what He was going to do next. "Sodom and Gomorrah are very wicked cities." The Lord said. "Their sin is so bad that I am going to the cities to see if it is as bad as the outcry I hear."

Abraham remembered his nephew Lot lived in Sodom. He pleaded with God. "Will you punish the innocent with the guilty? What if there are fifty righteous men in the city?"



"I will spare the city for fifty." The Lord said.

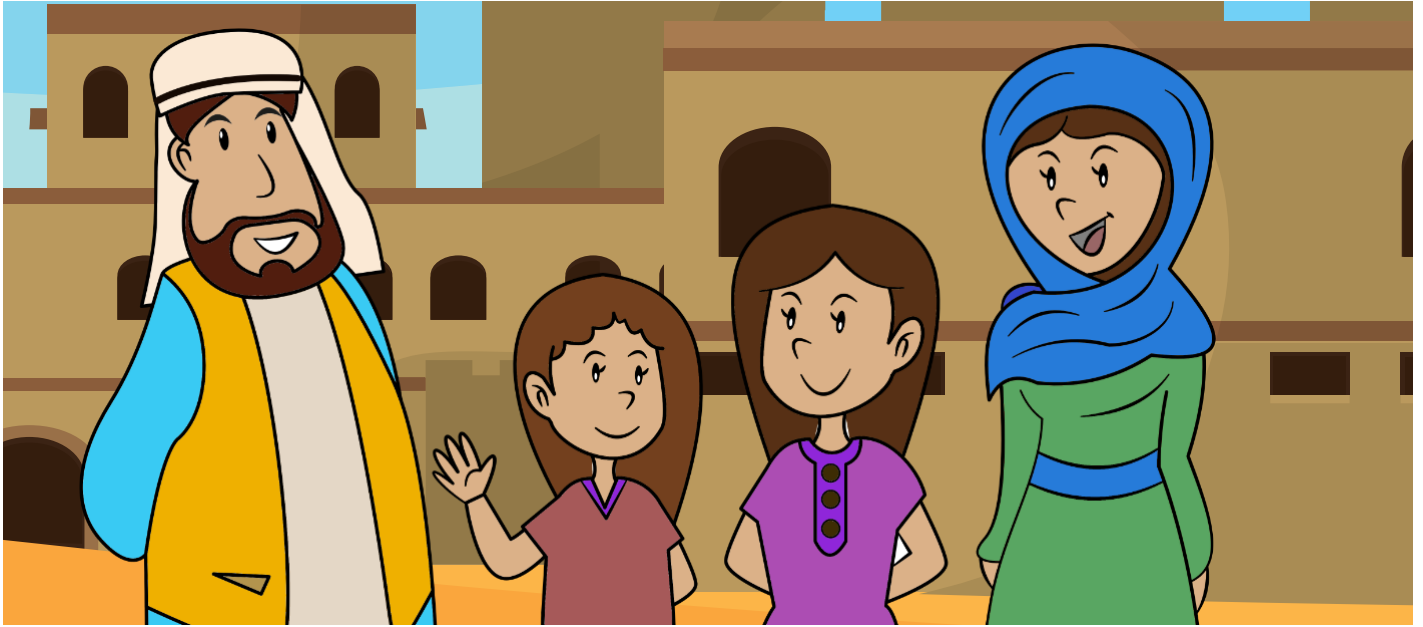
"What about forty-five?"

"I will spare the city for forty-five," the Lord said.

Abraham continued to ask God if he would spare the city for the sake of forty righteous, or thirty, or twenty. Each time, the Lord said he would spare the city for that many righteous.

"What about ten?" Abraham asked one last time.

"I will spare the city for ten."



The two angels arrived in Sodom and met Lot. “Come to my home,” said Lot.

Lot insisted that they come to his house. He prepared a meal for them.

But the men of the city were very wicked. They came to Lot’s house.

The angels pulled Lot into the house. “This city is too wicked. If you have any family here, get them out. God sent us to destroy this city, because it is too evil.”

Lot warned his extended family, but they didn’t listen to him.

The angels woke up Lot and his wife and two of his daughters early the next morning. “Get out of the city! Quickly! Don’t look back or you will be destroyed too.”

God rained sulphur down to destroy the wicked cities.

Everything was demolished on the whole plain including plants.

Lot’s wife didn’t obey the angel’s command. She turned to look back, and she became a pillar of salt.

Lot was spared, but God wiped the wicked cities from the earth.



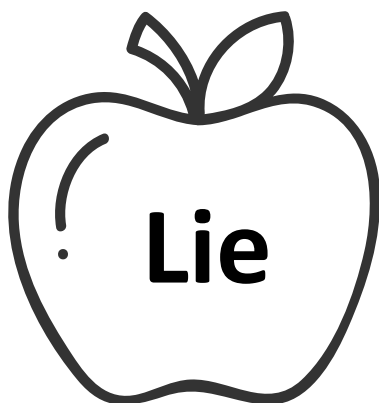
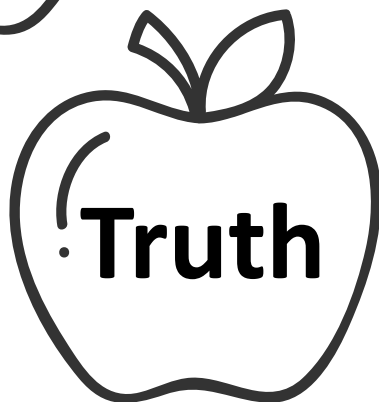
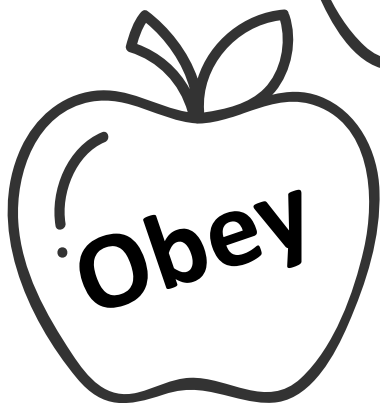
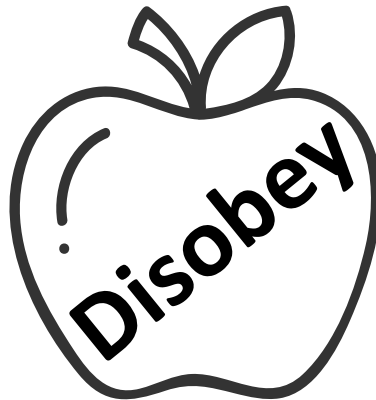
Actions that Please God

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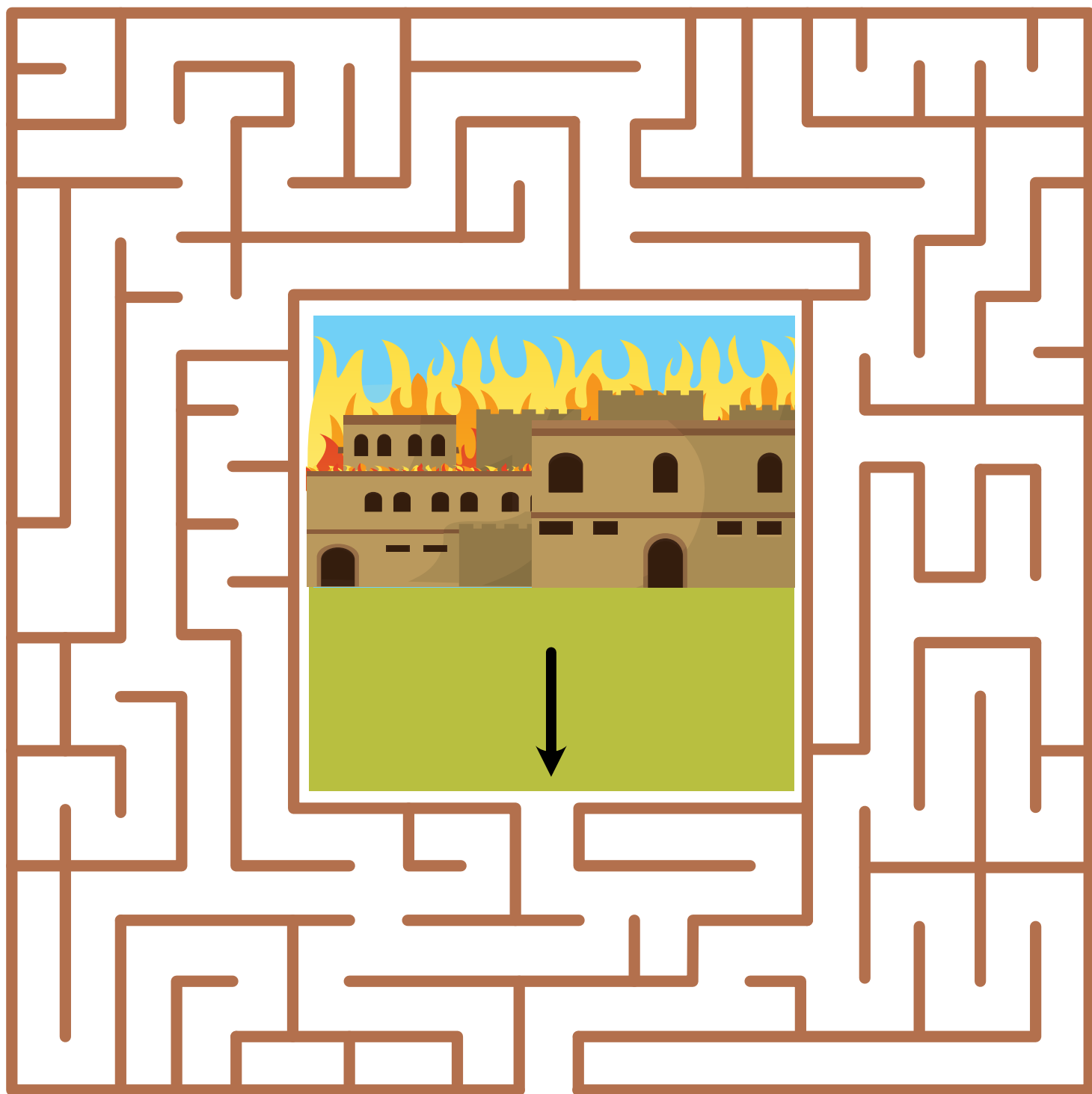
Sodom and Gomorrah were evil cities which produced bad fruit.

Color the good fruit in green.

Color the bad fruit in red.

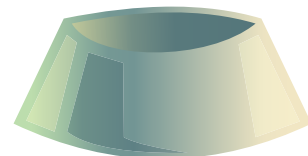
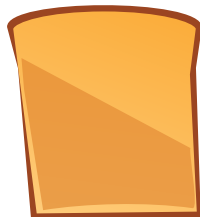
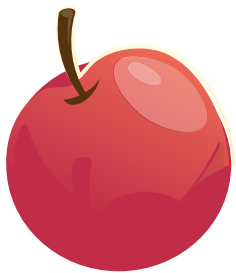


Help Lot escape the city





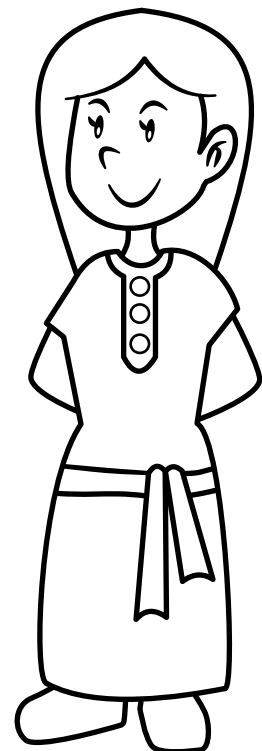
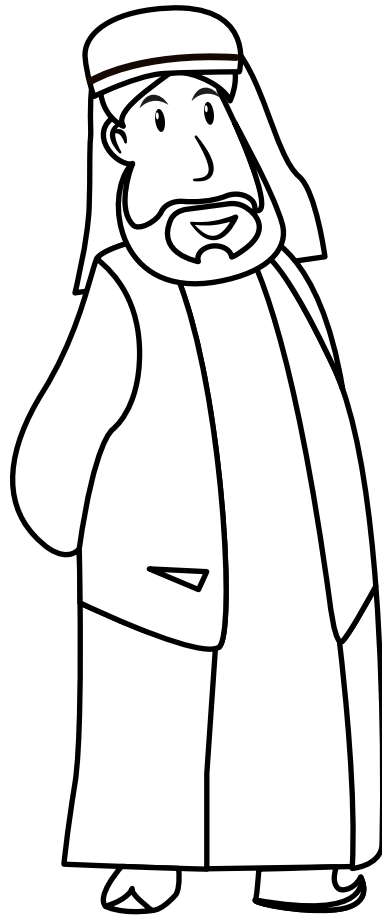
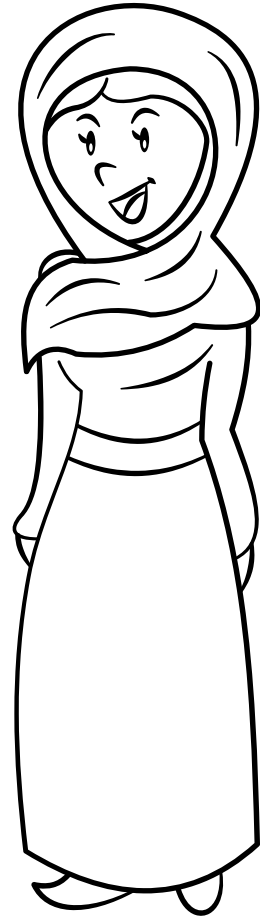
How many of the items below can you find in the kitchen?



Do you remember how many righteous people God agreed to save Sodom for?

Who obeyed God?

Color all the people who obeyed God and were saved.



Games and Activities

Follow the Rules

Instructions: Form two teams.

Invent some funny rules for the day like:

- You can't cross your arms or legs.
- Laughing will be punished.
- You cannot turn around.
- No scratching allowed
- You must not yawn.

Every time someone from the other team breaks a rule, the other team will win a point.

Teams should watch each other carefully. Points are only given if action is reported and caught.

The team with most points at the end of the day is the winner.

Talk about how God's rules are not just a game. It's important that we do our best to follow them. The people in Sodom and Gomorrah didn't care about God's rules and only did what they wanted.

Follow the Leader

Instructions: Play the classical "Follow the leader" game. The children will go behind the leader and will copy every action that they do.

Say: God is our leader, and we must follow Him always. Abraham, Lot and his children obeyed all that God said and were safe, but Lot's wife stopped following and looked back.

Let's promise God that we will always do what He says.



Sweet or Salty

Materials needed: Sweet and Salty snacks. A blindfold

Instructions: Have the child blindly taste a snack. They must say if it tastes salty or sweet.

Say: Psalm 119:103 says, “How sweet are Your words to my taste! Yes, sweeter than honey to my mouth!”

We should love to read the Bible and follow God’s commands. They are good for us.



Sodom and Gomorrah in Flames Craft

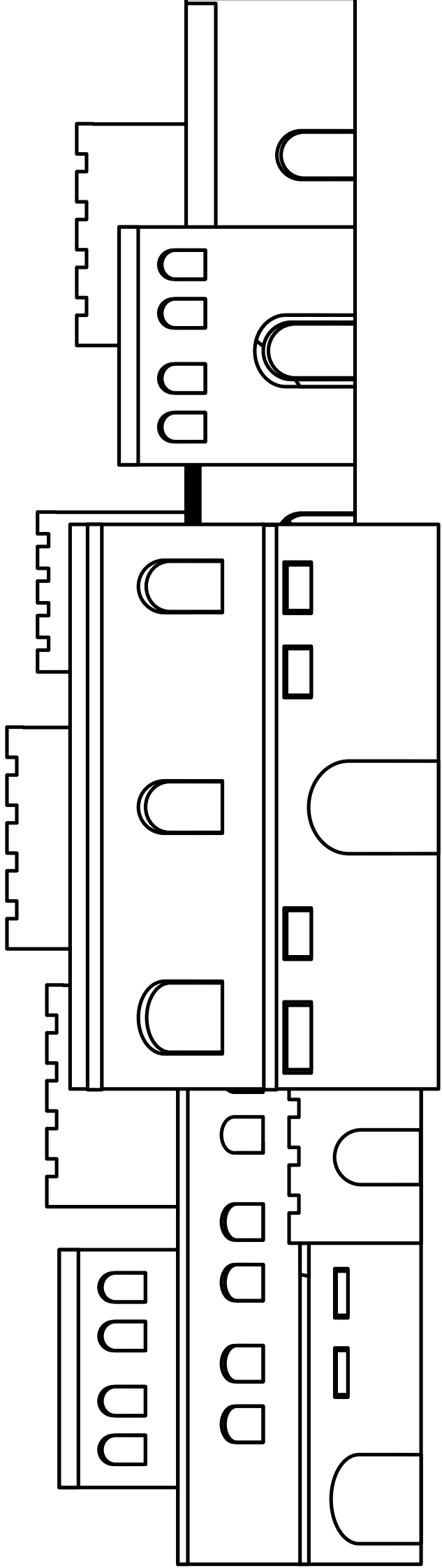
Materials needed:

Coloring pencils or pens,
glue,
Tissue or colored paper in red, yellow and orange

Instructions:

Color the city on the bottom half of the page.
Glue on colored paper to form flames falling down on Sodom.





Lot's wife puppet

Here is an easy to make craft to teach about lot's wife. As she spins around she turns into a pillar of salt

What you need

- Template
- Colouring pencils / crayons
- Scissor
- Glue
- Lollipop stick
- Salt



What to do



Colour Lot's wife and cut out.

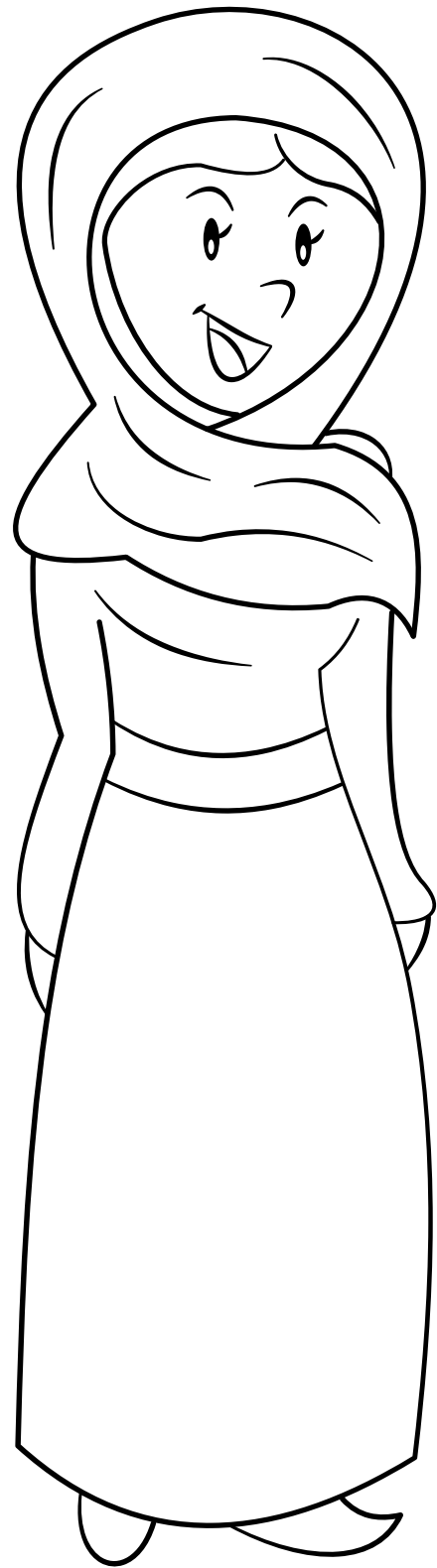


Cover one side in glue and sprinkle on salt (allow to dry)



Glue both sides together with the lollipop in centre.

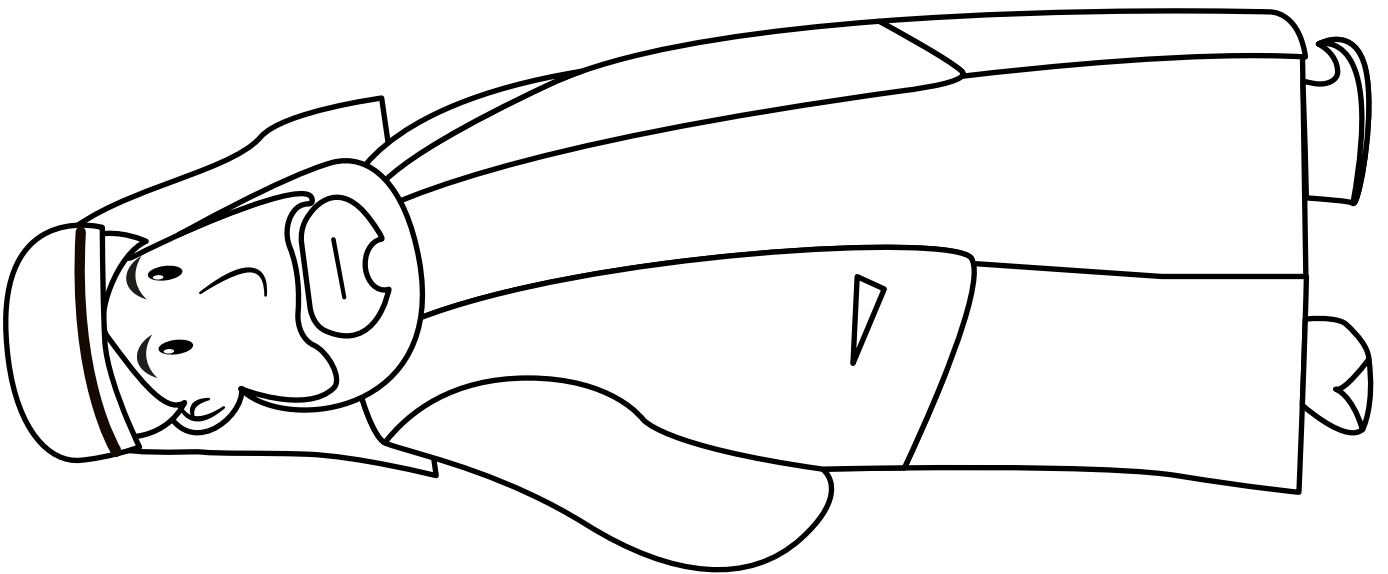
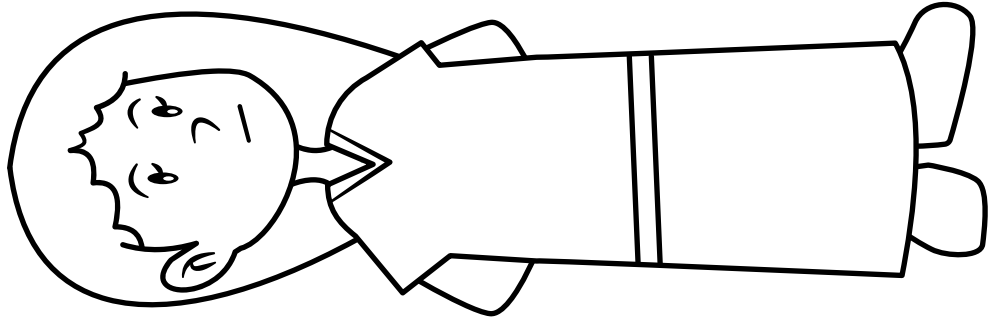
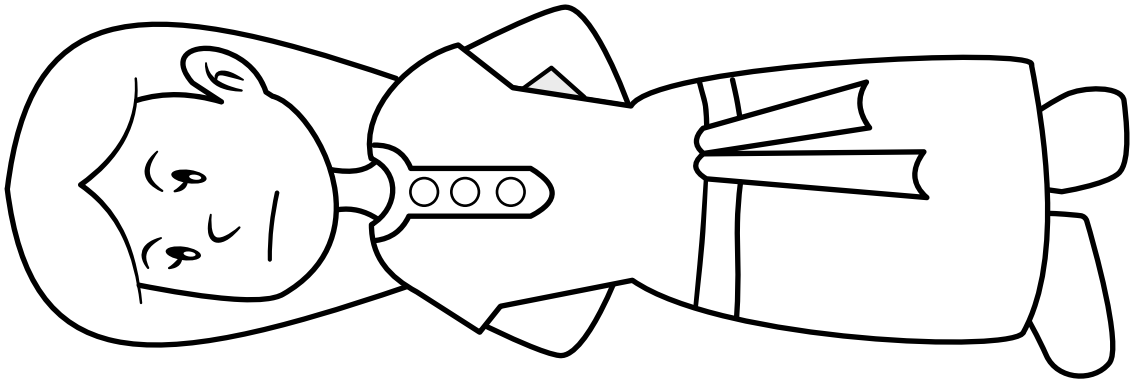
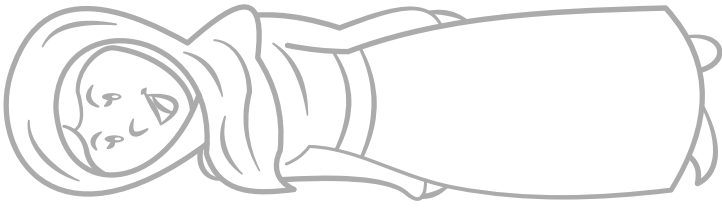
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Abraham
prayed
to God





Worship Time

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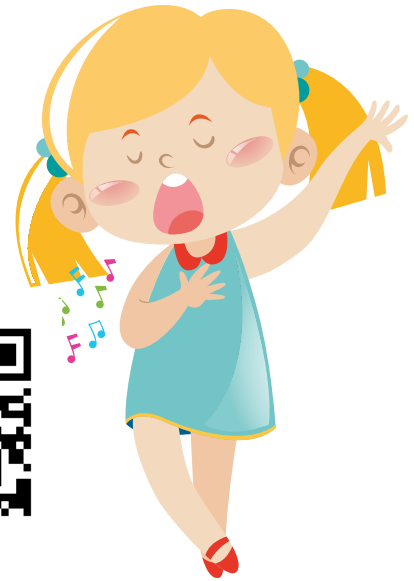
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The Bath Song

<https://youtu.be/StWzaFsi0uY>

Prayer is like a Telephone

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Prayer Time

Abraham prayed for Sodom and for Lot.

Make a list of people you can pray for this week.

Thank God that He is gracious to save.

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