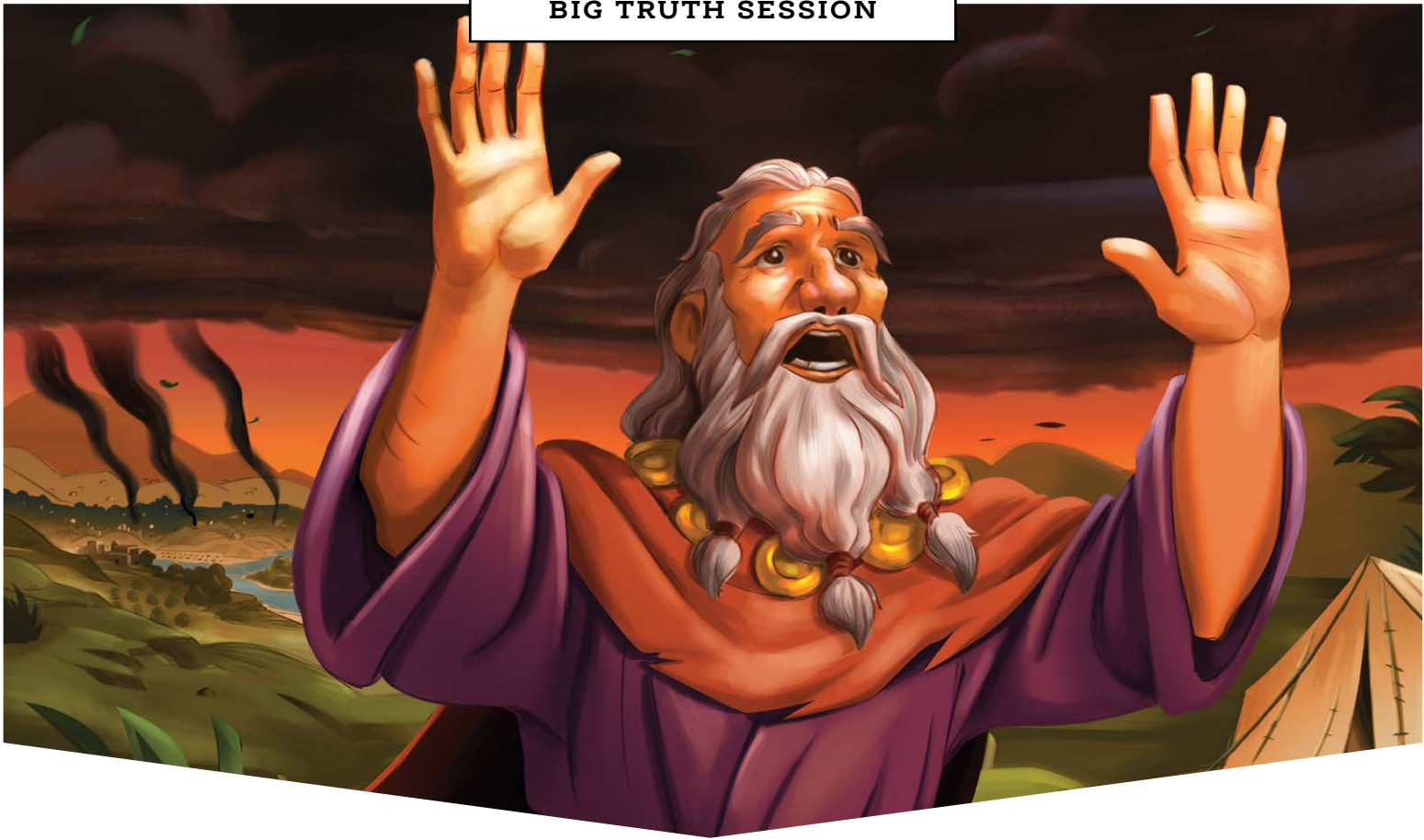




UNIT 10 | SESSION 4

GOD IS GOOD TO JUDGE SIN

GENESIS 18

CHRIST CONNECTION: Jesus took the punishment for our sins.

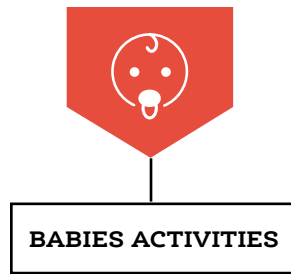
KEY PASSAGE PHRASE: My eyes have seen the Lord. Isaiah 6:5

BABIES GOSPEL GEMS

- The people living in Sodom did very wrong things.
- God is the Judge of all the earth.
- Jesus took the punishment for our sins.

BIBLE STORY FOR TODDLERS:

When Abraham was old, God appeared to him. Abraham looked up and saw three men standing by his tent. He welcomed them, and he gave them food and water. Abraham and the men looked out over the city of Sodom. God said, “I’ve heard about this city. The people living there did very wrong things. I’m going to go see how bad they really are.” Abraham asked, “God, if there are good people in that city, will You save the city for the good people? You are the judge of all the earth.” God said He would save the city if He found good people there. The next morning, Abraham saw smoke where the city had been.



LEARNING Activities

Engage babies in the following activities during the session. In each activity, provide handheld Bibles for babies to handle. Open a Bible to Genesis 18. Show the Bible story picture as you say the gospel gems in a soothing voice. Read the key passage phrase card. Pray for the babies.

1 SING A FAMILIAR SONG

Sing to the tune of “Mary Had a Little Lamb”:

“I can obey what God says, what God says, what God says.

I can obey what God says. His ways are always good.”

SAY “The people of Sodom did not obey God. They made wrong choices. We all make wrong choices. God sent Jesus to take the punishment for our sins.”

2 MAKE A CHOICE

Display two objects (different colored balls, blankets, toys, or foam blocks). Describe each object in simple terms as you hold it up. For example, say: “This is a soft, squishy cube. This is a bright, colorful pyramid. Which one do you want to play with?” Encourage a baby to choose one of the objects to play with.

SAY “We all have choices to make. You made a good choice by choosing which toy to play with. The people of Sodom made bad choices. God wants us to obey Him.”

3 ROLL A BALL

Roll an inflatable globe or a soft ball to a baby. As you roll the ball, sing “He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands.” Include each baby’s name as you sing: “He’s got _____ (baby’s name) in His hands.”

SAY “We live on Earth. God is the Judge of all the earth. God sent Jesus to take the punishment for our sins. Sin is disobeying God.”

Check diapers, serve bottles if needed, and release babies to parents according to your church’s security guidelines. Give parents today’s big picture card. Repeat the Christ connection, gospel gems, and Bible-learning activities for babies who stay a second hour.



TODDLER ACTIVITIES

LEARNING Activities

Engage toddlers in the following activities. In each activity, show the Bible story picture as you review the Bible story. Provide small Bibles for toddlers to handle.

1 CIRCLE TIME

Open your Bible to Genesis 18. Show the Bible story picture as you tell the provided toddlers' Bible story. Read the key passage phrase card and guide toddlers to say it with you. Pray for the toddlers.

2 CHOOSE THE BOX

Arrange several different size cardboard boxes on the floor. Toss a large ball to see which box the ball fits inside. Allow toddlers to take turns choosing boxes and tossing the ball.

SAY “ In this game, we needed a bigger box for the ball to fit. A small box was a wrong choice. We can choose to do right or wrong things, just like the people of Sodom. God punished them for their wrong choices. Jesus took the punishment for the wrong things we do. ”

3 BUILD WITH BLOCKS

Create a city by building towers with foam or cardboard blocks. Count to three and invite toddlers to knock the buildings down. Make sure blocks fall away from the toddlers to ensure safety. Repeat as time allows. Review the Bible story as toddlers build.

SAY “ People lived in a city called Sodom. The people there did very wrong things. Because they did not obey, God destroyed their city. ”

4 MAKE A CHOICE

Draw a happy face on one side of a paper plate and a sad face on the other. Prepare one plate per child. Call out choice situations to toddlers. If it is a right choice, guide toddlers to hold up the happy face. If it is a wrong choice, hold up the sad face. Include choice situations such as sharing with a friend, cleaning up someone else's mess, helping around the house, pulling your sister's hair, and so forth. Replay, adding situations as time permits.

SAY “ We can choose to do the right or wrong thing. The people of Sodom chose the wrong things. They were punished. God sent Jesus to take the punishment for the wrong things we do. ”

5 FIND THE LETTER J

Cut several J letters out of heavyweight paper. Place the letters at various places in a Bible. Help toddlers find the letters. When they find a J, say, “J is for Jesus” or “J is for Judge.”

SAY “ The Bible tells us that God is the Judge of all the earth. God judged the city of Sodom and found the people there did very wrong things. God destroyed Sodom. We do wrong things too, but Jesus took the punishment for our sins. ”

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1 TRANSITION ACTIVITY: FIND THE EYES

Partially fill gallon-size ziplock bags with hair gel, shaving cream, play dough, or slime. Place googly eyes in the bags. Seal to close, securing the edges and opening with duct tape. Consider double bagging to prevent leaks. Invite toddlers to find the eyes in the bags.

SAY “ Abraham asked God to save the people of Sodom if He could find people who followed God there. God said He would save the city if He saw people making right choices. God did not see anyone making good choices. God judged the people of Sodom for their wrong choices. ”

2 SING A FAMILIAR TUNE

Sing the song below to the tune of “Are You Sleeping (Brother John)?”

“Thank You, Jesus. Thank You, Jesus.

He forgives. He forgives.

When I make wrong choices, when I make wrong choices,

He forgives. He forgives.”

3 FOLLOW THE PATHS

Use painter’s tape to create several different road patterns on the floor. Make zig-zag, stair step, or dotted lines for toddlers to follow. Place a Bible marked at Genesis 18 at the end of one road. Tape an X at the end of the other roads. Lead toddlers to choose and walk down the path that leads to the Bible. Open the Bible to the marker when toddlers reach it.

SAY “ The people of Sodom could have made right choices. Because they made very wrong choices, God destroyed their city. They chose the wrong path. We can read this story in Genesis 18 in the Bible. When we obey God, we follow the right path. ”

4 HOP THE PHRASE

Print the words of the key passage phrase on heavyweight paper (one word per sheet). Tape the pages in order on the floor. Say the verse as toddlers hop from paper to paper.

SAY “ In our key passage phrase, Isaiah wrote, ‘My eyes have seen the Lord.’ Jesus is our Lord. He took the punishment for our sins. ”

Check diapers, serve a snack if needed, and release toddlers to parents according to your church’s security procedures. Give parents today’s big picture card to reinforce today’s Bible story, Christ connection, or gospel gems throughout the week.