



MELCHIZEDEK BLESSED ABRAHAM

UNIT 3: SESSION 2

GENESIS 14; HEBREWS 5; 7

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KEY PASSAGE:

Psalm 135:5-6



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LEADER BIBLE STUDY

We marvel at stories with two characters who are total opposites of each other. This is why so many stories feature some form of a noble hero and an immoral villain. The contrast of character and conduct is what drives the tension of the story.

In Genesis 14, we find two completely opposite kings: the king of Sodom and the king of Salem. One sought to get; the other sought to give. One sought to curse; the other sought to bless. One sought to take life; the other sought to give life. These two rulers illustrate the spirit of the world and the Spirit of God, two forces actively at work in our world and in our lives. This is why Paul reminded us in Ephesians 6 to put on the full armor of God. "For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this darkness, against evil, spiritual forces in the heavens. For this reason take up the full armor of God, so that you may be able to resist in the evil day, and having prepared everything, to take your stand" (Eph. 6:12-13). We live in the middle of a real fight between two opposing forces seeking to own our hearts. One, the evil spirit in our present world, like the king of Sodom seeks to take from us and generate chaos and confusion. The other, the Spirit of the living God, like the king of Salem seeks to give life and bring peace and joy. In our present world, we must recognize that this battle goes on inside of every believer. And we must put on the full armor of God daily that we might withstand the attack of the evil one and faithfully commit to full submission to the Spirit of God. It's not enough that we deny the evil one; we must say "yes" to God.

This battle is real and raging. And the people of God must fight with great resolve to ensure our allegiance remains to the only good King, the Lord.

1. GAMES

OPTION 1: WHO'S GOT IT?

Position a chair at the front of the room facing away from the group. Instruct a volunteer to sit in the chair with his back to the rest of the kids. Put a small ball or object under the chair. Explain that one of the kids in the group will sneak up to the chair and retrieve the object. When he has returned to his seat, ask the volunteer to turn around and guess who has the object. If the volunteer guesses correctly within three guesses, the volunteer may choose someone to take her place. If she does not guess correctly, the player who took the object takes a turn in the chair. Play additional rounds as time allows.

SAY: Can In the Bible story we will hear today, Abraham took a small army with him to take back what was important to him. We'll find out what happened.

OPTION 2: ON THE "THRONE"

Put a strip of masking tape across a table to divide it in half. Form two teams of kids. Make sure a team has one more player than the other team. If your group has an even number of kids, ask for a volunteer to run the timer. Give each team an equal number of table tennis balls (at least one per player), and give each player a large index card or piece of cardstock. When you say go, teams should use their cards to fan the balls and move them across the table. The team with the fewest table tennis balls after one minute wins. Reset the game and play additional rounds if time allows.

SAY: Which team had the advantage? Why? [Allow kids to respond.] One team had more players. Does a team with more players always win? In today's Bible story, four kings defeated five kings. Then Abraham's small army went up against the four kings' armies. Did he win? Let's see.



2. INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

Last time, we heard about God's covenant with Abraham. God made a covenant, or agreement, with Abraham. Do you remember the three things that God promised to give Abraham? [Allow kids to respond.] God promised to give Abraham a new land, to make him into a great nation, and to bless him.

Remember, God chose Abraham to be part of His plan to rescue sinners. God created people to know and love Him. He made people to enjoy Him and give Him glory. When Adam and Eve disobeyed God and sin entered the world, creation was ruined. But God had a plan to restore the world.

Today's Bible story took place after Abraham obeyed God's call to leave his home. Before long, there was trouble in the land. Listen carefully to what happened.



3. REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY

OPTION 1 (PRE-PRIMARY):

This story had a happy ending. Abraham found and rescued his nephew! The king of Salem came to visit Abraham. He reminded Abraham that God won the battle for Abraham. The king's name was Melchizedek.

That is a fun name to say. Let's say it together. Melchizedek! Melchizedek was also a priest. His name means "king of righteousness."

Did you know Jesus is a priest and king like Melchizedek? Jesus is way better than Melchizedek because Jesus is the only person who has ever been perfectly righteous. Jesus died on the cross and rose again, so that anyone who trusts in Him will have life with God forever.

OPTION 2 (PRIMARY):

Last week we learned about part of God's plan that would use Abraham and his wife Sarah.

Do you remember the promise God made? [Allow responses.] **That's right! God promised to give Abraham a large family.** God also promised to give Abraham a special land where his family would live. Abraham's family would go on to bless the entire world. This week we will pick up the story with Abraham and his nephew Lot, who moved with him.

Abraham believed God's promise. We know that because Abraham obeyed God. He left his home and went to the land of Canaan. He walked around the land like God told him to do. Abraham's nephew Lot did not stay in Canaan. He chose to live outside of Canaan, near—and later in—the city of Sodom.

The area where Abraham and Lot lived was not empty. Groups of people lived there, and each group was ruled by a king. Sometimes the kings formed alliances to defeat their enemies. In Genesis 14, we hear about five kings forming an alliance to wage war against four other kings. The four kings won the war. What did they take from the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah? **Look at Genesis 14:11-12. [Choose a volunteer to read aloud Gen. 14:11-12.]** The kings took everything from the city—including Abraham's nephew Lot! **When Abraham heard about it, he decided to go rescue Lot.** Was Abraham a king? No. Did he have a big army? No. But he took his servants—just over 300 men—and attacked the kings at night, rescuing Lot and bringing him, possessions, and the people who were captured in the war back to Canaan.

When Abraham returned from the attack, the king of Salem came to meet with him. What was the king's name? Look at Genesis 14:18. [Choose a volunteer to read aloud Gen. 14:18.] His name was Melchizedek (mel KIZ uh dek). Say that with me: Melchizedek. Melchizedek was a priest and a king—like Jesus. We don't know a lot about Melchizedek from Genesis 14. He may have been an appearance of God in human form or a mysterious man sent by God. But if we read the New Testament book of Hebrews, we see that Melchizedek points us to Jesus.

Look at Hebrews 7:1-2. [Choose a volunteer to read aloud Heb. 7:1-2.] Melchizedek blessed Abraham. He also blessed God, who gave Abraham victory over his enemies. In response, **Abraham gave Melchizedek one tenth of everything he got from the battle.**



4. GROUP DISCUSSION

Ask the following questions. Lead the kids to discuss:

SAY: What is a priest? What role did priests have in Bible times?

Guide kids to recognize that priests are men whom God chose to do special work for him. In Bible times, priests came from one family—the family of Aaron, who we will hear about later. Priests led people to worship God through sacrifices and offerings. Point out that the first time a priest is mentioned in the Bible is with the introduction of Melchizedek. (Option: Choose a volunteer to read Heb. 5:1.)

SAY: How should we respond to God’s blessings in our lives?

Lead kids to recall that God gave Abraham the victory. Everything we have ultimately belongs to God. Blessing and success comes from God. Abraham gave a tenth of everything he got back to God. He gave God credit instead of pretending that his success came from himself. We honor God when we give Him credit and thanks for His blessings. We can give back tithes and offerings, showing trust for His provision. (Option: Choose a volunteer to read Prov. 3:9.)

SAY: How can we point others to Jesus?

Point out that as a priest of God, Melchizedek pointed Abraham to God who had given Abraham victory over his enemies. We too can point others to Jesus by acknowledging God’s blessings and blessing them by boldly telling what God has done for sinners through His Son, Jesus. (Option: Choose a volunteer to read Eph. 1:3.)

4. REFLECTION & PRAYER

Distribute a sheet of paper and pencil to each kid. Ask the kids to write about or draw a picture to answer the following questions:

- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Who can I tell about this story?

Be sure to send the sheets home with the kids along with the activity pages so parents can continue to discuss the Bible story with their kids.

If time remains, take prayer requests or allow kids to complete the Bible story coloring page. **Pray for your group.**

5. ACTIVITIES

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MELCHIZEDEK

A Written Reminder | Use all the letters from the name MELCHIZEDEK to fill in the Bible book names.

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Make the Connection | Match the names with the descriptions from the Bible story.

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6. CRAFT

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Dad

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My favorite thing to do with my dad _____

My dad's superpower _____

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Father's Day Greeting Card

1. Fold the paper in half.
2. Cut along the dotted line.
3. Decorate and color your card!

Melissa & Doug.



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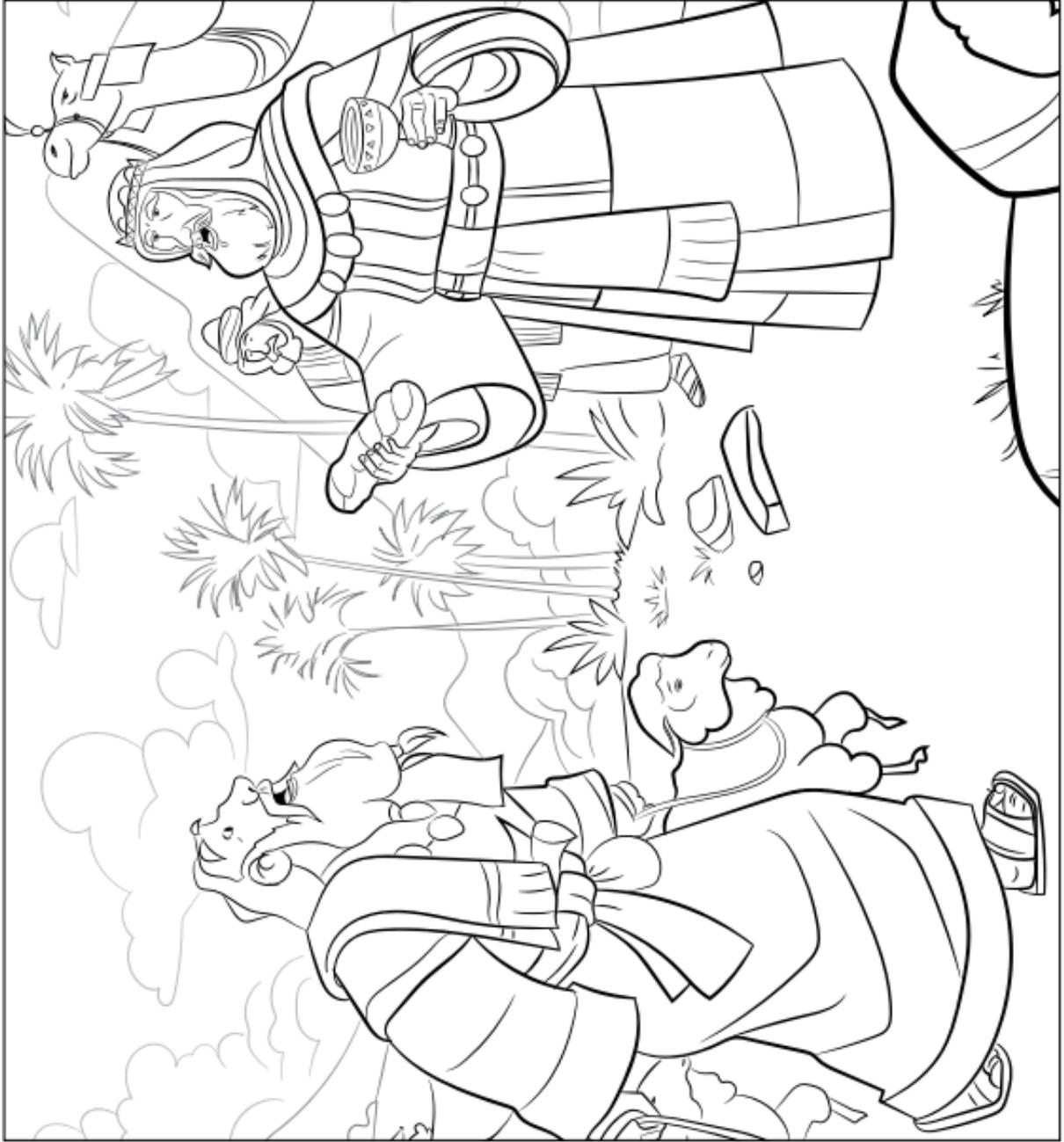
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