

Gem Seeking

LITTLE GEMS STORY

Parent/Teacher Preparation:

Please see the [Instructions for the Little Gems Story](#) on the YMTOI website. This will help you to understand how to prepare for the story.

Rescue Mission

Shalom children! Last week, we talked about a man that Yahweh called 'righteous'. Remember, the whole world had been destroyed by a flood, and Yahweh told Noah's children to have more children. Well, they did. And a long time later, a man was born whose name was Abram.

Abram lived with his family, and Yahweh told him it was time to move. Abram (**place Abram on board**) had a wife, and her name was Sarai. (**Place Sarai on board next to Abram.**) He also had a nephew named Lot. (**Place Lot on board.**) Remember how Yahweh told Noah that if he did what Yahweh told him, Yahweh would keep him and his family safe? Well, Yahweh also made some promises to Abram. If Abram did what Yahweh told him, Yahweh would bless him with many, many children, and everyone would know who he was.

Abram listened to Yahweh. He took Sarai and his nephew, Lot, and moved where Yahweh told him to go. When Abram got to a place called Shekem, there was a tree there called a Terebinth (**place terebinth tree on board**), and there he talked with Yahweh. Yahweh told Abram that He would one day give this land to his children. There at the tree, Abram built an altar to worship Yahweh. (**Place altar on board.**) After that, Abram moved to another place called Beyth El, and he made another altar there. (**Place 2nd altar on board and move Abram, Sarai, and Lot near there.**)

At Beyth El they ran out of food to eat, so Abram had to walk to another place called Mitsrayim. (**Place pyramids on opposite side of board and walk Abram, Sarai, and Lot near there.**) They stayed there until there was food again in Beyth El, and then they went back. (**Return characters to 2nd altar.**)

Abram and Lot owned many sheep and cows and tents. (**Place cows and bulls, rams and ewes and tents on board next to each man.**) It started to get too crowded, and the shepherds who took care of Abram's herds started arguing with the shepherds who took care of Lot's herds. (**Place arguing men on board.**)



So Abram decided it was time to separate. Lot chose where he wanted to move, and Abram moved back to where he had built the second altar. **(Separate everything on opposite sides of board.)**

A long time after this, a war started at the place where Lot had chosen to live. There were 4 kings on one side and 5 kings on the other. **(Place 5 kings and 4 kings near where Lot lives.)** The 4 kings took all the food from the 5 kings, and they also took people, including Lot. **(Place Lot by 4 kings.)**

A man ran to tell Abram that his nephew had been taken by the enemy kings, and Abram was not happy. He took 318 of his men **(place group of men on board)** and sent them to rescue his nephew Lot and his family. There were also 3 brothers who helped Abram. They were Mamre, Eshkol and Aner. **(Place brothers on board.)** These men had a covenant that they made with Abram to protect and help each other.

(Remove all characters from board.)

After their return, the king of Sedom came out to meet Abram. **(Place king on board.)** He wanted to bless Abram with all the goods that they had won in the battle. However, Abram told him that he did not want anything for himself because Yahweh was his provider. He told the king that he would like him to give it to his 318 men as well as the 3 brothers who helped him. **(Place group of men and 3 brothers on board next to bounty.)** I'm sure the men were very happy with their reward. **(Place happy emoji on board.)**

(Remove all characters from board.)

After this, a man we know as Malkitsedeq **(place Malkitsedeq on board)**, who was the High Priest of Yahweh, blessed Abram and gave him wine and bread. **(Place bread and wine on board.)** He told Abram that Yahweh was happy with him, and that's why he had won the war against the 5 kings. Abram then gave a 10th of what he had to Malkitsedeq. Now I didn't say Abram gave him a tent. **(Place tent on board.)** No, he gave him a 10th of everything he had. **(Place single basket and 9 baskets on board next to Abram.)**

Now, children, let's see how much a tenth is. If you have 10 of something, such as these baskets, then you remove 1 of them - that is 1/10th. **(Place the single basket next to Malkitsedeq.)** Abram knew that Malkitsedeq was someone working for Yahweh, and so he gave him a tenth of all he owned. We will learn more about a 10th in another lesson, where Yahweh instructs all Yisra'el about this kind of giving.

Well children, we have come to the end of our story for today. We will see you next week for another exciting Little Gems story!

