

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.

Great Balls of Fire

Shalom children! Do you remember Abram whose name was changed to Abraham and his wife Sarai whose name was changed to Sarah and their nephew Lot? Well, today's story will be about what happened next to that family. After Uncle Abraham rescued him from the 4 kings, Lot went back to live in his town of Sedom. **(Place Lot on one side of board along with city.)** Abraham also went back to his home. **(Place Abraham by tent on other side of board, away from Lot.)** His tent was next to a tree we talked about last week. **(Place tree on board.)** Do you remember what kind of tree we said this was? **(Allow children to answer.)** Yes, it is a terebinth tree. Okay, so Abraham was standing there by that big tree when he saw 3 men coming towards him. **(Place messenger and 2 messengers on board.)** Abraham was amazed, because he recognized who these men were. Two of the beings were messengers of Yahweh. And the third one was Yahweh Himself! Abraham humbly asked them, if Yahweh was pleased with him, to please not pass by him, but to stay awhile.

The 3 men knew that Abraham was righteous, so they stayed for dinner. As a good host, Abraham provided them water to wash their feet. **(Put foot washing scene on board.)** He also brought them bread, meat, milk, and curds to eat. **(Place platter on board in front of characters.)**

The man who was Yahweh sent the 2 messengers to go check on what was going on in Sedom. **(Place 2 messengers by Lot.)** Yahweh stayed behind with Abraham, and told him that He was sad about how badly the people in Sedom and Amorah were behaving. He said that He was planning to punish them all. Abraham wanted to know why Yahweh would destroy everyone if not everyone was bad. **(Place numbers on board as you call them out.)** What if there were still 50 good people left in the city? Yahweh promised He would not destroy it if 50 good people could be found. Abraham then asked Yahweh to please not destroy the town if there were 45 good people. Yahweh promised He wouldn't do it if there were 45. Abraham kept asking; what if there were 40? Or 30, or 20, or even 10? Yahweh patiently listened to Abraham and said He wouldn't, even if there were only 10 good people.

(Remove all characters from board except for Lot and city.)



Meanwhile, in Sedom, the people just kept on doing bad. The only good people the messengers found were Lot and his family, and that was only 4 people! **(Place Lot, Lot's wife and Lot's daughters on board.)** Lot welcomed the messengers and gave them water to wash their feet. Then he gave them a feast and unleavened bread to eat. **(Place unleavened bread on board.)**

After dinner, the messengers told Lot that he and his wife and daughters had to leave town right away so they wouldn't get punished with all the other people. Lot was afraid, and he asked the messengers not to make him run too far away. The messengers agreed, but said that Lot's whole family had to promise that none of them would look back at the city when they ran away. They grabbed Lot's hand, his wife's hand and his 2 daughters' hands and pulled them all out of the city as fast as they could run. **(Place everyone together on board.)**

Immediately Yahweh sent fire and sulfur to rain down on the city, and everything caught on fire. **(Place fire and sulfur in sky above city.)** Lot and his family were safely escaping, but Lot's wife didn't do as she was told. She turned around to look at the city 1 more time, and...Oh no! As soon as she looked back, she turned into a pillar of salt. **(Remove Lot's wife and replace with outline of woman in white.)**

Sadly, not everyone wanted to obey and keep Yahweh's rules. It's just as we read a few weeks ago, in the story of Noah. Yahweh kept His promise not to destroy the whole earth again with a flood, and this time He took care of the handful of good people left in Sedom - even if that was only Lot and his family. Yahweh always keeps His promises, and He always takes care of His people. Do you remember the sign that Yahweh gave to never destroy the whole earth again? **(Let children answer and then place rainbow on board.)**

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!

