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Genesis 18:16-20:18

Early Childhood

AGEN07EC

God Punished Sodom but Saved Lot.

Materials I Need:

Memory Verses:

1. In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Genesis 1:1
2. I will make you a great nation, and I will bless you. Genesis 12:2a

Attribute of God emphasized in this lesson:

God punishes disobedience but answers the prayers of His children.

Aim Questions for 2's & 3's:

1. **Were the people of Sodom being bad all day long?** (*Yes. God was sad about the disobedient people of Sodom.*)
2. **Did the angel tell Abraham that God would punish the bad people of Sodom?** (*Yes. God always punishes disobedience.*)
3. **Did Abraham ask the Angel of the Lord to save the good people who lived in Sodom?** (*Yes. Abraham talked to God about saving Lot's family in Sodom.*)
4. **Did the bad men of Sodom try to hurt Lot and the two angels?** (*Yes. The men of Sodom tried to break into Lot's house but the angels closed the door.*)
5. **Did the angels help Lot and his daughters get out of Sodom?** (*Yes. God kept Lot and his daughters safe because they obeyed the angels and ran away from Sodom.*)
6. **Did God send fire down from the sky and burn the city of Sodom?** (*Yes*)

Aim Questions for 4's, 5's & K:

1. **Why was God going to punish the people of Sodom?** (*The people were selfish and wicked and there was crying night and day.*)
2. **Why did Abraham ask the Angel of the Lord to save the good people of Sodom?** (*Abraham's nephew Lot and his family were living in Sodom. Abraham asked the Lord to save them.*)
3. **What happened to the angels when they went to Sodom?** (*The wicked men of Sodom wanted to hurt the angels, but the angels made their eyes blind so they couldn't find the door.*)
4. **What happened to Lot and his family the next morning?** (*The angels took Lot and his family out of Sodom. Lot's wife disobeyed God, looked back, and turned into a pillar of salt.*)
5. **How did God punish Sodom?** (*God sent fire from the sky and burned houses, crops, and people.*)
6. **Did God answer Abraham's prayer for Lot?** (*Yes. Lot was taken from Sodom before it burned.*)

Key for symbols:

- This box symbol represents ideas that can be used for two-year-olds through kindergarten. Please remember to slow down the pace for two-year-olds and keep the pace moving for five-year-olds.
- ② This symbol represents ideas that are best used for two- and three-year-olds.
- ④ This symbol represents ideas that are best used for four-year-olds through kindergarten.

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## Hook:

**Memory Verse Review:** "Did God promise Abraham and Sarah that they would have a son or a daughter? That's right, He promised to give them a son even though Abraham and Sarah thought that they were too old to have any children. God told them that their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren would be come a great nation-family. Does God always keep His promises? Yes, He does! Let's sing our Genesis 12:2 memory verse song which reminds us about the promise that God made to Abraham." Sing "Genesis 12:2" from AGEN04EC. You may also want to sing "Wait, Wait" from last week's lesson, AGEN06EC.

**Block City Center:** Request the bin of building blocks from the Children's Department. Use them or Legos to build the city of Sodom. Be sure to make a house within the city for Lot and his family. Put lots of little people in the city, but choose one to be Lot. Talk about how in our Bible Adventure today, we will learn about the city of Sodom that had many bad people who disobeyed God. A man named Lot was the only good man in the whole city. Have the children practice saying the names Lot and Sodom.

**City Neighborhood Center: (AGEN07ECGF6)** Lay down masking tape "roads" around the classroom. Provide children with small cars and trucks and let them drive them around the class "neighborhoods." If you have a vinyl neighborhood with streets, that would be fun, too. Stop at street signs and street lights. It is important to obey traffic rules. Talk about the names of streets in Spokane. If the children know their own street names, pretend that you are on those streets. Talk about people who live in those neighborhoods. After the children have talked about cities and what you see along city streets, give each child a GF6 picture of a neighborhood. Provide magazines for older children to cut out pictures of people and glue them in their own "city." Younger children will need the pictures cut out before class. Help the children in counting the people in their "city." Let them count the people in someone else's "city." "In the Bible Adventure today, we will hear about the people in the city of Sodom. Everyone in the city of Sodom except one man named Lot disobeyed God's rules every day."

**Telephones and Talking to God: (AGEN07ECGF8)** Bring several telephones today and let the children pretend to be talking on the telephones. They can call their friends and relatives on the phone. Explain to the children that prayer is talking to God just like they talk to their friends. Let children color their own personal GF8 telephone. After the Bible Adventure today, have the children trace around one hand on a folded piece of construction paper (one edge of the hand along an edge of the paper). Cut the hand out and attach it to one end of the telephone with a piece of yarn tied through a hole that has been punched in each. Hang them around their necks as a reminder to talk to God just like they talk to their friends or family. In the Bible Adventure, they will learn that Abraham talked to God and God was listening!

④ **Puppet Discussion:** Engage several puppets in conversation about what the consequences are for them when they disobey. What do they do that is disobedient and what happens to them?

④ **Egg Carton Numbers:** We will be playing with some numbers that the children will hear in the Bible Adventure today. Write a number (one through twelve) in the bottom of each cup of an egg carton. Give children a sandwich bag with Cheerios in it. Ask them to put the correct number of cereal pieces in each cup. Ask them to remove them and put one in the #1 cup, two in the #2 cup, three in the #3 cup, and ten in the #10 cup. Let other children have their turns with the numbers. Listen to what happens to one person, Lot, and his two daughters.

④ **Follow the Leader:** Play this game, allowing children to take turns being the leader. After you have played, talk about how it is good to do right and follow others in doing right things. Sometimes people do bad things and disobey. We don't want to follow them. In the Bible Adventure today, the children will find out what happens to a whole city of people who disobeyed and did wrong, bad things.

④ **Cereal Caterpillars:** Give each child a plastic bag of fruit-loop cereal and a long piece of yarn. Ask the children to separate out the different colors of cereal and then make a design as they put them

on the yarn. As you make a square, triangle or circle, ask them to make the same shape with their piece of yarn. Do the same with the numbers one, two, and three. Outline their praying hand with their length of yarn. Ask them to listen to the Bible Adventure and tell you who prayed to God.



## **Book:**

### **Presentation Ideas -**



Color and mount the **AGEN07ECGF1**, **AGEN07ECGF2**, and **AGEN07ECGF3** pictures on colored construction paper. Show the children the pictures as you tell the Bible Adventure. Review the pictures throughout the morning and keep them for review in following weeks.

### **Bible Adventure for 2's & 3's -**

*(Show last week's AGEN06ECGF2 picture.)* God sent angels to tell Abraham and Sarah that they would have a baby son very soon. Only God could keep the promise to give them a son when they were so old.

*(Show the GF1 picture.)* It was time for the angels to leave Abraham. They had an important job to do for God. It was a sad job.

The Angel of the Lord said to Abraham, "God is going to punish Sodom. People in the city are being bad and disobeying all day long. We hear crying out all day and all night."

Abraham remembered his nephew Lot who lived in Sodom. Abraham knew that Lot loved God and wanted to live in His right ways.

Abraham said to the Lord, "Will you please take care of Lot and his family? Lot is a good man." Abraham was talking to the Lord and that was like praying to God. God listened to Abraham's prayer.

Two of the angels walked to Sodom *(Walk your fingers down the road toward Sodom.)* and saw Lot sitting by the city gate. Lot said, "Hello, strangers, please come to my house and stay for the night. You are not safe in the city at night."

The angels went to Lot's house *(Walk your fingers to one of the houses.)* and ate dinner with him. *(Pretend to take bites of food.)*

When it was bedtime, there came a knock at Lot's door. *(Knock on the door.)* Lot opened the door and went outside. *(Pretend to look outside.)* Bad men from all over the city of Sodom were standing there. One of them said to Lot, *(Shake your finger.)* "Send out the two strangers to us or we will hurt you!"

*(Show the GF2 picture.)* Lot was afraid of the bad men and wanted to get back in the house, but the bad men were pushing against him. The angels had power from God, though, and they pulled Lot back inside and shut the door. The bad men gave up and went home.

The angels said to Lot, "God is going to punish the bad men of Sodom. God will keep you safe if you leave town in the morning."

In the morning, the angels took Lot, his wife and his daughters by the hands and pulled them away from their home. The angel said, "Run to the mountains, quick! God will keep you safe if you don't look back."

Lot was afraid, but he and his daughters obeyed and ran as fast as they could.

*(Show the GF3 picture.)* God punished the city of Sodom. He sent fire down from the sky to burn the city. The houses burned, the grass burned, and the crops burned. There was only one good man who obeyed God and left Sodom. God kept Lot and his daughters safe.

When Abraham got up the next morning and looked toward Sodom, he saw smoke covering the whole city. The whole city was on fire. God answered Abraham's prayer by helping Lot leave the city of Sodom.

**Prayer:** Dear God, thank You for helping Lot get out of Sodom before You punished the bad people. I want to obey You and talk to You like Abraham did. In Jesus' name, Amen.

### **Bible Adventure for 4's, 5's, & K -**

*(Show last week's AGEN06ECGF2 picture.)* God sent angels to tell Abraham and Sarah that she would have a baby son very soon. They knew that only God could keep a promise to give them a son when they were a hundred years old.

(*Show the GF1 picture.*) It was time for the angels to leave Abraham. They had an important job to do for God. It was a sad job.

One of the angels who was the Lord Jesus said to Abraham, "God is going to punish Sodom. We hear crying out all day and all night. Everyone in the city is bad all day long. We're going down now to see how bad things are."

Abraham remembered his nephew Lot who lived in Sodom. Abraham loved his nephew very much. Lot was a good man. Surely there were other good men in Sodom.

Abraham said to the Lord, "You would not destroy good men along with the bad men, would you? Will you save the city if there are fifty good and righteous men living there?" The Lord said, "Yes, if there are fifty good and righteous men, I will save the city."

Abraham wanted to make sure that Lot was safe. He said to the Lord, "Will you save the city if there are only forty good and righteous men?" The Lord said, "I will not destroy the city of Sodom if I find forty good and righteous men who love and obey the Lord God."

Abraham was still concerned. He said to the Lord, "Don't be angry if I ask you one more time. What if there are only ten good and righteous men in the city? Will you save the city for ten people?" The Lord answered, "I will not destroy Sodom if there are ten good and righteous men in the city."

Abraham was talking to the Lord about his nephew. Talking to God is called praying. Abraham was asking the Lord, "Will you please take care of Lot and his family?" God would answer Abraham's prayer for Lot. God always answers the prayers of His children who love and obey Him. God may not answer exactly as we want Him to, but His ways are always best, and He always answers.

(*Show the GF2 picture.*) Two of the angels walked to Sodom and saw Lot sitting by the city gate. Lot was a judge in the city and had an important position in Sodom.

Lot said to the two strangers, "Hello, strangers, please come to my house and stay for the night."

The angels said, "Thank you, but we'll just camp out here in the town square tonight."

Lot knew what the bad people of Sodom would do to the strangers. He said to them, "You are not safe in the city at night. You must stay at my house."

The angels went to Lot's house and ate dinner with him. When it was bedtime, there came a knock at Lot's door. (*Knock on the door.*) Lot opened the door and went outside. Young and old men from all over the city of Sodom were standing there in the street--dozens of them.

One of the men said to Lot, "Send out the two strangers to us."

Lot knew that the men wanted to hurt the strangers, so he said, "No, I won't let them come out to you."

The men of Sodom were angry at Lot and sneered, "Who do you think you are? You think you're so good and righteous. If you don't send the strangers out, we will hurt you, too."

Lot realized how wicked the men of Sodom really were, but it was too late. Lot was afraid of the wicked men and wanted to get back in the house, but the men were pushing against him. There were too many men against him and there was nothing he could do.

The angels had power from God and pulled Lot back into the house and shut the door, just in time. The angels blinded the wicked men's eyes so they couldn't see to find the door. Finally, they all went back to their houses.

The angels said to Lot, "We see the wickedness of Sodom. God is going to punish the wicked men of the city. You will be safe if you take your wife and daughters and leave town as soon as it is morning."

In the morning as soon as it was light, the angels took Lot, his wife and his daughters by the hands and pulled them away from their home. The angel said, "Run to the mountains, quick! Don't look back and don't stop! God will keep you safe if you don't look back!"

Lot was afraid, but he and his daughters obeyed and ran as fast as they could. Lot's wife did not obey. She looked back and did not run to safety. She became a pillar of salt in the desert.

(*Show the GF3 picture.*) God punished the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah that day. He sent fire down from the sky to burn down the cities. The houses burned, the grass burned, and the crops burned. There was only one man who obeyed God and left Sodom. He lost everything, even his wife, but God kept Lot and his daughters safe.

When Abraham got up the next morning and looked toward Sodom, he saw smoke covering the whole region where the cities had been located. Abraham knew that there had not been even ten good and righteous men in Sodom. What a wicked city!

Abraham wondered if his nephew Lot and family were safe. Abraham knew that God answers prayers and would do the best thing for Lot.

**Prayer:** Dear God, thank You for helping Lot get out of Sodom where the people were so wicked that no one listened to You or obeyed You. I want to obey You and pray to You like Abraham did. In Jesus' name, Amen.



## Look:

**Abraham Prayed! Song:** "Why did God send the angels to rescue Lot and his family before the city was burned? That's right, because Abraham prayed for Lot. God always hears the prayers of His people and He always answers them in the best way. This time He answered Abraham's prayer by rescuing Lot and his family. Let's learn a song about Abraham's prayer which can help remind us to pray." Teach "Abraham Prayed" from the Song section to the children and review the Aim Questions.

**Build a City: (AGEN07ECGF3)** Let children glue pieces of torn paper sacks on a piece of paper to form houses and buildings, or, for younger children, use the GF3 picture. When their city is done, the children can add torn orange paper flames to their picture as a reminder that God punished the wicked city of Sodom. Talk about how Abraham cared about the city and his nephew Lot and asked God to take care of the good people of Sodom.

**Puppet Review: (AGEN07ECGF5)** Make a flip puppet to share. Use markers to make happy and sad faces at each end of a tongue depressor. Cut out fabric body covers. Place glue on the glue line and attach the cloth body cover along the line. Tie it with a piece of yarn. Use the puppet to share what happened to the wicked people of Sodom and how Abraham prayed for Lot.

② **"Handy" Angel Center:** On a piece of construction paper, trace the child's hand (which will become the angel's wings). Cut out the "wings," a circle for the head, and a large triangle for the body. Glue the angel together and let the child draw a face on his angel and decorate it. Talk about the two angels who went to Sodom to bring Lot and his family out safely. Show the GF3 picture of Abraham with the three angels looking off to Sodom. Talk about how angels can look different. Sometimes they have wings and sometimes, as in today's lesson, they don't. Today, though, we will make a "handy" angel that has wings.

④ **Bible Adventure Review Questions:** Place the Aim Questions on numbered flames on a picture of a neighborhood or city. Ask a child to come up and find the flame with a number one on it. He gets to answer the first question, etc.

④ **Pass, Share and Pray Activity:** Pass a stuffed animal or bean bag around the circle of children while music is playing. When the music stops, the child holding the bag gets to share something they do to obey at home. Let all the children have a turn. When done, pray together for God to help all of them obey and do what God says is right.

④ **Freeze Tag Game:** Select one child to be Abraham and one to be "Disobedient Don" or "Disobedient Dawn." He could wear a hat or a mask to distinguish him from the rest of the children. Add yarn to the Abraham hat. When Abraham touches a person, that child gets to stay in the game. If Disobedient Don touches a person, he or she is out and has to sit in Sodom! Select others to have a turn also. When the game is over, take a piece of yarn from the Abraham mask for each child and tie it around the index finger of each child, telling them to use this to remember to pray like Abraham did.

④ **Doing Right Partners:** Divide children into pairs. Ask one of the partners to tell the other a way that he might disobey at home. The partner is to tell the right thing to do. Switch roles. Let them share back and forth several times.

④ **Picture and Stories Center: (AGEN02ECGF5 and AGEN02ECGF7 review pictures)** Place pictures of disobedient and obedient children face down on the floor in the middle of the circle of children. Ask one child to turn over a picture, look at it, and make up a story about what is happening.

④ **Pictures and Bean Bags: (AGEN02ECGF5 and AGEN02ECGF7 review pictures)** Using the review pictures, place them picture side up on the floor. Let children stand behind a line and take turns with bean bags trying to hit the pictures of obedient children.

## Songs:

**Abraham Prayed** (tune: "The Farmer in the Dell") by Amy Kim

Because Abr'ham prayed,  
His nephew, Lot, was saved,  
When God sent His angels  
To take Lot away.

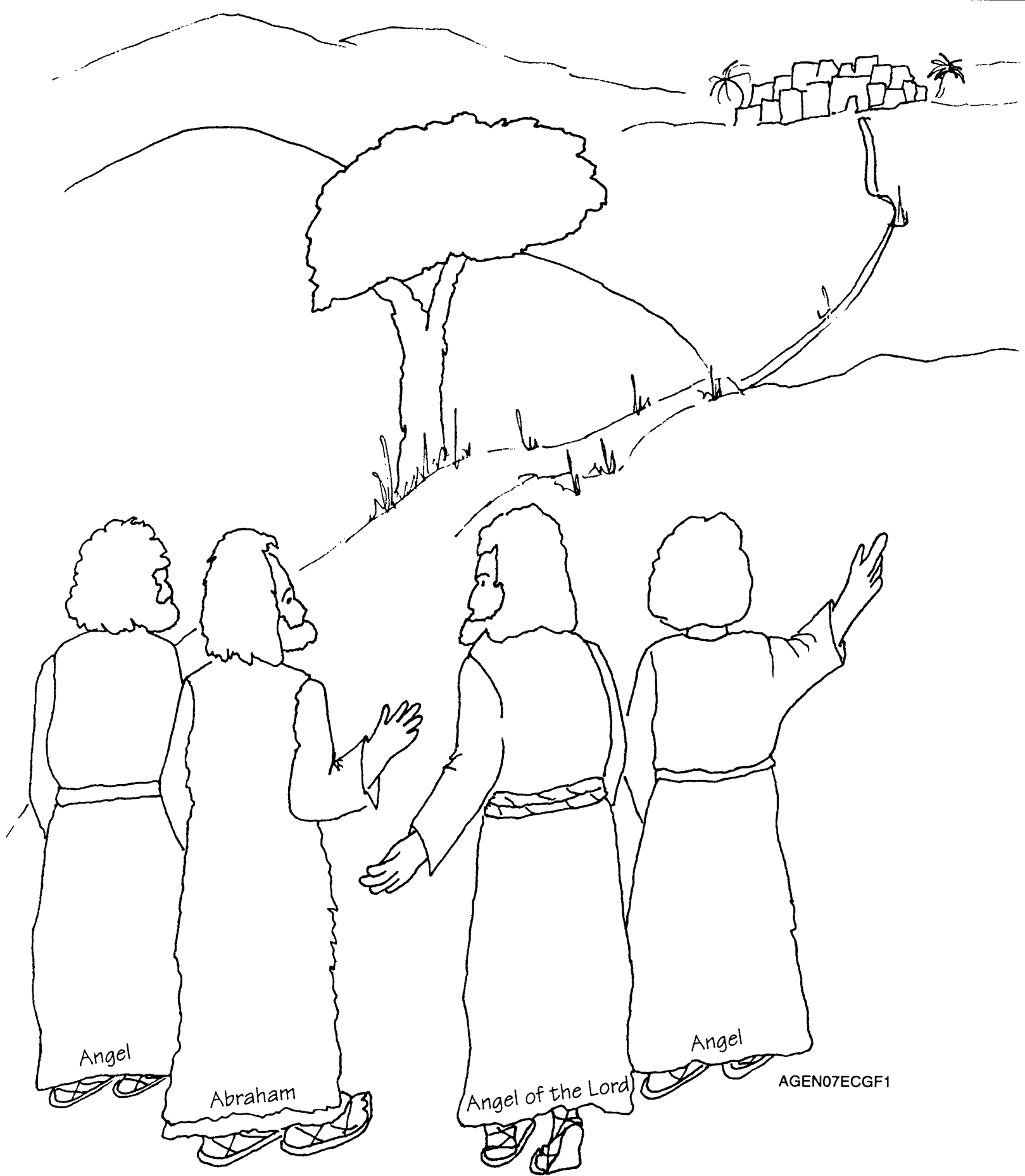
- Talk to God** (tune: "Row, Row, Row Your Boat") by Amy Kim  
Talk, talk, talk to God,  
He will hear your prayer.  
He will always answer you,  
That's because He cares.

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- Pray Anywhere!** (tune: "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star") by Amy Kim  
Here or there or anywhere,  
You can talk to God in prayer.  
When you're happy or you're blue,  
He will always answer you.  
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You can talk to God in prayer.



### Took:

- "God's First People" Booklets: (AGEN07ECGF4)** The children have been working in their booklets called "Genesis: God's First People." Let the children color the GF4 pictures that show how God punished the wicked people of Sodom but answered Abraham's prayer for Lot. Talk about the Aim Questions as the children color. Add any pictures or objects in the children's baggie in their booklets. Review previous lessons as the children look at the pictures and objects in their first baggies. Keep the children's booklets in a safe place throughout the Genesis series.
- Prayer Reminder Door Hanger: (AGEN07ECGF7)** Copy and cut out enough of the GF7 door hangers for each child to have one. Fold the paper in half and glue or tape it together. Let the children color their door hangers and/or decorate them with cereal, beans, pasta, sequins, stickers, etc., being very careful to supervise the younger children when using small (swallowable) decorating items. Teach them the songs ("Talk to God" and "Pray Anywhere!") which are printed on the door hanger so that they can sing them with their parents when they go home.
- ④ **Prayer Clock: (AGEN07ECGF5)** Copy the GF5 clock picture, cut it out, and attach it to a paper plate. Cut out the praying hands and glue them onto strips of paper to be the clock's "hands." Let children color the numbers and the praying hands. With a brad paper fastener, attach the praying hands to the clock. Talk about prayers at different times of the day. Talk about being able to pray to God any time of day.



Abraham heard the Angel of the Lord tell about the punishment that would come upon the wicked city of Sodom.

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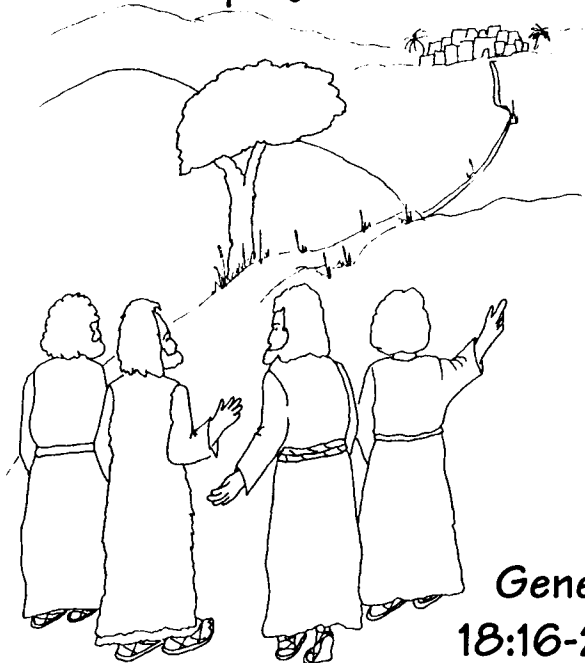


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"God's First People" Booklet Page  
Lesson 7

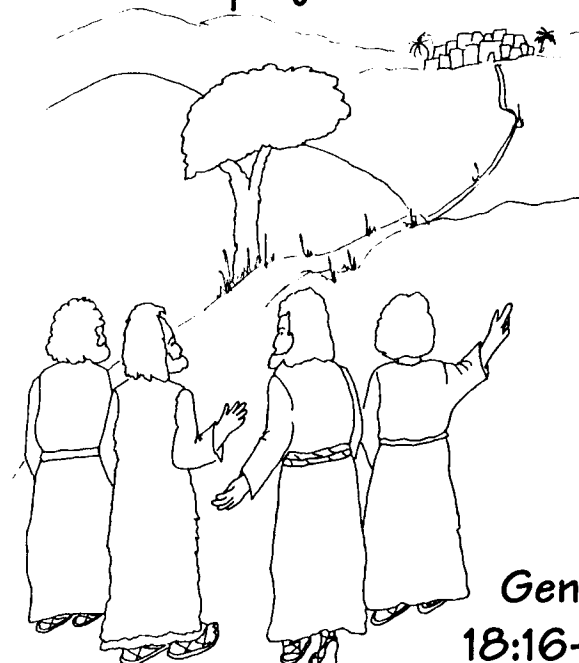
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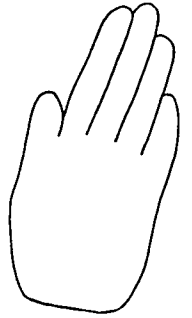
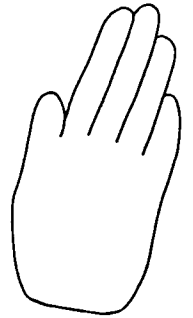
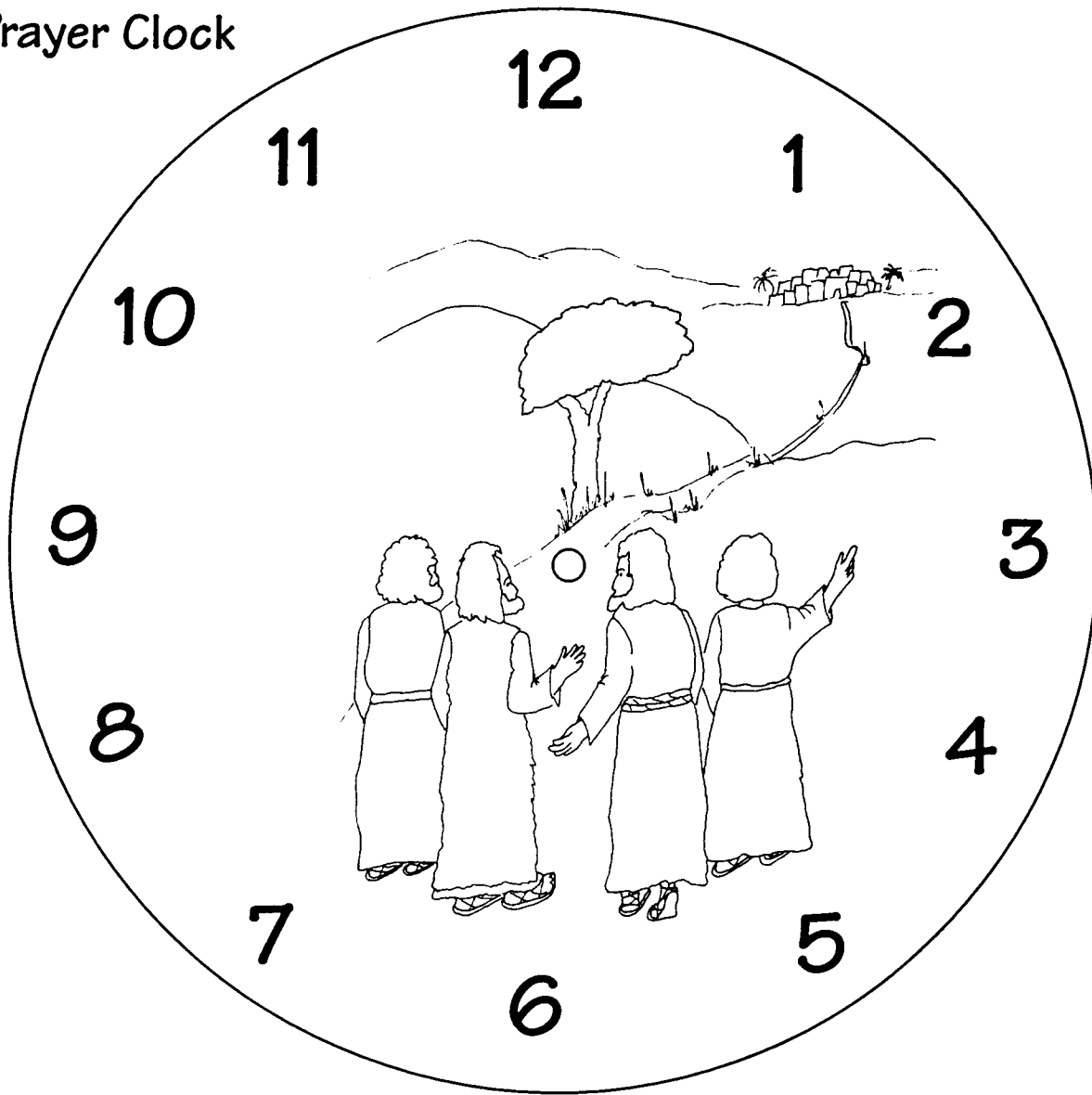
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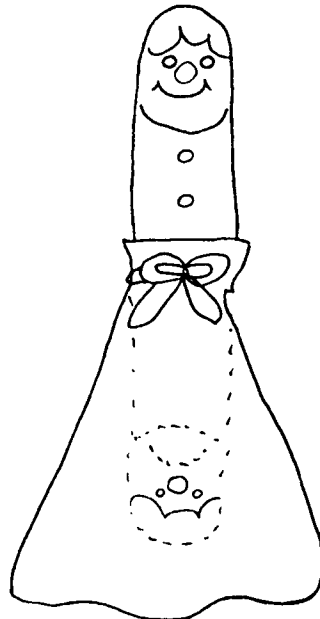
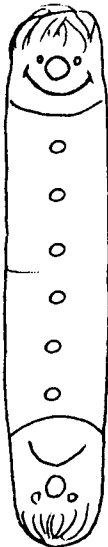
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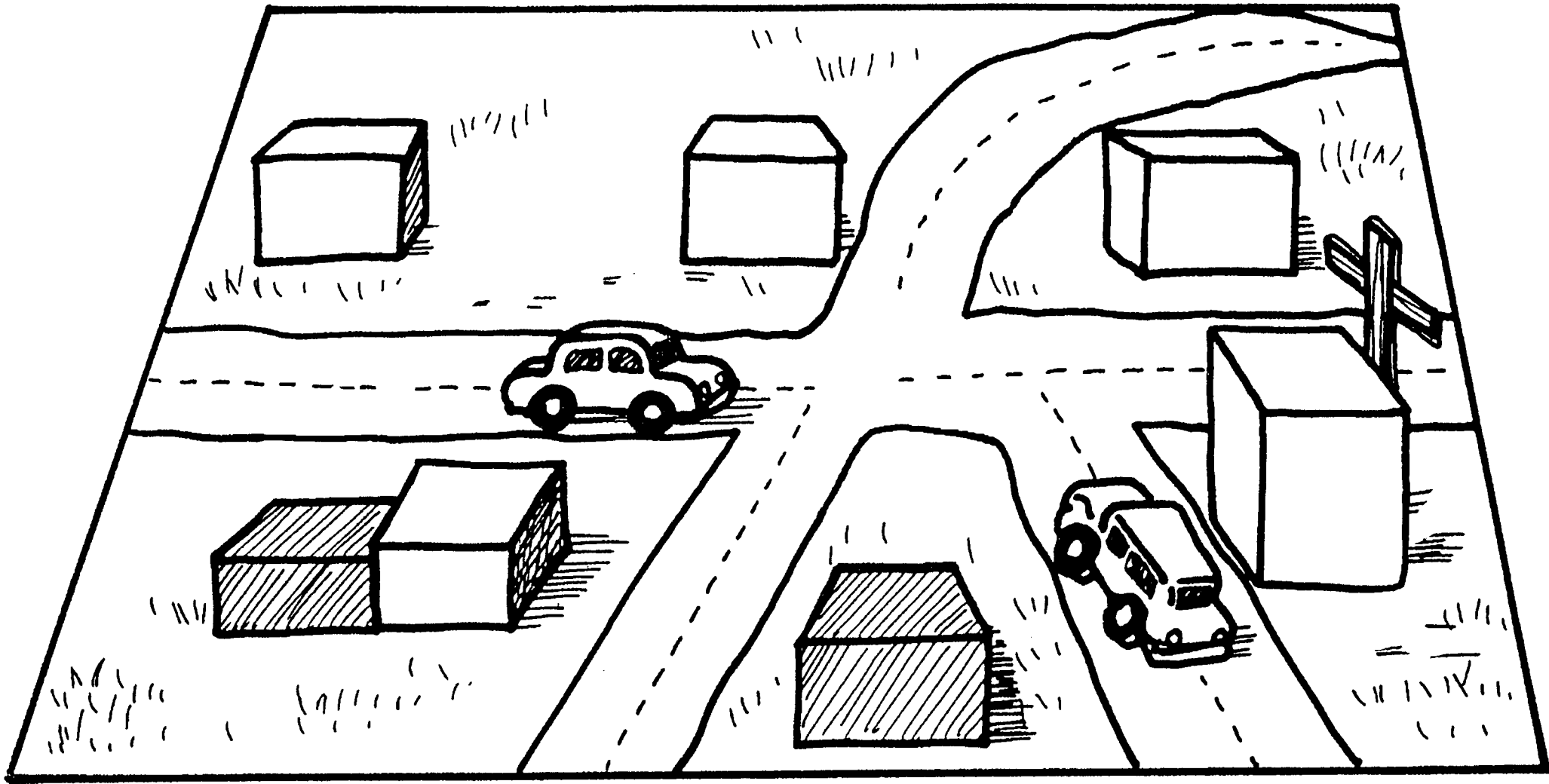
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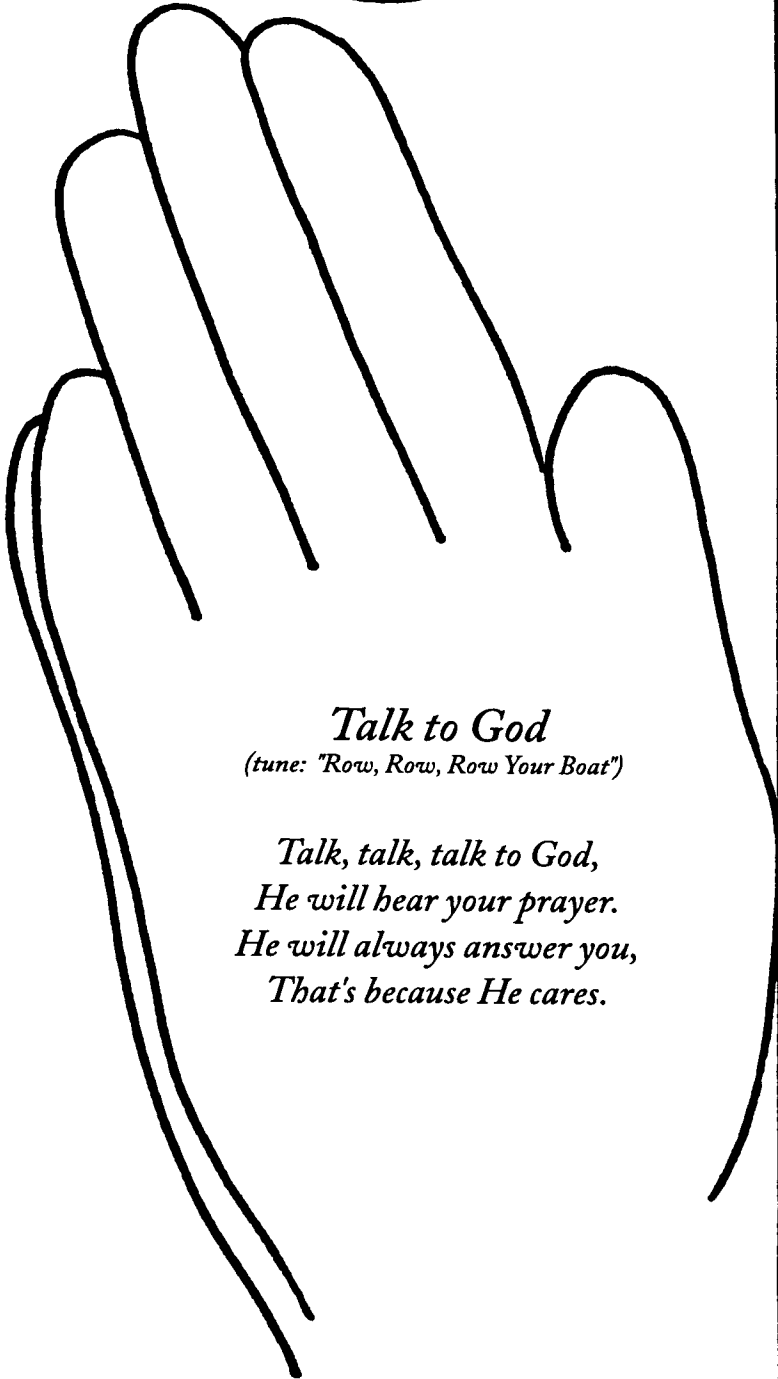
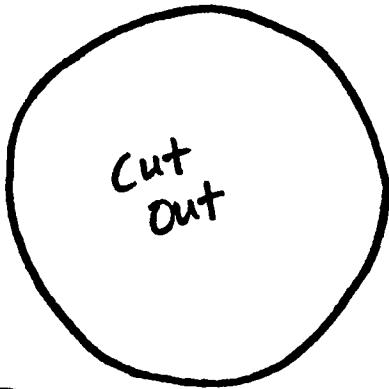
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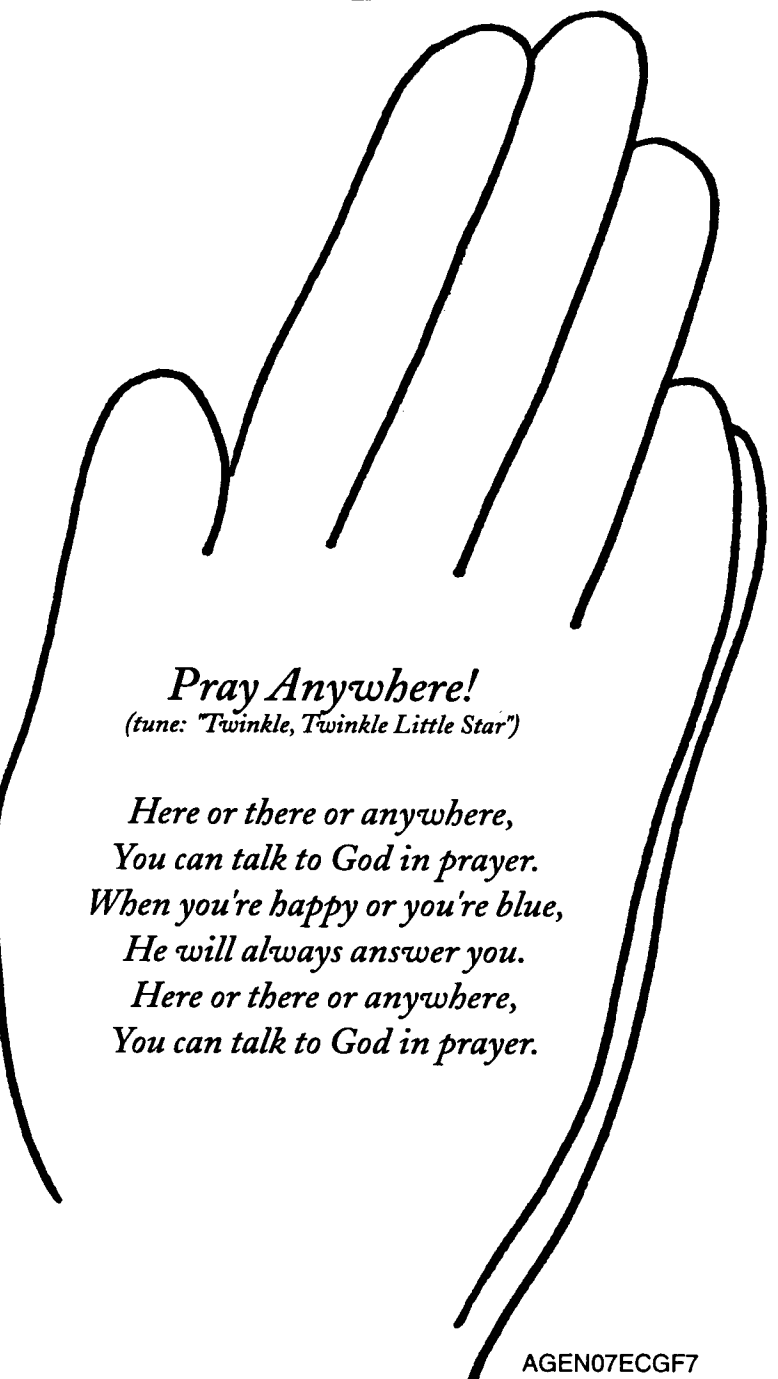
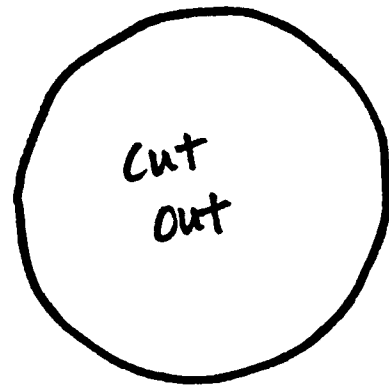
Our city is not like the city of Sodom where Lot lived.  
Draw or glue pictures of things we see on our city streets.



***Talk to God***

*(tune: "Row, Row, Row Your Boat")*

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TELEPHONES AND  
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