BIBLE LESSON 7

Genesis 13

Abram was a good man who loved God and obeyed him. God took care of Abram and he soon had many cattle and sheep and camels and lots of servants to help him take care of them. Lot was Abram's nephew and when Lot grew up he also owned many cattle and sheep and camels. Do you think you would like to have lots of cattle and sheep and camels to help take care of? It would be lots of work, but probably fun, too.

However, soon there were so many animals. The wells would get very low on water and the grass was getting all eaten up. The herdsmen for Abram's animals would get mad at the herdsmen for Lot's animals and they would fight and quarrel because each of them wanted the best land and the most water. It wasn't right to fight and quarrel, was it? This made Abram very sad.

One day Abram and Lot climbed a tall hill. Abram said to Lot, "We need to live in separate places ... Look over the land and choose where you want to live. If you choose one part, I will take the other part." Abram was the oldest and God had promised him this land. He should have been the one to make the first choice, but Abram was a kind man. He wanted to be good to Lot, so he let him make the first choice.

Lot looked all around. The land to the East was close to some big cities, his wife would like that. It was also very green and well watered, not like the dry land they were in now. Lot chose the very best land near the cities. Lot didn't think of Abram, he chose the greenest part for himself. Do you think this was very nice?

God wants us to think of others and do good to others, doesn't he? Lot would have been following God's ways if he had let Abram choose first. Sometimes we want to take the biggest and best things for ourselves, but it's nicer if we think of others first and sometimes let them have the best and biggest things.
Lot packed up his tent, and his wife and his two daughters packed their clothes. The herdsman started moving the animals and soon Lot had moved into his new home near some big cities. One day when Abram was out in the hills, God spoke to him. "Abram, look around, to the north, and to the east and to the west and to the south. Abram did as God had said ... he saw lots and lots of land. Hills and valleys and grass and little streams and even tall mountains and dry desert. God said "All the land you see, I will give to you and to all your children after you, forever!"

Forever is a long, long time! This was a wonderful promise; even though Abram didn't own any land now, one day he would own all the land he could see; then he would never have to die but would be able to live on this land forever and ever!

Abram isn't living today, he died and will be resting in the grave until God's son comes and brings him out of the grave. Then he will be alive again, this time forever. It's a wonderful promise God gives us. If we love God and follow his rules, we will also live forever in the Kingdom. There will be no more colds or earaches or flu, nor hurts or reasons to be sad or cry. There will be lots of flowers and fruit trees and good food. Then the animals won't ever hurt us, but will be our friends. This is called God's Kingdom. What would you like best about God's Kingdom?

God promised Abram that all his children, grandchildren and their children would also be in the Kingdom. If we love God and obey him, we will be part of Abram's family live forever too. This is an awesome promise!

We learn about Abram and the promises from God's book called the Bible. Your parents probably own a Bible. When you get bigger, you can own God's book ... and read it, too!
1. Abram and Lot had lots of animals...can you name some of the animals they owned?
2. Why did Abram's herdsmen and Lot's herdsmen quarrel and fight?
3. When Abram and Lot went to a hill and looked at the land, which one chose the best land?
4. Do you share things with others and sometimes let them have the biggest and best thing just to be nice to them?
5. After Lot moved away where did God tell Abram to look? (just to the north? or to north, south, east and west)?
6. How long did God say Abram and his children and grandchildren live in the land?
7. If Abram died how could he live forever in the promised land?
8. Who will bring Abram and other believers out of the grave? God's son or the President?
9. Name some things you would like about the Kingdom of God
10. What is the name of the book that tells about God?

These animals are all wrong. Draw each animal in the empty spaces below each one. Then make him the correct color and give each one eyes, nose and mouths.
Which piece of cake would you choose? If you had a friend over, which piece would you share with him? Draw a picture of your friend with a happy face because you were nice enough to give him/her the first choice.

Friend's name

Please help finish the picture - color some green grass and flowers then put animals on the land to make a picture of the Kingdom of God promised to Abram.