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*"It is better to give than to receive."*

## Abram and Lot Separate

So Abram went up from Egypt to the Negev, with his wife and everything he had, and Lot went with him. Abram had become very wealthy in livestock and in silver and gold.

From the Negev he went from place to place until he came to Bethel, to the place between Bethel and Ai where his tent had been earlier and where he had first built an altar. There Abram called on the name of the Lord.



### Genesis 13 - Choices

In Genesis 13, Abram and Lot decide to choose land to live in. Lot chooses the rich, fertile land. Abram takes the poor, desert land. Which choice was wiser?

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Now Lot, who was moving about with Abram, also had flocks and herds and tents. But the land could not support them while they stayed together, for their possessions were so great that they were not able to stay together.

And quarreling arose between Abram's herders and Lot's. The Canaanites and Perizzites were also living in the land at that time.

**What does quarreling mean?**



**Bible Story Skit: Abram and Lot**

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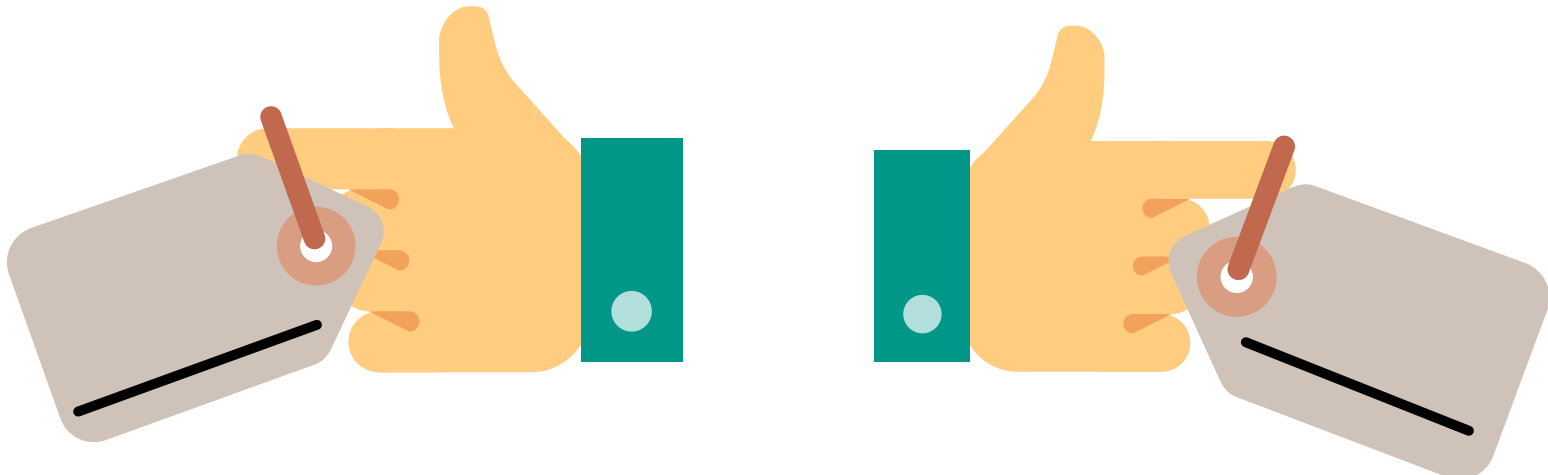
Label the pointing hand left and right:

So Abram said to Lot,

Let's not have any quarreling between you and me, or between your herders and mine, for we are close relatives.



**Is not the whole land before you? Let's part company. If you go to the left, I'll go to the right; if you go to the right, I'll go to the left."**



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Lot looked around and saw that the whole plain of the Jordan toward Zoar was well watered, like the garden of the Lord, like the land of Egypt. (This was before the Lord destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah.)



So Lot chose for himself the whole plain of the Jordan and set out toward the east. The two men parted company: Abram lived in the land of Canaan, while Lot lived among the cities of the plain and pitched his tents near Sodom. Now the people of Sodom were wicked and were sinning greatly against the Lord.

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Let's think about Lot's decision. Pretend you are Lot and you are allowed to choose where to live. You and your family are going to choose to divide up and let your families live a better life because you can't stop fighting. You chose the best land for yourself without asking or trying to share the good portions of the land.

Interesting to put yourself in Lot's shoes right? You want the best for your family, but you have to remember that Abram is your family too. Is it selfish to take the best? Is it best practice to ask questions, care for one another?

What is a better solution for this situation? Talk about it.



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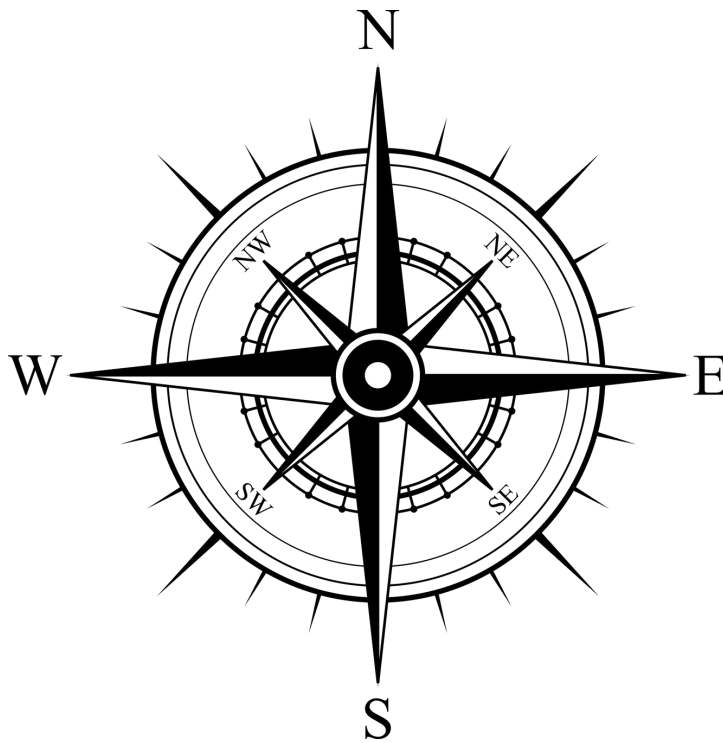
Let's pretend that this picture is the land that this family had to divide. How would you divide it?

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Lot chose the plain to the east, which points to the \_\_\_\_\_ of the compass.

What direction did Abram's new land face, if Lot chose the opposite side? \_\_\_\_\_



The Lord said to Abram after Lot had parted from him, “Look around from where you are, to the north and south, to the east and west. All the land that you see I will give to you and your offspring forever.

I will make your offspring like the dust of the earth, so that if anyone could count the dust, then your offspring could be counted. Go, walk through the length and breadth of the land, for I am giving it to you.”

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So Abram went to live near the great trees of Mamre at Hebron, where he pitched his tents. There he built an altar to the Lord.



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Even though Abram didn't get the watered land like Eden, he was grateful to the Lord for what he had. Is that a good attitude to have?



Now watch this great video and after you watch it talk about the lessons you have learned. Then ask the following questions to discuss:

Is it better to give than to receive?

How do you feel when you act fairly with others?

How does it feel to take the best thing without sharing?

How does it feel to offer the best thing to someone?

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## 1. GIVING IS HOW GOD DEMONSTRATES HIS LOVE FOR US

**John 3:16 - Can you recite this verse without looking?**

This is one of the most well-known verses of all time. It says, “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.” Because of Jesus, God demonstrated that He is love—and love gives, it is part of our new life in Jesus, we give our love away because we were loved first. We become like a cup that is overflowing with water, we cannot contain our love.

Because we truly want to be like Jesus, we give generously to others. Is giving just things? No, it can be a helping hand when someone is struggling, right? **What else can you give?**

It is a blessing to give, and the gift Jesus gives you for being generous is the joy of the Holy Spirit. That is why it is better. What is better than Joy?



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Is joy a feeling? No. Joy is a gift from the Holy Spirit. It is a way of life. It is the ability to focus on Jesus in every single circumstance. Circumstances can be good or bad in life. We can have joy in both of these times, when we keep thinking about Jesus and His love for us.

Jesus helps us know that life is better when we spend it with him. We need to remember that time in Heaven with Jesus is eternal. There is no sin in heaven. Joy! Eternal Joy!

Sing the song, I have the Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy down in my heart. Here is the link:

<https://youtu.be/LylgwOEI7AY>