

# Bible Verses for Lesson 1

Genesis 14:11-24

**Missing Verses?** The Bible has them all. This study includes only verses needed to help you answer questions. **For each of the 8 lessons, read all verses printed in your book for that lesson on Day 1.** After that you can just read verses needed to answer daily questions.

(Sodom and Gomorrah were bad cities where people ignored God's laws and did terrible things. Abram chose to live far from these sinful cities to live a life that pleased God. Lot chose to live near them because he thought the well-watered land would make his life easy. Boy, was he in for a surprise when four enemy kings attacked!)

<sup>11</sup> The four kings seized all the goods of Sodom and Gomorrah and all their food. <sup>12</sup> They also carried off Abram's nephew Lot and his possessions, since he was living in Sodom. <sup>13</sup> One who had escaped came and reported this to Abram the Hebrew. Now Abram was living near the great trees of Mamre the Amorite, a brother of Eshcol and Aner, all of whom were allied with Abram. <sup>14</sup> When Abram heard that his relative had been taken captive, he called out the 318 trained men born in his household and went in pursuit as far as Dan. <sup>15</sup> During the night Abram divided his men to attack them and he routed them, pursuing them as far as Hobah, north of Damascus. <sup>16</sup> He recovered all the goods and brought back his relative Lot and his possessions, together with the women and the other people.

<sup>17</sup> After Abram returned from defeating Kedorlaomer and the kings allied with him, the king of Sodom came out to meet him in the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley).

<sup>18</sup> Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. He was priest of God Most High, <sup>19</sup> and he blessed Abram, saying, "Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth. <sup>20</sup> And blessed be God Most High, who delivered your enemies into your hand." Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything. <sup>21</sup> The king of Sodom said to Abram, "Give me the people and keep the goods for yourself." <sup>22</sup> But Abram said to the king of Sodom, "I have raised my hand to the Lord, God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth, and have taken an oath <sup>23</sup> that I will accept nothing belonging to you, not even a thread or the thong of a sandal, so that you will never be able to say, 'I made Abram rich.' <sup>24</sup> I will accept nothing but what my men have eaten and the share that belongs to the men who went with me—to Aner, Eshcol and Mamre. Let them have their share."

## Facing the Captors:

### Abram Rescues Lot

*Genesis 14:11-12.*

*Clues like (17) tell you the verse number where you'll find the answer.*

1. Circle everything the kings took from the evil people of Sodom and Gomorrah.

a little money      all the goods      their ice cream      all their food

2. What else did the kings carry off?

Abram's nephew      Lot's possessions      Abram      Abram's possessions

3. Why were Lot and his possessions captured? (12) Circle one.

since Lot was weak      since he was small      since he was living in Sodom

#### Mind Changers



1. Courageous people make choices that please God. Lot's choice to get too close to the evil cities also got him in big trouble. Look at the choices below. Draw lines to the right if the choice will bring you closer to God or to the left if the choice may lead you into trouble.

**T  
R  
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B  
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E**

going to a summer church camp  
watching a movie with bad words in it  
hanging out with a person who often lies  
going to church every week  
reading your Bible  
going to a Christian concert  
lying about where you are going to play

**G  
O  
D**

2. Lot lost his freedom, home and possessions because of bad choices. What could you lose if you make bad choices? (Circle all that are possible. Write others that come to mind.)

freedom to go places

parents' trust

privileges to play with friends

opportunities to play on sports teams

phone or e-mail privileges

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3. Write one thing you will do this week to help get closer to God.

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4. Reading the Bible can bring you closer to God. In case you don't know, here's how to find your way around God's Word. The Bible is divided into books, chapters and verses. The book name is first, followed by a chapter number, a colon (:) and the verse number.

Let's practice. Fill in the blanks. One example is done for you.

EXAMPLE:	Book	Chapter	Verse(s)
Genesis 14:11	<u>Genesis</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>11</u>
John 3:16	_____	_____	_____
1 Samuel 17:37	_____	_____	_____
Matthew 7:7-8	_____	_____	_____



**Hide His Word and Seek Him!** "I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you." Psalm 119:11 says that if we memorize His Word, it will help us stop sinning and be more like Jesus. So each lesson has a memory verse. See if you can hide this one in your heart by the end of Lesson 1!

### Lesson 1 Memory Verse

Genesis 14:14



When Abram heard that his relative had been taken captive, he called out the 318 trained men born in his household and went in pursuit as far as Dan.

## Facing the Captors: Abram Rescues Lot

*Genesis 14:14-17*

1. How quickly did Abram act to rescue Lot? (14)

- after he thought it over
- when he finished working for the day
- after lunch
- as soon as he heard that Lot had been taken captive

2. What did Abram do first when he heard Lot was captured?

- cried and feared another attack
- called out his 318 trained men and went
- watched TV to see if he could get more news about the situation

3. What did attacking at night show about Abram?

- he was creative, clever and wise
- he couldn't sleep because he was worrying

4. What did Abram's plan accomplish? (16-17) Circle all that are right.

- recovered all the goods
- stole extra things from the attacking kings
- made Abram a king
- brought back Lot, the women and others
- defeated the attacking kings
- got Abram a meeting with the King of Salem

## Mind Changers



1. Abram knew he had to save Lot right away. Sometimes God wants us to act quickly to show courage and help people. In the situations below would you act quickly or wait and pray?

ACT QUICKLY

WAIT & PRAY

You see a toddler playing with matches.

Do you take away the matches or wait?

Your family is invited on a church-building trip next year to Africa. Do you sign up today or wait and pray?

You see a boy struggling to swim in a pool.

Do you throw the nearby life preserver or wait?

2. When Lot was captured Abram was already prepared with 318 trained men and extra allies, or friends, who would help him. He prepared himself and his family to courageously serve God before God gave him a job. Circle ways you could prepare now to serve God later.

Build a strong body now to help others later.

Develop a strong mind to solve problems.

Learn what the Bible says to teach it later.

Practice talking to others about Jesus.

Practice musical skills to lead music later.

Practice self control to be a good example.

3. What will you do today to start preparing to serve God with courage later?

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Read your memory verse 4 times. Circle the right word in each pair.

When (Abram, the King) heard that his (donkey, relative) had been taken (captive, to dinner), he called out the (318, 3) trained men born in his (stable, household) and went in pursuit as far as (Bethlehem, Dan).

Genesis 14:14



**Is he Abram or Abraham?** He started out as Abram, but following God courageously for a lifetime changed him. As Abram became the new person God wanted him to be, God gave him a new name - Abraham - which means "father of many nations." The same thing happened to his grandson, Jacob. Jacob means "heel-grabber" or "deceiver" and Jacob lived up to that name until he had a life-changing experience with God. Then God named him Israel. His descendants became the nation of God's chosen people!

# Lesson 1

# Day 3

## Facing the Captors: Abram Rescues Lot

*Genesis 14:17-20*

1. One of the two kings (17-18) was a righteous ruler, God's representative. Solve this puzzle to find out which one and circle the right answer.



King of Sodom

Melchizedek, King of Salem

2. What is true about the kings who met Abram? (17-20) Write T (true) or F (false).

\_\_\_ The King of Sodom was probably evil because his city was evil.

\_\_\_ The King of Sodom said, "Thank you for rescuing my people."

\_\_\_ The King of Salem was "priest of God Most High" and was good.

\_\_\_ Melchizedek blessed Abram.

\_\_\_ The King of Sodom blessed Abram and gave praise to God.

\_\_\_ Melchizedek praised God as "Creator of heaven and earth."

3. Who did Melchizedek say delivered the enemies into Abram's hand? Circle one.

King of Sodom

God Most High

Abram, himself

4. Can you find verses that show Abram disagreed with Melchizedek? YES NO

5. Abram gave Melchizedek a tenth of everything or a "tithe." Circle what that means.

Abram knew Melchizedek, God's priest, was greater than himself and honored him.

Abram paid Melchizedek to say nice things.

### Mind Changers



1. Abram agreed with Melchizedek that God helped Abram save Lot and the others. What do you do when others praise you for doing good things? Circle answers.

take the praise for yourself

brag to friends

tell people God helped you

2. Abram gave Melchizedek a tenth of everything to honor him. Many grown-ups who follow God give their church a tenth of the money they earn to honor Him. Circle things you could give your church or someone else to honor God.

part of your allowance

Can you write other ideas?

time volunteering to help with  
jobs at a church

\_\_\_\_\_

stuffed animals or toys a church can  
send to children who don't have any

\_\_\_\_\_



**Put the memory verse phrases in correct order. Write 1 by the first, 2 by the second, etc.**

\_\_\_\_\_ as far as Dan. Genesis 14:14

\_\_\_\_\_ When Abram heard

\_\_\_\_\_ and went in pursuit

\_\_\_\_\_ that his relative had been taken captive,

\_\_\_\_\_ he called out the 318 trained men born in his household

## Facing the Captors: Abram Rescues Lot

*Genesis 14:21-24*

1. Which “deal” did the King of Sodom offer Abram? Circle one.

“You take Lot; give me everyone else.”

“Give me the people; you take the animals”

“Give me the people; keep the goods.”

“You keep everything; you earned it.”

2. Circle what Abram accepted for himself from the King of Sodom. (23)

people

goods

sandals

nothing

thread

3. Why did Abram accept nothing for himself from the king? Circle right answers.

The king didn't have anything Abram wanted.

Abram had promised God that he would accept nothing.

Abram didn't want the king to say, “I made Abram rich.”

4. Abram did take care of the men who helped him. Circle all that he accepted for them.

gold

all the goods

what the men ate

the share belonging to the men

# Mind Changers



1. The King of Sodom offered Abram stuff worth lots of money, but he turned it all down after thinking about what God would want him to do. Consider what God would want you to do in the situations below and circle your answers.

- A friend offers you a radio you think he took from someone else's locker. Do you:

take it home quickly so no one sees you      say that you can't take it

- Another camper shows you brand new clothes in the camp Lost & Found. Do you:

pick out just a few things to take home      say that you can't take any

2. As a courageous and responsible leader, Abram took care of the men who helped him rescue Lot. Find people or things you should take care of in this word search.

new kid at school      friends      pets      sisters      brothers

C C O S R E H T O R B D T L  
F D K C E T N O I M M E O Y  
L M C G S K C I W H O O L R  
F P I L E T E J R P H U T E  
H L U I M M X D I C O E F D  
P S I S T E R S S M M I L W  
R T N P L T S T D I S A S K  
D E T R N E A E N R S W H Y  
F U I L E D E P E P X H T P  
W L U Q I M X V I A T E I L  
D C O K W G P L R R Y D T R  
F M W E S K C J F H L T L A  
P E T S T E W B W M D U L U  
N T N P L T S Y F I X A S V



Write missing words to finish your memory verse. (Say it by memory!)

When \_\_\_\_\_ heard that his \_\_\_\_\_ had been taken  
\_\_\_\_\_, he called out the \_\_\_\_\_ trained men \_\_\_\_\_ in his  
household and went in \_\_\_\_\_ as far as \_\_\_\_\_. Genesis \_\_\_\_ : \_\_\_\_\_

## Facing the Captors: Abram Rescues Lot

What did you learn from Abram?

Read back over your answers this week. Then put an **X** in the  by ideas that were new to you or that made you think differently about how a person who has courage acts.

If you want *God* to give you courage when you need it...

- 1. put others' needs before your own.
- 2. try not to freeze with fear; act fast when *God's* call is clear.
- 3. use *God's* wisdom to do *God's* work.
- 4. prepare to serve *God* before problems hit.
- 5. know and tell others that courage comes from *God*.
- 6. honor *God* by giving; never dishonor Him by gifts you take.
- 7. look out for others in your care.



Put an **X** in this  if you can say *Genesis 14:14* from memory.