

## Homiletics to **Sunday School Lesson**

- **Step 1** Prayerfully prepare all five steps of homiletics for the assigned passage.
- **Step 2** Choose a theme based on the homiletics aim.
- Step 3 Choose one or two songs/hymns that relate to the aim or an application question.
- **Step 4** Prepare a Bible story/Bible lesson that is age appropriate.
  - Bible story (ages 1-6)
    - Use the content list and division sentences to tell a story
    - Use age appropriate vocabulary, defining words as needed
    - Consider the attention span for the age of the children
    - o Incorporate methods to keep their attention
      - Use different voices for each character
      - Use motions to act out what the characters are doing
    - o Conclude with the aim and/or age appropriate application questions
  - Bible lesson (ages 7-18)
    - Use the method described in Homiletics to Devotional Talk handout
- Step 5 Choose a memory verse from the content list that emphasizes the aim.
  - Prepare an activity to aid in practicing and remembering the verse
    - Sing to a familiar tune
    - Word scramble
- **Step 6** Prepare interactive age appropriate activities:
  - Discussion questions
    - Develop questions using content list and application questions
  - Arts/crafts
  - Role plays
    - Act out the story
  - Simulated situations
    - For older children: Use content and application questions to set up a relevant scenario children face today. Ask "How would you respond if...?"
  - Buzz groups
    - Divide older children into small groups or pairs and give them specific topics to discuss in order to apply the aim into daily life
  - Game
    - Use content and/or aim to develop
    - o Jeopardy
    - o Tic Tac Toe
    - Concentration match
  - Question and Answer session
    Based on content/aim/application

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Sample: Genesis 13:5-18

**Theme:** Trusting God in difficult circumstances

Songs/Hymns: He Leadeth Me; Trust and Obey

Bible story (ages 1-6): Lot and Abram separate

1. Abram offered Lot choice of land after quarreling arose between herdsmen. (13:5-9)

Voices: herdsmen arguing

Action: hands over ears as Abram hears about quarreling

2. Abram stayed in Canaan after Lot chose plain of Jordan. (13:10-13)

Voices: Abram

Action: Lot looking over the land

3. God promised Abram all the land and offspring too many to count. (13:14-18)

Voices: Abram and Lot saying goodbye, God speaking to Abram

Action: Abram walking through the land, building an altar

Conclusion: Every difficulty is an opportunity to trust and glorify God.

**Memory Verse:** "The Lord said to Abram after Lot had parted from him, Lift up your eyes from where you are and look north and south, east and west. All the land that you see I will give to you and your offspring forever." — Genesis 13:14-15 (NIV84)

**Memory Verse Activity:** Review the verse a few times. Divide the children into three groups. Place each group in a line/queue. Have each group recite one phrase until the verse is complete. Then move each group to a different place in the line and repeat until every group recites each phrase.

## **Age-appropriate Activities:**

- Children act out the story, taking turns being Abram, Lot and herdsmen
- Children "walk the land" stopping to thank God at various points along the way

**Note:** For difficult or unfamiliar passages, consider using the notes from a Study Bible to ensure clear and accurate teaching.