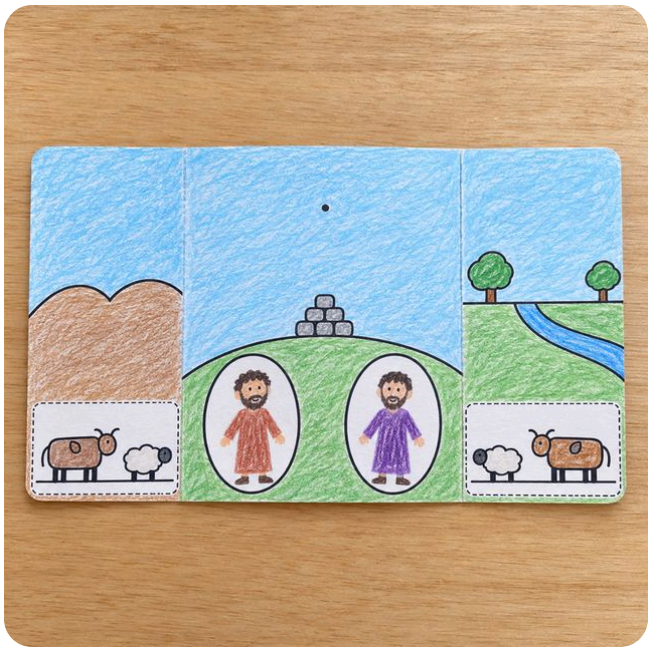
Preschool–Grade 5

Abram and Lot Craft

Let there be no strife · Genesis 13 · print page 2 for each child (and page 3 for the harder level)

What it looks like finished



Easy and medium



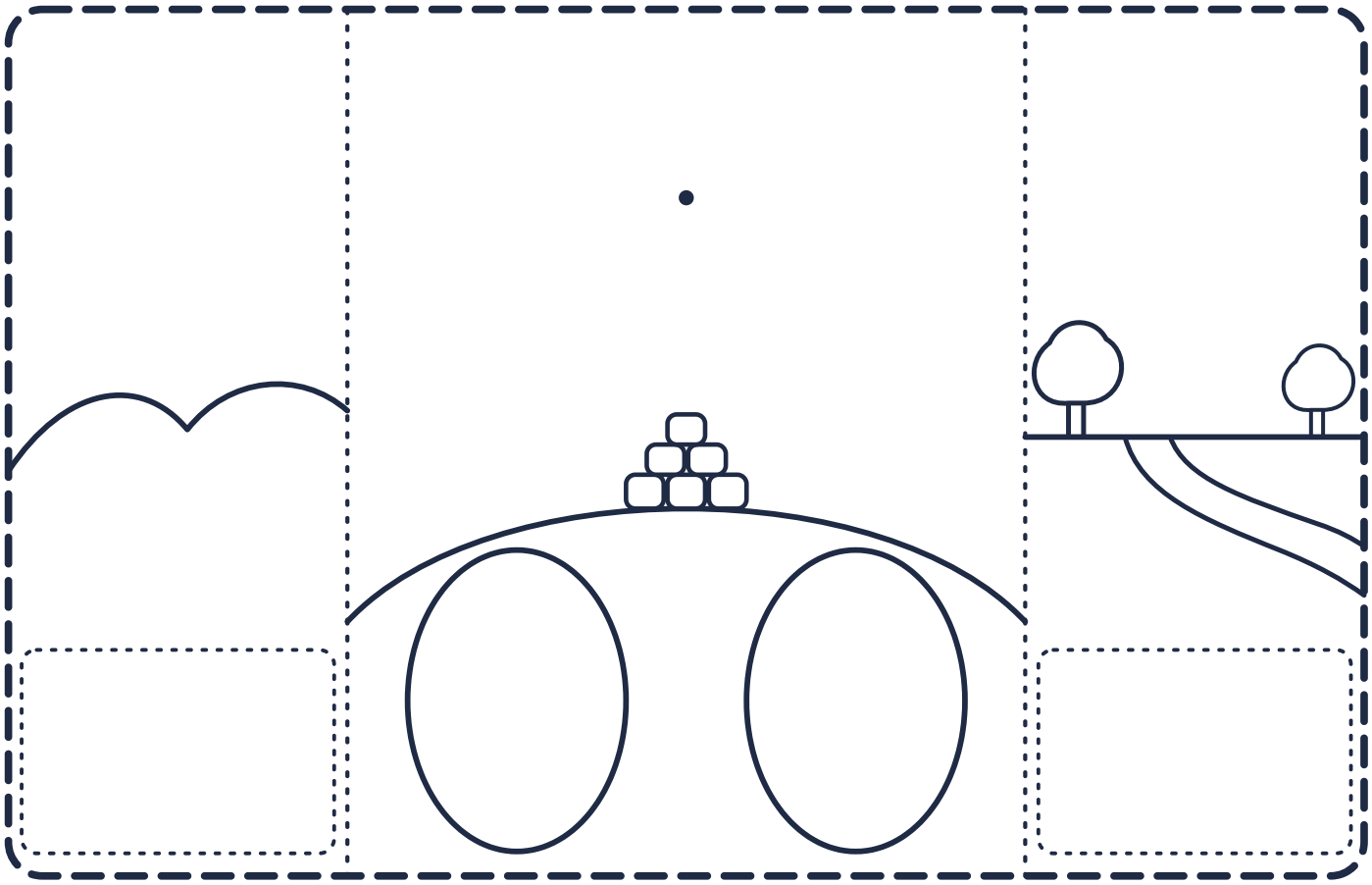
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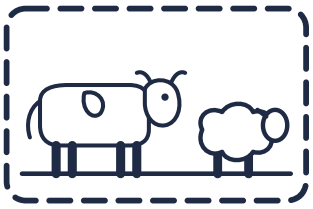
Both levels are a fold-open card of the land, with a light blue sky. In the middle, Abram and Lot are drawn in two ovals in front of a green hill with an altar of gray stones on top, between Bethel and Hai (Genesis 13:3–4). The left door is the brown hill country of Canaan, where Abram stayed, with one herd of cows and sheep. The right door is the green plain of Jordan with a blue river and two trees, where Lot went, with the other herd (13:10–12). Medium (left): the card and the two herds. Harder (right): the same, with a yellow compass star and a red arrow that turns on a brad in the sky (13:14).

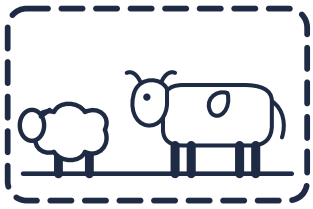
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Name: _____

✂ Cut on the dashed lines







"And Abram said unto Lot, Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdmen and thy herdmen; for we be brethren."
Genesis 13:8 (KJV)

Color each piece the way the steps say. Cut out the card, the two herds and the verse strip. Fold the two doors in on the dotted lines. The small dot in the sky is for the harder level.

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✂ Harder level





How to add the compass

1. Make the card from page 2 first.
2. Color the compass star yellow and the arrow red. Cut them out on the dashed lines.
3. A grown-up pokes a hole with a sharp pencil through the dot in the middle of the star, the dot on the arrow, and the dot in the sky of the middle panel, above the altar.
4. Lay the star on the sky with its points up, down, left and right. Lay the arrow on top of the star. Push the brad through the arrow, the star and the card from the front, and open its legs flat on the back.
5. Tell it: after Lot left, the LORD said to Abram, "Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward" (Genesis 13:14). Turn the arrow up (north), down (south), right (east) and left (west). "For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever" (13:15).

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For the teacher

See it finished: a photo of the finished craft is at vbshq.com/crafts/abram-and-lot-craft
Time: 15 to 30 minutes, depending on the level · **Ages:** 3 to 11, in three levels · **Cost:** under 50 cents a child for the easy and medium levels
You need: page 2 printed once per child (cardstock is sturdiest), light blue, light brown, green, blue, gray, brown and black crayons or markers, crayons for drawing Abram and Lot, scissors and glue sticks. For the harder level, also page 3 printed once per child, a yellow and a red crayon, 1 brass paper fastener (brad) for each child and a sharp pencil.
Before class: for preschoolers, cut out the card, the two herds and the verse strip, and fold the doors once so they bend easily.

Three ways to make it

- **Easy (preschool, ages 3–5), about 15 minutes, no scissors:** before class, cut out each child's pieces. Kids color the land and the animals and draw Abram and Lot. Then they put both herds in the middle, open the doors and glue one herd on each door. Glue the verse strip on the back for them and read it together.
- **Medium (grades K–2), about 20 minutes:** follow the steps below. Kids color, draw, cut, fold and glue the pieces themselves. This is the craft in the first photo.
- **Harder (grades 3–5), about 30 minutes:** make the card like the medium level. Then add the yellow compass star and the red arrow from page 3 with a brad in the sky, and turn the arrow north, south, east and west for God's promise (Genesis 13:14–15). This is the craft in the second photo.

Steps (medium level)

1. **Color the card:** the sky light blue on all three panels. On the left door, color the hills of Canaan light brown. In the middle, color the hill green and the altar stones gray. On the right door, color the plain of Jordan green, the river blue and the trees green with brown trunks.
2. **Draw:** in the left oval, draw Abram. In the right oval, draw Lot (Genesis 13:8).
3. **Color the two herds:** the cows brown, and the sheep's heads and legs black. Leave the wool white.
4. **Cut:** cut out the card, the two herds and the verse strip on the dashed lines.
5. **Fold:** fold the left door and the right door in on the dotted lines so they close over the middle, then open them again.
6. **Verse:** glue the verse strip on the back of the middle panel. Read it together.
7. **Tell it:** put both herds on the middle panel. Too crowded! "The land was not able to bear them" (13:6). Say Abram's words: "Let there be no strife... for we be brethren" (13:8). Open both doors: "Is not the whole land before thee?" (13:9).
8. **Glue the herds:** Lot chose the plain of Jordan, so glue one herd in the dotted box on the right door (13:10–11). Abram stayed in the land of Canaan, so glue the other herd in the dotted box on the left door (13:12).

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Questions to ask while kids work

- Point to the herds. Why couldn't Abram and Lot stay together? *(They had so many flocks, herds and tents that the land was not able to bear them, Genesis 13:5–6)*
- Who started to fight? *(The herdmen of Abram's cattle and the herdmen of Lot's cattle, 13:7)*
- What did Abram say? *("Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee... for we be brethren," 13:8)*
- Point to the two doors. Who chose first? *(Lot. Abram said, "Is not the whole land before thee?" 13:9)*
- Point to the right door. What did Lot see? *(The plain of Jordan, well watered every where, 13:10)*
- Point to the altar. What did Abram do at this place? *(He called on the name of the LORD, 13:3–4)*
- What did God promise Abram after Lot left? *(All the land he could see, to him and his seed for ever, 13:14–15)*

Tips

- **Old Bible words explained: strife** means fighting and arguing; **I pray thee** means please; **herdmen** are men who take care of animals; **we be brethren** means we are family (Lot was the son of Abram's brother, Genesis 11:31); **not able to bear them** means the land could not hold them all; **well watered** means it had plenty of water; **seed** means children and grandchildren.
- **What the Bible says:** Genesis 13 names cattle, flocks and herds, and no camels. It does not say what the land looked like beyond the plain of Jordan being well watered, or how many animals there were. The hills, the trees, the colors and the four animals on the herds are the craft's simple picture of the story. The card is laid out like a map, with east on the right: Lot "journeyed east" (13:11).
- **No one is drawn on the template, and never God:** each child draws Abram and Lot in the ovals. The LORD spoke to Abram (13:14); the compass shows only the four ways He told Abram to look.
- **Preschool:** pre-cut everything and fold the doors before class. Use glue sticks, not liquid glue. Let every child crowd the herds in the middle and then move them apart.
- **Teach the story first:** this craft goes with the free Abram and Lot lesson and word search at vbshq.com/bible-stories/abram-and-lot.

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