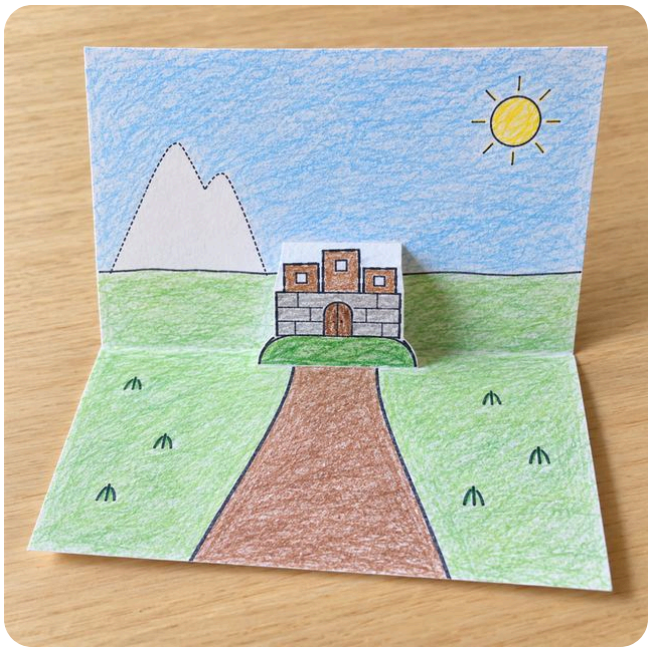
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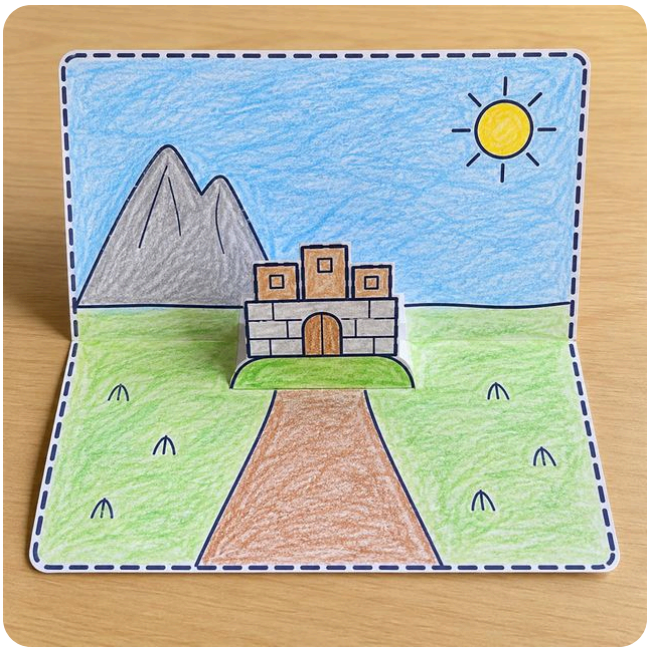
Sodom and Gomorrah Craft

Remember Lot's wife · Genesis 19:15–29 · print page 2 for each child (and page 3 for the harder level)

What it looks like finished



Easy and medium



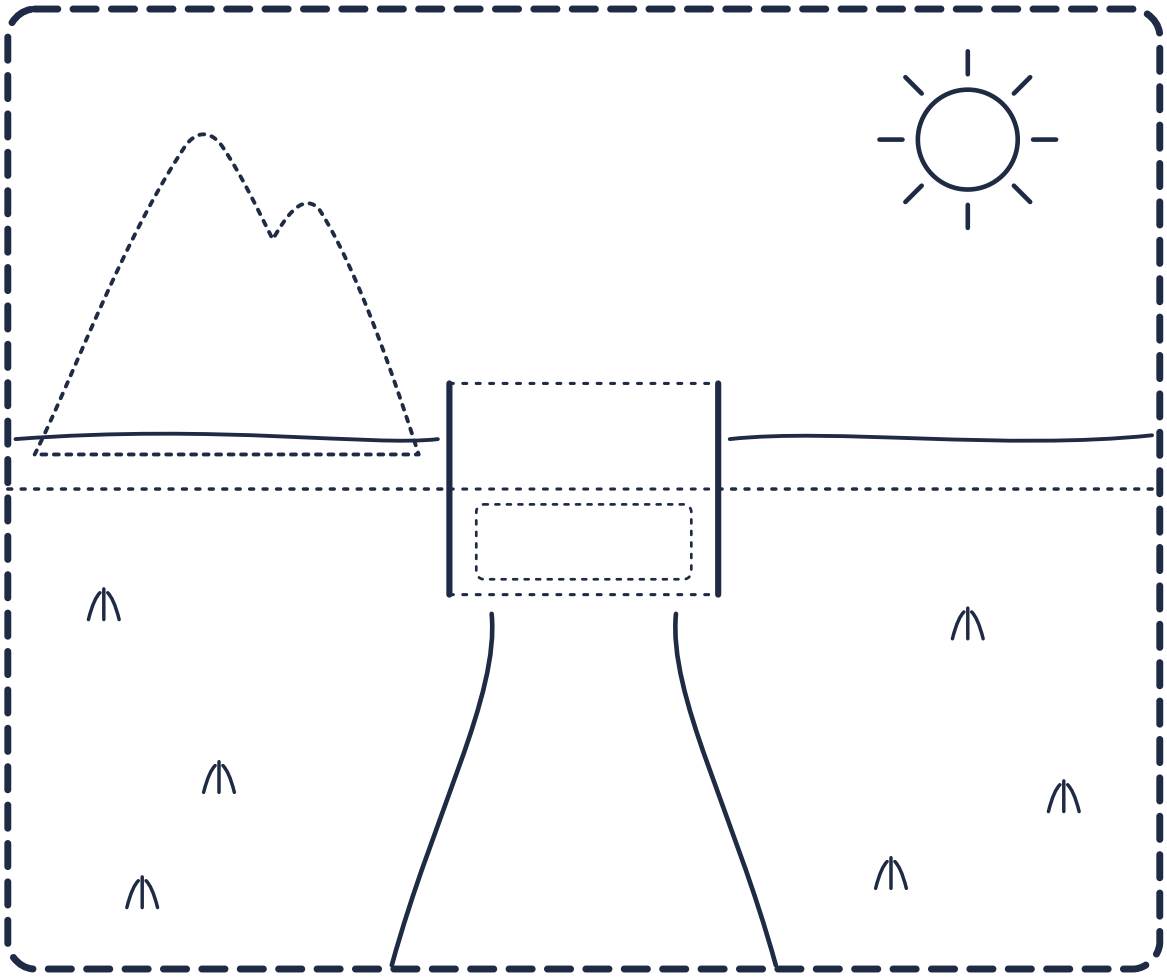
Harder

Both levels are a pop-up card opened like an L: a light blue sky with a yellow sun stands at the back, and green ground with a brown road lies flat in front. At the end of the road, the little city of Zoar stands up on a pop-up step, with a gray wall, a brown gate and brown houses on a green hill, because "the sun was risen upon the earth when Lot entered into Zoar" (Genesis 19:23). Medium (left): the Zoar card. Harder (right): the same card with a gray mountain in the sky, the mountain the angel first told Lot to escape to (19:17).

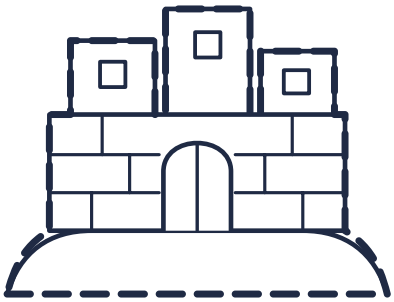
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Name: _____

✂ Cut on the dashed lines



card: sky light blue, sun yellow, ground green, road brown. Leave the step between the two solid lines white. (The dotted mountain is for the harder level.)



Zoar: hill green, wall gray, gate and houses brown

Remember Lot's wife.

Luke 17:32 (KJV)

verse strip: glue it on the back of the card

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Name: _____

✂ Harder level

The mountain (harder level)



mountain: color it gray

How to add the mountain

1. Make the Zoar card from page 2 first, with Zoar standing on the step and the verse strip on the back.
2. Color the mountain gray. Cut it out on the dashed line.
3. Find the dotted mountain shape on the left side of the sky.
4. Put glue on the back of the mountain and press it on the dotted shape, so it stands in the sky behind the road.
5. Tell it: the angel said, "escape to the mountain, lest thou be consumed" (Genesis 19:17). Lot said, "I cannot escape to the mountain," and asked for the little city instead (19:19–20). God said, "See, I have accepted thee concerning this thing also" (19:21). Point to Zoar: God was merciful to Lot again.

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For the teacher

See it finished: a photo of the finished craft is at vbshq.com/crafts/sodom-and-gomorrah-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, yellow, green, brown and gray crayons or markers, scissors and glue sticks. For the harder level, also page 3 printed once per child.
Before class: for preschoolers, cut out the card, Zoar and the verse strip, and cut, fold and pop up each card's step (steps 4 and 5 below).

Three ways to make it

- **Easy (preschool, ages 3–5), about 15 minutes, no scissors:** before class, cut out each child's pieces and pop up the step. Kids color the card and Zoar, then glue Zoar on the step with your help. Glue the verse strip on the back for them.
- **Medium (grades K–2), about 20 minutes:** follow the steps below. Kids color, cut, fold and glue the pieces themselves, with a grown-up helping on the two short cuts. This is the craft in the first photo.
- **Harder (grades 3–5), about 30 minutes:** make the Zoar card like the medium level. Then add the mountain from page 3 in the sky, the mountain the angel first told Lot to escape to (Genesis 19:17). This is the craft in the second photo.

Steps (medium level)

1. **Color the card:** the sky light blue, the sun yellow, the ground green and the road brown. Leave the step between the two short solid lines white.
2. **Color Zoar:** the hill green, the wall gray, and the gate and the houses brown.
3. **Cut:** cut out the card, Zoar and the verse strip on the dashed lines.
4. **Cut the step:** fold the card in half on the long dotted line, with the colored side on the outside. Cut the two short solid lines through both layers, starting at the fold.
5. **Pop it up:** fold the flap between the two cuts forward and back on its dotted line, and press hard. Open the card, fold it the other way so the colored side is inside, and push the flap to the inside as you close it. Press it shut. When you open the card, a little step pops up.
6. **Zoar:** open the card like an L, with the sky standing up. Put glue on the bottom of the back of Zoar and press it on the front of the step (the dotted glue spot), with the bottom edges lined up.
7. **Verse:** close the card. Glue the verse strip on the back of the bottom half and read it together.
8. **Tell it:** open the card as the morning arose. The angel said, "Escape for thy life; look not behind thee" (Genesis 19:17). Lot ran to the little city, and "the sun was risen upon the earth when Lot entered into Zoar" (19:23).

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Questions to ask while kids work

- When did the angels tell Lot to hurry? *(When the morning arose, Genesis 19:15)*
- Whom did Lot have to take with him? *(His wife and his two daughters, 19:15)*
- What did Lot do instead of hurrying? *(He lingered, 19:16)*
- Why did the angels take their hands and bring them out? *("The LORD being merciful unto him," 19:16)*
- What did the angel say? *("Escape for thy life; look not behind thee," 19:17)*
- Point to the mountain (harder level). Where did the angel first tell Lot to go? *(To the mountain, 19:17)*
- Point to Zoar. What did Lot say about this city? *("It is a little one," 19:20)*
- Point to the sun. When did Lot get to Zoar? *(When the sun was risen upon the earth, 19:23)*
- What did Jesus say to remember? *("Remember Lot's wife," Luke 17:32)*

Tips

- **Old Bible words explained: hastened** means hurried; **lingered** means waited and was slow to go; **merciful** means kinder than we deserve; **look not behind thee** means don't look back; **thither** means there; **Zoar** is the little city where Lot ran.
- **What the Bible says:** Genesis 19 does not describe Zoar, except that it was near and "a little one" (19:20). The wall, the gate, the houses, the hill, the road and the colors are the craft's simple picture of the story. Sodom, the fire and the pillar of salt are not shown.
- **No one is drawn on the template.** The craft shows the place God brought Lot to safety.
- **Make the step pop:** press the creases hard. If the step won't pop, check that both short cuts go all the way to their dotted lines.
- **Preschool:** cut and pop up every card before class. Use glue sticks, not liquid glue. Let every child open the card while you say, "The sun was risen when Lot entered into Zoar!"
- **Teach the story first:** this craft goes with the free Sodom and Gomorrah lesson and word search at vbshq.com/bible-stories/sodom-and-gomorrah.

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