



**Family
Conversation Guide
05.22.2022**

WEEK 4

May Theme:

God has a Plan!

Monthly Memory Verse:

"I know that you can do all things,
and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted." - **Job 42:2** (ESV)

Monthly Challenge Verse:

"Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord,
whose trust is the Lord." - **Jeremiah 17:7**

Week of May 22

Main Idea: The Danger of Greed

Life Application:

Choose to make peace with others.



Parents, After listening to the sermon, take some time during the week to have great conversations with your kids. Use **The Action Bible (Page 50)** as you lead your kids, and also use your own Bible (**Genesis 13**) to read through some of the verses listed that will help them better understand.

1. In **Genesis 13:2**, we find the first mention of wealth. **When he left Egypt, Abram was very wealthy- in what?** (*Livestock, silver and gold.*) Abram had made some mistakes in Egypt, but God gave him a new chance, in a new land. **How did Abram thank God?** (*Abram called upon the name of the Lord. He knew God had given him another chance and had led him there.*)
2. Read **Genesis 13:3-4**. **When Abram left Egypt, where did he go?** (*To the land between Bethel and Ai, where he had first built an altar.*) **Who else went with him?** (*Sarai, his servants, and his flocks, and all of his herds and tents; and Lot, with all of his flocks and herds and tents.*)
3. **What was the problem?** (**Verses 6 and 7**- *They both had so much that they couldn't live near each other. The land was too small for each of their needs. Their herders started arguing with each other!*) **How did Abram decide to solve the problem?** (**Verses 8,9**- *He gave Lot his choice of the land he wanted, and said he would take the rest.*)
4. Abram wanted to have peace with his nephew, but Lot was greedy. **What did he do?** (**Verses 10-13**: *Lot chose the best land, the entire plain of Jordan to the East. Abram gave the land to Lot and Abram went to the west, to Canaan.*) **What was the problem with Lot's choice?** (**Verses 12,13**- *Lot pitched his tents near Sodom, a very wicked city. Later in Genesis 19 you will see that this was a very bad choice for Lot and his family!*)
5. In **verses 15-17** God makes promises to Abram. **Let's list them together:**
 - 14 The Lord said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him, "Lift up your eyes and look from the place where you are, northward and southward and eastward and westward, 15 for all the land that you see I will give to you and to your offspring forever.
 - 16 I will make your offspring as the dust of the earth, so that if one can count the dust of the earth, your offspring also can be counted.
6. **How did Abram thank the Lord for what He had done?** (**Verse 18**- *After he settled near Hebron, Abram built another altar to the Lord, to thank Him and remember what God had done.*)

Digging Deeper

In **Luke 12:13-21**, Jesus addresses the problem of greed and also covetousness- wanting what someone else has. He tells a story (parable) to help explain how greed and covetousness are wrong. In **verse 21**, **what does Jesus say is our greatest treasure?** (*Himself, God*)

Read **Matthew 6:19-21**

19 "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust[e]destroy and where thieves break in and steal, 20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Where should we be laying up treasures for ourselves? (*In heaven*)

Pray:

Dear Lord, We know You keep the promises You make, as You did with Abram. You also give us another chance when we mess up and sin, as You did with Abram, Help us to remember the wonderful ways You answer our prayers and provide for us. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Family Challenge:

1. Ask your family to **think of ways they have been greedy** and also times they have coveted what someone else has. Let each person share, including yourself.
2. **How can we lay up treasures in heaven for ourselves?** Make a list together.
Examples:
 - Live our lives to please the Lord, doing good things that He has chosen for us to do.
 - Being kind to others, encouraging others, giving hope to others
 - Share what we have with those who are less fortunate, especially the poor.
 - Share the good news of Jesus with others, help them understand their need for Him.
3. **Gather some rocks.** Through the years, as your family sees God's hand at work in their lives, encourage them to write what God has done on the bottom of a rock and add them to the "altar" you are building. **Occasionally, look at the rocks and remember, thanking God for His love and faithfulness.**