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(Lot runs into the tent to find Abraham.)

Lot: Uncle Abraham! Uncle Abraham! Our shepherds are fighting again! (Lot runs into the shop where Abraham was working.)

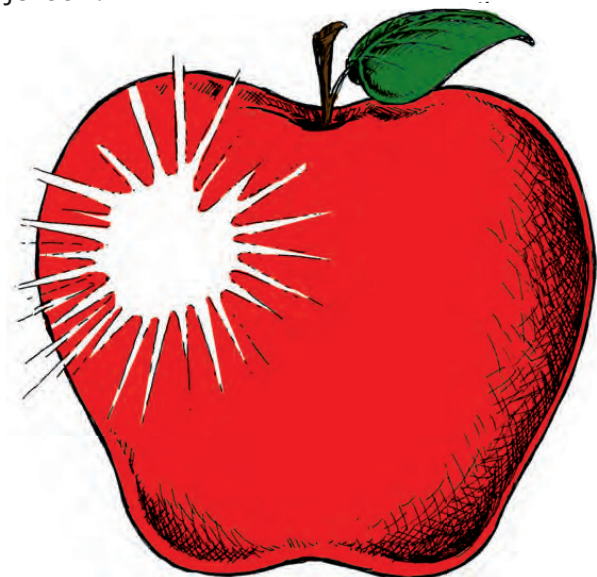
Abraham: Fighting over pastures again? Lot: Isn't that what it's always about?! Your shepherds are saying there's not enough grass for your herds AND mine. They won't let my sheep or cows eat here. What are we going to do to solve this problem?

Narrator: Abraham thought for a moment. He owned a lot of sheep and cows, but so did his nephew Lot. And there wasn't enough grass and water for all of the animals if they wanted to stay together. And since he loved Lot, he didn't want to fight with him, so he said,

Abraham: "Let's not have any quarreling between you and me, or between your herders and mine, for we are close relatives. Is not the whole land before us? Let's part company. If you go to the left, I'll go to the right, if you go to the right, I'll go to the left."

Lot: Wow! Abraham is letting me choose which area I want. Even though He is older and my uncle, and he has the right to choose, he is letting me decide. This is great!

Narrator: He looked around and saw the whole plain of the Jordan. It had lots of water, like the garden of the Lord. But there was still a problem - the people who lived in the cities in the valley were evil and perverse. But there's so much grass and water... Then Lot chose for himself the whole plain of the Jordan.



Abraham: All right, you go and live in the valley. I'll go to the hills.

Narrator: The two men parted company. Abraham stayed in the land of Canaan, while Lot lived in the cities in the valley. Years later, Lot's herds of sheep and cattle had grown a lot because they had eaten well on the grass of the lowlands. So, Lot became very rich and didn't want to live in tents anymore. He decided to move to the city of Sodom. But the inhabitants of Sodom were evil and they committed horrible sins against Jehovah. Their wickedness was so terrible that God decided to destroy the city. But since Lot was Abraham's nephew, God sent two angels to rescue him and his family.

Angels: Lot, we are going to destroy this place because the evil of the people of this city has gone up before Jehovah. Therefore, Jehovah is going to destroy it. Go and tell your family what is about to happen.

Narrator: Lot spoke to his sons-in-law, the husbands of his daughters, and said,

Lot: Get up, get out of this place, because Jehovah is going to destroy this city.

Narrator: But his sons-in-law thought he was joking. The angels hurried to Lot saying,

Angels: Get up, take your wife and your two daughters so that they don't perish in the punishment of the city.

Narrator: Because Lot delayed, the angels seized his hands, his wife and his two daughters, because of Jehovah's mercy towards them. The angels took Lot and his family out of the city. And when they got away from the city, they told Lot,

Angels: Flee for your lives; Don't look back or stop anywhere in the valley.

Narrator: When Lot and his family were safe, the Lord rained sulfur and fire on Sodom and Gomorrah from the heavens ... then Lot's wife looked back behind her and became a pillar of salt.

(This Bible story is found in Genesis 13:6-13, 19:14-17, 19, 24 and 26.)