

ABRAM CHOSE TO GET ALONG

BABIES
UNIT 2
SESSION 1

LEADER BIBLE STUDY

CONTEXT AND COMMENTARY FOR PERSONAL STUDY AND PREPARATION

(For age-appropriate language, use the Bible story statements in the leader guide.)

Family is complicated. Even on the best days, communication can be challenging, or misunderstandings can result in hurt feelings. Families are made up of sinful people who do sinful things. No matter the family dynamics, God expects Christians to work together to get along. God also expects His people to invest in their families. Mentoring is one way that people can do that. Whether you are a grandparent, parent, aunt/uncle, or friend you can invest in the generation that comes after you.

Abram invested in his nephew, Lot, choosing to take him along on the journey from Haran to the land God would show Abram (Genesis 11:31; 12:4). Both Abram and Lot became wealthy, owning livestock, servants, and many possessions. Their families grew so large that the land could not support both men. Abram valued Lot, so he gave Lot the first choice of land and supported Lot's decision to choose the best land. Abram could have chosen to pick his land first, but he decided it was more important to keep the peace. In other words, Abram chose to get along.

Abram's actions are best explained in the Greek word *eireneuo*, meaning "to have harmonious relations and freedom from disputes." Abram went further than simply stopping an argument. He graciously put the family harmony ahead of choosing the best land for himself. God responded to Abram's selflessness by making a beautiful promise. "Look from the place where you are. Look north and south, east and west, for I will give you and your offspring forever all the land that you see. I will make your offspring like the dust of the earth, so that if anyone could count the dust of the earth, then your offspring could be counted." God blessed Abram for his willingness to *eireneuo*.

What comes to mind when you think about your family dynamic? Are you investing in your family by mentoring the next generation? Are you valuing your family by spending time with them? Are you striving to speak peace in your family even when it is difficult?

Pray, calling out your family members' names to the Lord. Write a note to a family member and let him or her know you are praying specifically for him or her. Send a Scripture via text message to a family member who might be struggling. Ask God to help you work for the good of your family.

TEACHER TIP

Avoid wearing earrings that are long or may dangle while caring for babies. Babies love to pull and reach for objects, especially earrings.



LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

Families love one another.

LIFE POINT

Family members can work together to get along.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE

Genesis 13

BIBLE VERSE

Do all you can to get along with everyone.
Romans 12:18

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