

Sarah, to Canaan.

Review—Tell me all you can about good, faithful Abram. Whence did he come? Why did he leave his home? Where did God tell him to go? What promise did God make to him?

Lesson—Here we see Abram and Lot in the land of Canaan. Abram has built an altar and is worshipping God, v. 4. It is some time since Abram left his old home. He is now very rich in cattle and silver and gold. Lot also has flocks and herds and tents.

Strife Between Lot's Herdmen and Abram's Herdmen—You can all tell me what cattle eat, cows and sheep and camels, too. Yes. They all eat grass. What a lot of big fields of grass Abram would need for all his cattle and sheep and camels. And Lot's cattle, etc., would need many more fields. Lot's herdmen and Abram's herdmen were quarreling about the places where they wanted their cattle to graze. The time has come when they must separate. Abram and Lot must each choose his own part of the country and keep his own flocks and herds, etc., in his own fields.

Lot's Choice—We'll see what a kind, peaceable man Abram was. Listen to his words to Lot, vs. 8, 9. Lot looked around

him. The country lying before him was beautiful, well watered, plenty of feeding ground for all his cattle, the rich, but wicked, cities of Sodom and Gomorrah not far away (sketch). "I'll take this part," said selfish, greedy Lot, waving his hand over the Plain of Jordan, and away he started towards the great wicked city of Sodom, with all its sinful pleasures, while Abram quietly settled down in the land of Canaan, amongst the hills and rocks.

God was pleased with Abram, and after Lot had gone away, God told Abram to look north and south and east and west. "All this land which you see, shall be yours and your children's for ever," etc., vs. 17, 18. And again Abram remembered God and built another altar to the Lord.

Golden Text—Repeat Golden Text. Lot's greedy, selfish choice brought only sorrow to himself and family. Selfishness never brings happiness. Tell a simple story to illustrate.

Our Review Book—Two men, each with a number of white paper sheep, etc., following them. On Lot's side, the city of Sodom, on Abram's side the altar. Print over Abram, GOD FEARED; over Lot print, SELF LOVED.

Something to Think About—I should not be greedy.

FROM THE PLATFORM

"LET THERE BE NO STRIFE"

Print on the blackboard, LET THERE BE NO STRIFE (see v. 8 of the Lesson). Bring out, by questioning, who spoke these words, to whom were they spoken. Ask about some causes of strife, amongst boys and girls to-day and about the evils of strife. Then tell this legend of Hercules, the great national hero of the old Greeks. He was once going along a narrow road when a strange-looking animal appeared threateningly in front of him. Hercules struck it with his club and passed on, but soon afterwards the same animal approached even more threateningly, now three times as large as before. Hercules struck it fast and furiously, but the oftener he struck, the bigger and more frightful grew the monster, till it completely blocked the road. Then a goddess appeared to Hercules and warned him to stop. "The monster's name is Strife," she said. "Let it alone, and it will become as little as before." The application will quickly be seen by the scholars.