

## ***Script – Abraham Lets Lot Choose First***

**Lot's Shepherd 1:** [strongly] You can't bring your sheep here! This is our share of the grasslands.

**Abraham's Shepherd 1:** [strongly] It is not! You took the best land last time.

**Lot's Shepherd 2:** [strongly] Take your sheep somewhere else.

**Abraham's Shepherd 2:** [strongly] No! You take your sheep away.

**Narrator:** The shepherds were so angry they were ready to fight. Abraham heard the loud angry voices and hurried to find out what was wrong.

[Abraham arrives on the scene]

**Abraham's Shepherd 1:** [to Abraham] This is our share of the pasture, but Lot's sheep are crowding us out.

**Abraham:** I'm sure there is plenty of grass for Lot's sheep and for ours. [to his shepherds] Can't you find grass on the other side? [pointing towards the west]

**Abraham's Shepherd 2:** It is sandy and stony. We would have to walk a long way to find grass, and it is not as tall and rich as it is here. Besides, we don't know if there are streams of water there.

**Narrator:** Abraham looked at the large flocks of sheep and the angry shepherds.

**Abraham:** I hadn't realized that my flocks had gotten so large. Lot has many sheep too. There is not room for both flocks here.

**Narrator:** Abraham thought about his large herds of donkeys, camels and oxen. He thought about his menservants and shepherds. There were more than 300 hundred of them. He could make Lot and his shepherds leave this spot. Instead Abraham decided to talk to his nephew.

**Abraham:** [to Lot] Lot, it is not right that our men are quarreling. Let's get along peaceably. There is much land here. Look it over and choose what you want and I will take what is left.

**Narrator:** Lot went with Abraham to a high hill. He looked to the East, across the green lush valley of the Jordan River. He saw the thick rich grass there and little streams where his sheep could drink. Then Lot looked to the West. There on the foothills of the mountains, he saw rocks and patches of sandy land. The grass was not as thick. Shepherds would have to lead their sheep a long way between grassy spots.

**Lot:** [thinking to himself] Which shall I choose? [looking at Abraham then back at the good land toward the river, then again to himself] He told me to take my choice, so I will choose the best land.

**Narrator:** So Lot chose the rich Jordan valley for himself. He pitched his tents in a fine spot. There was plenty of room for his flocks and plenty of rich grass for them to eat. Abraham was not angry that his nephew had chosen the best land. He and his wife Sarah simply moved their tents to the West. His shepherds had to go far to find good grass, but there was enough for the animals.

**God:** [to Abraham] Look over the whole land, North, South, East, West. I will give all the land that you can see to your children.

**Narrator:** Abraham was surprised, for he did not yet have a son.

**God:** [to Abraham] You will have so many children, grandchildren and great grandchildren that no one will be able to count them.

**Abraham:** [to God] Thank you God for the wonderful promise.

**Narrator:** Abraham was glad that he had done what was right.

The End