



NOAH AND THE FLOOD

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Concept

God loves all people and God hates evil.

Goal

Children will learn through the account of Noah and the flood that God is just and loving. Everyone who turns to Him will be saved.

Passage

Genesis 6:5-7:24

Key Verse: "Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord." Genesis 6:8

Planning Ahead

Lesson Supplies	Craft Supplies
<p>Activity Station:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Foam animal masks divided among classes</i>• <i>Plastic animal noses divided among classes</i>• <i>The Beginner's Bible, Karyn Henley</i>• <i>The Beginner's Bible Noah's Ark story cube</i>• <i>Spray bottle</i>• <i>Velcro long enough to make an outline of a boat</i> <p>Lesson:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Laminated, magnet-backed picture of:</i><ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ <i>2 sets of animals</i>◦ <i>Noah's family</i>◦ <i>Noah</i>• <i>Dry erase marker</i>	<p>Activity Station:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mirror, 1-2/class• Watercolor/face paint crayons• 5" square shallow plastic trays• 2" square shallow plastic trays• Paper towels <p>Learning Activity #2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Printed mirrored drawing of ark, Noah and Noah's family, 1/child• <i>Animal stamps</i>• <i>3 staplers</i>• <i>Crayons, markers</i>• Animal crackers, several/child

*TEACHERS PLEASE NOTE

For clarity, the italicized areas in the Planning Ahead section indicate supplies that are in—and should be returned to—your classroom SHARED SUPPLY bag.

Background Information/Teacher Helps

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The days of Noah began with man in full-blown rebellion against God. Things must have been pretty bad to warrant this description: "The Lord saw how great man's wickedness on the earth had become, and that every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil all of the time. The Lord was grieved that he had made man on the earth, and his heart was filled with pain" (Genesis 6:5-6).

But there was a man who refused to be assimilated into the violence and corruption that surrounded him. Noah walked with God. In spite of the great wickedness of the human race, God continued His plan through someone who was willing to walk with Him rather than follow the world system so soon to be judged.

God's judgment is sometimes a difficult truth to understand, especially in today's morally relativistic climate. God is both just and loving, He won't compromise His character. His character will remain unchanged and we will all answer to Him, not He to us. Salvation is only meaningful in the context of judgment. We must see the world system as it really is, under the judgment of God, if we are to fully appreciate our salvation.

As our children grow, they must understand that this world is headed toward a very real judgment. This understanding is crucial for development of a burden to witness to others and a desire to invest in the things of God rather than the world. God will continue his plan of redemption with those who choose to walk with Him. Pray that the Holy Spirit will enable your team to communicate this truth clearly so the children will be motivated to be a part of God's incredible plan.

"The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in lovingkindness. He will not always strive with us; nor will He keep His anger forever. He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His lovingkindness toward those who fear Him. As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us. Just as a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear Him. For He Himself knows our frame; He is mindful that we are but dust" (Psalm 103: 8-14).

Set Up

The week before class: Pray that the Spirit will prepare the teachers and the children for class. Read and be familiar with the lesson.

The day of class: Draw a large rectangle on the white board to use as the ark for the Lesson.

Incorporation Lg. Group

Activity Stations:

- **Face Painting**

- **Instructions:** Set the mirror on the table. Put the watercolor crayons in a few white trays and a few drops of water in the tiny plastic trays. Allow 3 or 4 children at a time to paint their faces like an animal that might have been on Noah's ark.

- **Dramatic Play**

- **Instructions:** Use the Velcro (or tape) to make an outline of a boat on the carpet and pretend it is Noah's ark. Children with painted faces can climb aboard. Children can share the foam masks and plastic noses to pretend they are animals. Others can pretend to be Noah, his wife and children. The children can parade 2 x 2 into the "ark." Pretend they are all aboard Noah's ark. Have children act out the story as you read the "Noah's Ark" pages 26-33 in The Beginner's Bible. For a fun surprise element, spray the water out of the spray bottle when the rain begins in the story. Talk about what it would be like to be on a large boat for almost a year (Genesis 7:11; 8:13), e.g., from one birthday to the next.

- **Read Aloud – The Beginner's Bible Noah's Ark**

- **Instructions:** Follow the arrows to unfold the cube as you read the story.

Come on, all you animals. Come aboard the ark two by two and sit down so you can learn about a real ark. This is my favorite book (hold up your Bible); it's the Bible. The Bible tells us about a time when God was very, very sad.

Instructions: Put the laminated pictures on the ark as they occur.

God was sad because the people He created had turned away from Him and forgotten about Him. When people choose to turn away from God and forget about Him, they make bad choices that hurt themselves and others. Well, in the time of Noah almost every person in the whole world had turned away from God. They didn't love God and they didn't love each other. So they were fighting with each other. They were stealing things that did not belong to them. They were being very cruel and mean to each other. No one was safe because people had forgotten about God. God loves everyone and He hates evil. He loves everyone and was sad because they turned away from Him. He knew He had to stop all the evil because the people were destroying themselves and others. But there was one man named Noah. Noah loved God. He had not forgotten about God and he wanted to follow God and to love other people.

Introduction Lg. Group

Lesson Lg. Group

Lesson Continued

Because God loves everyone and He hates evil, He told Noah one day that He was going to punish all the evil people and start the world again with Noah and his family. He said to Noah, "There is going to be a great flood over the whole earth and I want you to build an Ark." This ark was a really big boat. (Point to rectangle on the white board.) Noah began building the ark just like God had told him to build it. He made a lot of noise chopping and sawing the wood for the ark. It took Noah a very long time to build the ark. And do you know what? While Noah was building that ark, he told all the people who were watching why he was building the ark. He told them that God was going to send a big flood that would cover the earth and everyone who was not on the ark would drown. Do you know what the people did? They laughed at him and told him he was crazy. Even though Noah told them what was going to happen, they didn't listen or turn back to God.

Finally the giant boat was finished and the animals began coming to the ark. At least two of every kind of animal came to the ark, from the biggest animals to the smallest (name the animals and put their picture next to the ark). I bet the ark was a pretty noisy place with all those animals! It probably smelled like a zoo, too! P _ _ _ U _ _ _!

God told Noah and his family to move into the ark with the animals. When they were all in, GOD closed the door. Then it started to rain! And it rained and rained until the earth was covered with water just like God had said. The water went even higher than the mountains.

Because God loves everyone and He hates evil, it made God very sad that all those people chose to turn away from Him. But God was happy that Noah and his family followed Him and got on the ark. God kept all the people and animals in the ark safe from the flood. Noah and his family were saved because God was going to continue his work on earth through them. Noah believed in God and God protected him and his family from the flood.

God loves every person and is sad when people choose to turn away from Him. God loves everyone and He hates evil. God sent his Son Jesus to this earth to take the punishment for our evil so we won't be punished. He wants every person to be His friend. You can pray and ask Jesus to be your friend and forgive all your evil, wrong choices. Then, just like God saved Noah and his family He will save you to live with Him forever.

Let's get into small groups to talk about this and pray.

Transition

Learning Activity#1 Sm. Groups

- Do you know why God hates evil?
- What is evil?
(Anything bad, wicked or harmful which opposes God's will)
- Why did God decide to send the flood?
- God told Noah to build the ark because He loved everyone and wanted them to be saved from the flood. Why didn't everyone choose to get on the ark?

Just like He gave the people the choice to get on the ark, God gives all of us a choice to be His friend, but we have to choose. Let's pray and thank God that He loves everyone and doesn't want to punish anyone. Let's thank Him that He saved Noah and wants to save each of us.

Craft – Arks

- **Instructions:** Put out the animal stamps. Give each child a folded ark. Stamp 2 of various animals on the boat. Color the ark and the family. Staple the boat closed on the sides. Give each child several animal crackers to put in his/her ark.

Music – "Animal Fun"[1]

- **Instructions:** Sing the following verses to the tune of "Here We Go 'Round the Mulberry Bush." Have the children make up their own verses for other animals.

This is the way the rabbit hops,
Rabbit hops, rabbit hops.
This is the way the rabbit hops
Out in the forest.

This is the way the kangaroo jumps,
Kangaroo jumps, kangaroo jumps.
This is the way the kangaroo jumps
Out in the desert.

This is the way the elephant walks,
Elephant walks, elephant walks.
This is the way the elephant walks
Out in the jungle.

This is the way the fishes swim,
The fishes swim, the fishes swim.
This is the way the fishes swim,
Down in the river.

Learning Activity#2 Lg. Group

Learning Activity#3 Lg. Group

Learning Activity# 2 Continued

This is the way the chicken walks,
The chicken walks, the chicken walks,
This is the way the chicken walks,
Down on the farm.

This is the way the little lamb runs,
The little lamb runs, the little lamb runs,
This is the way the little lamb runs,
Out on the hillside.

[1] Kathryn W. Kizer, 200+ Games and Fun Activities for Teaching Preschoolers, ©
New Hope 1989, P.O. Box 12065, Birmingham, AL 35202-2065, p. 38.