



NOAH AND THE FLOOD

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Concept

God loves people and God hates sin.

Goal

Children will learn through the account of Noah and the flood that God is both just and loving.

Passage

Genesis 6:5-7:24

Key Verse: "Noah loved God and God told him to build a boat, so he did. ... and Noah's family was saved." Hebrews 11:7 (paraphrased)

Planning Ahead

Lesson Supplies

Lesson:

- *Rhyme Bible Storybook for Toddlers, L.J. Sattgast, pp. 18-29*
- *The Bible in Pictures for Toddlers, pp. 10-15*
- *The Read-Aloud Bible Stories Vol. 3, pp. 38-65*
- *Laminated, magnet-backed pictures of:*
 - *2 sets of animals*
 - *Noah's Family*
 - *Ark*
 - *Noah*

*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 sin 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).

As you prepare for this lesson, reflect on the tremendous grace and mercy God has extended to you personally and to mankind corporately.

Prayer

Pray for the children

- With your team before class.
- During the week.

Pray simple short prayers for the children.

Lesson Lg. Group

Instructions: Give children the laminated figures to put up as you talk about them. Use the story bibles to tell the story.

Main Points:

- God tells us about Noah in the Bible.
- God loves people and God hates sin.
- Noah loved God.
- Other people did not love God. When people don't love God, they make bad choices called sin. Sin has to be punished.
- Noah loved God and God told him to build a boat, so he did. The people of the world were judged, and Noah's family was saved. Hebrews 11:7