



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.

The people of the world were judged, and Noah's family was saved."

Hebrews 11:7 (paraphrased)

Planning Ahead

Lesson Supplies	Craft Supplies
<p>Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Velcro or masking tape to make the outline of a boat <p>Lesson:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Beginner's Bible, pp. 28-35</i> • <i>Big Picture Story Bible, Helm, pp. 58-66</i> • <i>Rhyme Bible Storybook for Toddlers, L.J. Sattgast, pp. 18-29</i> • <i>The Bible in Pictures for Toddlers, pp. 12-13</i> • <i>The Read-Aloud Bible Stories Vol. 3, pp. 38-65</i> • <i>Laminated, magnet-backed pictures of:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ <i>Animals (2 sets)</i> ◦ <i>Ark</i> ◦ <i>Noah's family</i> ◦ <i>Noah</i> • Dry erase marker 	<p>Craft #1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Printed drawing of ark, Noah and Noah's family, 1/child • Animal stamps • Crayons <p>Craft #2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Printed picture of ark with ramp • Animal stickers • Crayons <p>Craft #3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Color page of Noah • "Loves God" heart stickers • Crayons <p>Craft #4:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Animals coloring page • Crayons/Markers

***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.

Introduction

This is my favorite book (hold up your Bible). It's the Bible. The Bible tells us about God. It says that God loves people and God hates sin.

Suggestions:

- Draw a large rectangle on the white board to use as the ark & use laminated figures to tell the story
- Read from one of the children's bibles
- Have a student worker act out as you read or put the laminated figures up as you read

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

Let's pray. Let's thank God that He loves everyone and doesn't want to punish anyone. God sent Jesus to pay the price for our sins so that we could be friends with God.

• **Creative Play**

- **Instructions:** Use the Velcro (or masking tape) to make an outline of a boat on the carpet and pretend it is Noah's ark. Children can climb aboard and pretend they are animals or Noah, his wife and children. Have children sit in the boat as you read "The First Rainbow," pages 28-35 in The Beginner's Bible. Another week read pp. 58-62 in The Big Picture Story Bible.

• **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.

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.

• **Rhyme -- "Rain on the Green Grass"[1]**

- **Instructions:** When you come to the words "but not on me," put your hands on your hips and shake your head "no" vigorously. Make up your own words to add verses to the poem.

Rain on the green grass,
Rain on the sea,
Rain on the housetops,
But not on me!

Rain on the table,
Rain on the floor,
Rain on the doggie,
But not on me!

[1] Jackie Silberg, Games to Play with Two Year Olds, © 1993 Jackie Silberg, Gryphon House, Inc., p. 26.

Craft #1

Ark with Animal Stamps

Instructions: Put out the animal stamps. Give each child a printed drawing of the boat, Noah and his family. Stamp two of various animals and color the picture.

Craft #2

Ark with Animal Stickers

Instructions: Give each child several animal stickers and a printed drawing of the boat, Noah and his family. Color the picture and place the animals on the ramp.

Craft #3

Noah with Loves God Heart

Instructions: Give each child a page of Noah and a heart sticker. Put the heart sticker on Noah and color the picture.

Craft #4

Pairs of Animals Coloring Page