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THE GREAT FLOOD

GENESIS 6-9

CHRIST CONNECTION

The story of Noah points to an even greater rescue.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION

Who is God? God is our Creator and King.

MEMORY VERSE

Psalms 104:24

PREPARE



Take time to reflect
on today's lesson

LEADER BIBLE STUDY

Genesis 6 gives us an understanding of the growth of early civilization. After Adam and Eve were cast out of the garden of Eden, the sinful state of humanity spread as far and wide as their family trees. God saw that every inclination of the human heart was evil all the time. And God regretted that He had made man. Yet, God had a plan to redeem His created world from sin that leads to death.

How did God provide salvation for Noah and his family? How has God provided redemption for us?

Though God was deeply grieved by the lifestyles of humanity, He found favor with righteous Noah. God chose to spare Noah from the destruction to come. He explained to Noah that, through faith-led obedience, he and his family would be spared from the flood waters. God instructed him to build an ark and to supply it with everything the people and animals needed while onboard.

As the water surged on the earth for 150 days, God remembered Noah and the ark and caused the storms to cease. Then God established a covenant with Noah, that He would never again curse the ground as He had with the flood. He blessed Noah's family, instructing them to be fruitful and multiply. Even though God's judgment on sin resulted in the waters flooding the earth, God provided a means of salvation that would result in a greater rescue to come through the family line of Noah.

Still, Noah's obedience was not enough to secure mankind's ultimate salvation. Even after the rescue of Noah and his family, God knew the inclination of the human heart was still evil. (Gen 8:21) A greater rescue and superior sacrifice were needed to rescue people from sin. God would send His own Son to take on the wrath they deserved. Noah's faithfulness in building the ark is but a glimpse of Christ's faithfulness in taking to a different wooden vessel — the cross — and securing the salvation of all who would place faith in Him. Help kids see the mercy of God through the story of Noah's ark, that the God who created them has been faithful to provide the way back to Him through faith in His Son, Jesus.

TODAY'S STORY POINT

God is right to judge sin.



THE GREAT FLOOD

Adam and Eve's family grew. They had children and grandchildren, and their families grew until many people were in the world. But all those people were like Adam and Eve — they sinned against God. God is good and loving. He wanted people to have a right relationship with Him, but the people did not want to live under God's rule.

God was sad that He had made people. Because people's hearts were so sinful, God had to judge the people for their sin. But one man was not like all the other people. Noah was a righteous man; he wanted to follow God. So God decided to save Noah and his family from this punishment.

One day, God told Noah to build a big boat called an ark. God told Noah what would happen: God was going to punish sin by sending a flood to wipe out everything on the earth. God made a special promise — a covenant — with Noah. God promised to keep Noah and his family safe.

God told Noah exactly how to make the ark. He told Noah how to build the roof, where to put the door, and how to make it float. God gave Noah instructions about what animals to bring on the ark and how many. Noah did everything that God commanded.

Noah worked for many years to build the ark. When it was finally finished, Noah filled the ark with food for his family and for the animals. Then Noah, his family, and the animals went into the ark and God closed the door.

Water began to cover the earth. Rain fell for 40 days and 40 nights until water covered even the highest mountains. Every living creature on the earth died, but Noah and his family were safe inside the floating ark. Then the rain stopped. Water covered the whole earth for months. Then finally, God sent a wind to dry out the earth, and the water started to go down. The ark came to rest on top of a mountain.

Noah waited until God told him to bring his family out of the ark. Noah came out of the ark and built an altar to make an offering of thanks to the Lord.

God told Noah's family, "Spread out and fill the earth. Take care of the world and the creatures in it."

God promised Noah that He would never again send a flood over the whole earth, and He put a rainbow in the clouds as a reminder of the promise.

CHRIST CONNECTION

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WELCOME



Connect with kids as they arrive

OPENING ACTIVITIES

Greet each kid as they arrive. Use this time to build relationships and help new kids connect to your group. Before heading to Large Group, kids can work on the provided coloring or activity pages. You can also do the Memory Verse Activity below as a class!

MEMORY VERSE

O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom have you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

– **Psalm 104:24, ESV**

MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY

It's Bible Bucks Day! Throughout the morning, our Bible Bucks Leaders will be going from room to room to give kids the opportunity to recite any memorized Bible verse to earn Bible Bucks.

Remind kids that we memorize God's Word so we can have His words with us at all times. The more we read God's Word and spend time with Him, the more we will learn about Him!

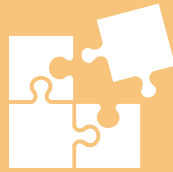


FOCAL POINT: STORIES

This semester, we're focusing on the power of stories — such as the true stories of the Bible, Jesus' parables, our testimonies, and more! Take some time this week to share at least one story of how God is working in your life or the lives of kids in your class.

Even “little” stories can have a big impact and encourage others to continue serving the Lord and loving the kids in our ministry. Use the QR code in your class or text Taylor to share your story!

K12 ACTIVITIES



Do crafts and games with younger kids after Large Group

ACTIVITY

Use the provided velcro strips to make a large rectangle on the floor. You can be in your rooms or use the Large Group room for more space and use of the sound system.

Tell kids that the rectangle represents an “ark”. Have kids form a circle around the ark and start playing music. While the music is playing, kids will walk around the ark, but when the music stops, kids should jump into the ark.

You can also make it a competition by eliminating the last kid to get into the ark and repeating until one kid remains.

CONNECT THE DOTS



Today we learned how God saved Noah, his family, and the animals from the flood by telling Him to build an ark. God sent the flood to judge people for their sin and we learned that God is right to judge sin! When we place our faith in Jesus, we receive the mercy of God and are forgiven of our sins instead of being judged for them!

CONNECT THE DOTS



Your rainbow suncatchers can be placed in a window to remind you of God’s faithful promises. Even though we disobey God, He has promised that anyone who trusts in Jesus will be saved. Today, we’re learning how God promised to save Noah from the judgment sin deserves.

CRAFT

Pass out the provided supplies to the tables around the room, making sure the variety of tissue paper colors is evenly distributed. Each kid should also receive one piece of contact paper.

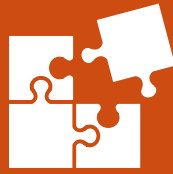
Help kids prepare the contact paper so they can place the tissue paper on it. Have them make an ark and a rainbow out of the tissue paper and cover every section of the contact paper.

Punch a hole on the top when done and tie string through it to make it into a suncatcher!

For Kinder leaders:

Because our new kids are still growing in their dexterity skills, we have a simplified version of today’s craft for them. Give each kid a copy of the spinner template and invite them to color it however they wish. When done, help them cut out both circles and place a brad through the center, creating the finished spinner.

345 ACTIVITIES



Do crafts and games
with older kids after
Large Group

ACTIVITY #1

Using the TVs in your room, open the folder titled “What’s Wrong” and go to the first slide.

Follow the instructions provided and have kids identify which object on the slide is wrong for the given task.

You can also make it a competition by splitting kids into teams and give a point to the team that identifies the wrong object first. The team with the most points at the end of the activity wins!

CONNECT THE DOTS



As a judge, it was easy to determine which object was wrong for the tasks listed. Just like some objects are wrong for a task, we are wrong to disobey God. Sin is disobeying God and His commands. Today, we learned that God is right to judge sin and how, as a good judge, He always does what is right.

CONNECT THE DOTS



The Bible is God’s Word to us, and something we will use every Sunday to learn about God and His rescue plan. It’s important that we learn how to use the Bible and understand how to find certain stories and scriptures within it.

ACTIVITY #2

Periodically throughout the year, we are going to work on Bible Skills for our older elementary kids! Today we’re going to start memorizing the books of the Bible in order.

Using the provided supplies, divide kids into groups and see how quickly they can arrange the books in the correct order. Allow kids to practice a few times and then, if they want, race against another group to see who can arrange the books the fastest!

CLOSING ACTIVITIES



Continue to engage kids while they wait to be picked up

BIBLE STORY REVIEW

After Large Group, ask the following questions and lead your class to discuss.

1. What is sin? Why is God right to punish sin?
2. What is the punishment for sin? How can we be saved from this punishment?
3. How does God saving Noah and his family point us to how Jesus saves us from sin?
4. How can we follow God even when those around us don't?
5. After Noah came out of the ark, he built an altar to give thanks to God. How can we show God we are thankful for all the ways He loves us?

HAVE EXTRA TIME?

Go to the Leader Folder on one of the TVs in your classroom. (*Hit the back button until you see it.*) There, you'll find games and activities to do with your class!



BEFORE YOU GO...

Please clean up by doing the following:

1. Put all extra supplies and binders back in the curriculum bins
2. Clean all trash off the tables
3. Put all crayons, markers, etc. back in the appropriate containers and cubbies
4. Erase the whiteboards and put markers/erasers back in the holder
5. Turn off the TVs as you leave

THANK YOU FOR SERVING WITH US!