



SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

THE GREAT FLOOD

GENESIS 6-9

CHRIST CONNECTION

God sent Jesus to rescue people from sin.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION

Who is God? God is our Creator and King.

MEMORY VERSE

God made our wonderful world. Psalm 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.

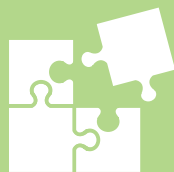
As the water surged on the earth for 150 days, God remembered Noah and the ark and caused the storms to cease. Then God established a covenant with Noah, that He would never again curse the ground as He had with the flood. He blessed Noah's family, instructing them to be fruitful and multiply. Even though 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 children 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 punish sin.

OPENING & ACTIVITIES



Connect with children through games and activities

WELCOME

Play music in the background as you greet children coming into the classroom. Help them transition in and feel welcome as they play games and interact with others.

ACTIVITY #1: SING A SONG

Gather children and sing the song below to the tune of "London Bridge is Falling Down":

"God made our wonderful world, *(clap)*
Our wonderful world, *(clap)*
Our wonderful world, *(clap)*
"God made our wonderful world *(clap)*
Psalm 104:24." *(clap)*

CONNECT THE DOTS



Our memory verse phrase says, "God made our wonderful world." Everything God made is good. God loves and cares for His creation. God is wonderful!

CONNECT THE DOTS



Once all the animals and Noah's family were safely on the boat, God closed the door Himself. God is our Creator and King. God is right to punish sin, but He is also loving. He rescued Noah and His family by having them live in the ark with the animals during the flood. Later, God sent Jesus to rescue people from their sins.

ACTIVITY #2: NOAH'S ARK

Have children gather together in the play area of your classroom. Use the Noah's ark in your room to tell or retell the Bible story.

Talk about today's lesson and ask children to name things they noticed or remember from the story. Have them pretend to close the door on the ark as they answer.

CRAFT & EXAMPLE



Help children with a craft connected to the Bible story

CONNECT THE DOTS



God told Noah to build an ark. God brought the pairs of animals to Noah for him and his family to put inside the ark. God instructed Noah and his family to go inside the ark, too. Then God shut the one door on the ark to keep Noah, his family, and the animals safe and dry during the many days and nights of rain. God rescued them. God rescued people from their sin when He sent His Son, Jesus.

CRAFT: NOAH'S ARK STICKERS

Supplies: Noah's ark template and sticker set

Give each child one of the ark templates and stickers to share with others. Have children decorate their ark template by placing the stickers on it.

Talk to children about the Bible story and the animals on the ark as they work. Be sure each child's name is on their craft so you know which one to send home with them!





PREPARE

Open your Bible to **Genesis 6-9** and tell the following story.

THE GREAT FLOOD

Adam and Eve had children and grandchildren. Their families grew until there were many people in the world. Like Adam and Eve, they all sinned against God. They chose to disobey God's commands. God was sad. He decided to send a big flood.

Only one man in the world tried to do what was right. His name was Noah. One day, God told Noah to build a big boat called an ark. The ark would keep Noah, Noah's family, and many animals safe from the flood.

Noah did exactly what God told him to do. He began to build the ark. He worked for many years until the ark was finally finished. Noah filled the ark with food for his family and the animals. Noah, his family, and the animals went into the ark and waited. Then God closed the door.

The rain began. Rain fell for 40 days and 40 nights until water covered even the highest mountains. Then the rain stopped. God sent a wind to dry up the water. Noah and his family waited. Finally, God told Noah to bring his family and all the animals out of the ark.

Noah thanked God for keeping him safe. God promised to never again flood the whole world. He put a rainbow in the sky as a reminder of His promise.

CHRIST CONNECTION

God must punish sin, but God is loving. He rescued Noah and his family. God planned an even greater rescue: to send His Son, Jesus, to save people from their sins.

SNACK & CLOSING



Continue to engage children near the end of the morning

SNACK & DISCUSSION

Wash hands or use hand sanitizer. Serve a snack. Show children the Bible story picture as you ask the following questions and retell parts of the Bible story as needed.

1. What was your favorite part of today's Bible story?
2. What did you learn about God in today's Bible story?
3. Why did God send a rainbow after the flood?
4. Who is God? God is our Creator and King.

CLOSING ACTIVITIES

Pick up toys and games from around the room and put them away. After the room is cleaned up, set out markers or crayons and let children work on today's Bible story coloring page or activity page until their parents arrive.

You can also choose a book to read to children as they work or for those who don't want to work. Please make the effort to have children quietly engaged in the last few minutes of the service. When parents arrive to pick up their child, share about something their child enjoyed doing or did well today.

BEFORE YOU GO...

Please clean up by doing the following:

1. Spray down toys with disinfectant
2. Spot sweep if needed
3. Return toys to closet, close door
4. Throw away any trash left on counters and in room
5. Return storage cubes to **Room 108**

THANK YOU FOR SERVING WITH US!