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God Saves Noah

Key Themes

- God must judge sin.
- God rewards faith and obedience.

Key Passages

- Genesis 7:7–9, 7:16, 7:21

Lesson Focus

- God saved Noah, one of eight people in the Flood.



Lesson Overview



Come On In

Children will play with play dough.



Circle Time

Prayer—Using the prayer page of the Flip Chart, discuss prayer and give each child the opportunity to pray after determining what type of prayer you will offer today.

God's Word—God brings a global Flood destroying the entire earth and shows mercy to Noah and his family.

Song—Children move, clap, or march around the room while singing the songs, “Noah and the Ark” and “The Seven C’s.”



Activity 1: God Saved Noah

Children will color the God Saved Noah coloring sheet.



Activity 2: Noah's Family Puppet

Children will assemble the Noah's Family puppet character and use it to review the lesson with their families.



Memory Verse Review/Snack

Children will review the memory verse while enjoying the snack for the day. You may want to use the snack as incentive to recite and/or repeat the memory verse.

Lesson Preparation

WHAT YOU WILL DO

WHAT YOU WILL NEED



FOR THE TEACHER

- Study the Prepare to Share section.
- Go Before the Throne.

- Student Take Home Sheets



COME ON IN

- Set play dough at each child's seat before class begins.

- Play dough
- Cookie cutters



CIRCLE TIME

- Bring a stuffed animal for prayer time
- Practice the songs on the Song Sheet at the back of this Teacher Guide.

- Stuffed animal for prayer time
- Lesson Flip Chart



GOD SAVED NOAH

- Print one God Saved Noah coloring sheet from the Resource DVD-ROM for each student.

- God Saved Noah coloring sheet for each student
- Crayons



NOAH'S FAMILY PUPPET

- Print and cut out one Noah's Family Puppet Character from the Resource DVD-ROM for each student.

- Noah's Family Puppet Character for each student
- Crayons
- Glue
- Craft sticks



MEMORY VERSE REVIEW/SNACK

- Prepare and bring snacks.

- Lesson Flip Chart for memory verse review
- Snacks



Prepare to Share

SCRIPTURAL BACKGROUND

To prepare to teach this lesson, read and meditate on Genesis 6–9; 2 Peter 2:5; and Hebrews 11:7.

Even though Noah was a “preacher of righteousness,” calling people to repent for nearly 75 years, no one but his family came into the Ark with him. The people who heard Noah’s message of imminent judgment refused to believe. When the Flood came, Noah and his family were safe in the Ark, but every other person and air-breathing, land-dwelling animal on the earth was destroyed: all flesh died that moved on the earth (Genesis 7:21), every man (Genesis 7:21), all in whose nostrils was the breath of the spirit of life (Genesis 7:22), all that was on the dry land died (Genesis 7:22), So He destroyed all living things (Genesis 7:23), they were destroyed from the earth (Genesis 7:23), only Noah and those who were with him in the Ark remained alive (Genesis 7:23). God was faithful to His promise that He would provide and protect in the midst of this severe judgment (Genesis 6:18).

God revealed His patience with the people of Noah’s day by allowing them time to repent, but because of His nature—His holiness and justice—He finally had to punish the wicked and those who were suppressing the truth. For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness (Romans 1:18).

While the rest of the world was being destroyed outside, Noah and his family were safe in the Ark. God mercifully rewarded Noah’s faith and obedience by saving him and his family from the Flood. God continues to demonstrate that mercy to all of us through Jesus Christ. We can think of the Ark as an example of how we can be saved from God’s judgment on our sin. Just as Noah entered the door of the Ark to be saved, so we are saved if we repent, turn from our sins, and in faith and obedience trust Jesus Christ for forgiveness and salvation.

APOLOGETICS BACKGROUND

The Bible is very specific about the timeline of the Flood. Although biblical skeptics arbitrarily dismiss this account as pure mythology, Christians stand on the Word of God, our Creator who was there, rather than the opinions of fallible men who were not.

The Flood came in the six hundredth year of Noah’s life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month. Scripture records that on that day all the fountains of the great deep burst open (Genesis 7:11). And the waters prevailed upon the earth one hundred and fifty days (Genesis 7:24). As we examine the Flood account in Genesis 6–8, we can determine the overall progression of the year-long global Flood. The table below summarizes the timing of the Flood based on Scripture.

Timeline of the Flood	Description	Bible reference
Day 0	The fountains of the great deep broke apart and the windows of heaven were opened; it began to rain.	Genesis 7:11
Day 150 (Includes the 40 days and nights in Genesis 7:12)	The water rose to its highest level (covering the whole earth) sometime between the 40th and 150th day. On the 150th day, the springs of the great deep were shut off, the rain from above ceased, and the water began continually receding. The Ark rested on the mountains of Ararat.	Genesis 7:11–12 Genesis 7:17–20 Genesis 7:24–8:5
Day 224	The tops of the mountains became visible on the first day of the tenth month.	Genesis 8:5
Day 264	After 40 more days, Noah sent out a raven.	Genesis 8:6–7
Day 271	After seven days the dove was sent out after the raven. It had no resting place and returned to Noah. * Note: Gen. 8:10 says, “After another seven days” or “He waited seven more days.” In the Hebrew this implies that there was a previous period of seven days, which must be between the raven and first dove, though there is some debate on this.	Genesis 8:8–9

Timeline of the Flood	Description	Bible reference
Day 278	After seven more days, Noah sent out the dove again. It returned again but this time with an olive leaf in its beak.	Genesis 8:10–11
Day 285	After seven more days, Noah sent out the dove again, and it did not return.	Genesis 8:12
Day 314	Noah removed the cover of the Ark on the first day of the first month. The surface of the earth was dried up and Noah could verify this to the extent of what he could see.	Genesis 8:13
Day 371	The earth was dry and God commanded Noah's family and the animals to come out of the Ark.	Genesis 8:14–17

The Flood was a real event, specifically recorded in God's Word. It was a catastrophic judgment by God on man's wickedness that lasted over one year.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

Because the Bible is the true history book of the universe you can be confident that the Flood was a real event—and it occurred just as the Bible tells us. Many people wonder how Noah could have possibly built an Ark of this proportion, even in 75 years! Although the biblical record is not specific about this, we do know a few things.

When God created Adam, he was perfect and perfectly intelligent. Noah and the people of his day were

fairly recent descendants of Adam—probably maintaining much of the intelligence God originally blessed man with.

Building the Ark was a huge task—one that had never been accomplished before. And, although the Bible doesn't record much information about the world before the Flood, we know the people of this time were very intelligent. Genesis gives us insight into these folks and what they were capable of. For instance, they built cities (Genesis 4:17), raised and cared for livestock (Genesis 4:20), made and played musical instruments (Genesis 4:21), and were metalworkers in bronze and iron (Genesis 4:22).

Many people dismiss this historical event as impossible—both the Flood and the Ark that survived it—but with God's guidance, Noah's faith, and the intelligence of man, it was accomplished in God's timing according to God's purpose.

For more information on this topic, see the Online Resource Page.



BEFORE THE THRONE

Thank you, Lord, that you are merciful and patient. Help me to convey to the class that though you are patient, your patience is not forever. Due to your very character, your amazing holiness, you must eventually judge all wickedness and sin. I pray that the children in this class will one day see how serious their sin is, repent of it, trust Jesus Christ as Savior, and be saved. Forgive me for my own unrighteousness and disobedience against you. Give me a clean heart and wisdom to express your truth clearly as I teach the class this week.



COME ON IN

As students arrive . . .

- They will play with play dough. Talk to the children about who was saved on the Ark.

During this time you should be at the door welcoming the children as they come in and directing them to sit down at the tables and begin the activity. Have an aid/helper ready to engage the children with the activity.



REVIEW

Using the Flip Chart, quickly review the previous lessons with your students. Take 5 to 10 minutes to reinforce the important truths the students have heard so far in your class.

Ask the children questions about the previous lessons as you display the lesson pages from the Flip Chart. Remind the children of each lesson's focus. This will refresh the truths in your students' minds and maintain continuity as you teach through the lessons.



Circle Time

In an orderly manner, have the children assemble in a circle away from the tables—either on the floor or in their chairs.

Bring your Bible, Flip Chart, stuffed animal, and any other props you brought or prepared for this lesson.

PRAYER

This prayer time is designed to get children to begin to understand some simple concepts about prayer and to get them to understand they can pray. Use a special stuffed animal—prayer bear—or appropriate object to pass around the circle as each child gets his/her turn to pray. Only the child with the stuffed animal is allowed to pray or speak during this time. Using the same stuffed animal or other object all year will add continuity and structure to this time.

Begin prayer time after the children are situated in the circle.

We start our Bible study with prayer. Let's pray. *Turn to the Prayer Page in the Flip Chart. Briefly review the different types of prayer presented here. Then determine which type you want the children to pray today. (Confession is suggested.)*

- I love you prayers—Adoration
- I'm sorry prayers—Confession
- Thank you prayers—Thanksgiving
- Please prayers—Supplication

Today let's say prayers of confession—and tell God how sorry we are for our sin and ask for His forgiveness.

The prayers you begin with should be specific to your needs. This will model to the children that you believe God does care about all the details of your life and you pray to Him about these things. Your example will increase their own confidence in praying to God.

➤ Prior to making your transition to circle time, we suggest you take time for restroom breaks and hand washing.

➤ Preschoolers need to move. This is a good opportunity to get them to move. Make an orderly transition to the circle time. You can have carpet squares if you want to sit on the floor, or help them to move their chairs into the circle.

I'll start. Dear God, I am a sinner. Forgive me for my sins of disobedience. I am sorry for not doing what I was told to do. Forgive me and help me to obey right away. Amen.

Pass the stuffed animal around the circle giving all the children an opportunity to say a prayer telling God they are sorry for their sins.

Very good! Now let's put our stuffed animal away and we'll get into God's Word.

➤ Remember, God's Word is not boring. Noah was a real man and had a real family. They lived in a wicked time and God truly was about to flood the entire world and save Noah and his family. Convey the truth creatively and appropriately. Be enthusiastic about God's word and use right emotion when reading words like happy or sad!

➤ Display the Flip Chart lesson page.

Genesis 7:7-9

Genesis 7:16

GOD'S WORD

These first four questions will be repeated each week. The repetition of these questions will help to solidify these simple but foundational truths in the children's minds at a young age.

- ? Before we begin, what is this? *Hold up your Bible. The Bible!*
- ? What is in this Bible? *God's holy Word!*
- ? What does the Bible tell us? *Everything we need to know!*
- ? And all God's Words in this Bible are what? *True!*

Very good! Now into God's true Word. Today, we are going to hear about how God saved Noah, one of eight people in the Flood.

God called Noah and told him His plan to destroy all the earth, every living thing that was on the earth. God told Noah to build the Ark and to make rooms in it. God would then send two of every kind of animal to the Ark. Noah obeyed God and built the Ark.

- ? Look at the picture. What do you see? *Let the children answer.*

Ok! Let's look at each picture together as we read from God's Word. This is from the book of Genesis, the very first book in the Bible.

Point to each picture on the Flip Chart as you read each portion of Scripture of this historical account of Noah and the Ark.

Point to the first picture on the Flip Chart. Read Genesis 7:7-9 from your Bible. So, Noah, his sons, their wives, and two each of the animals came to the Ark.

- ? What happened next? Listen carefully. *Point to the second picture on the Flip Chart. Read Genesis 7:16 from your Bible. After Noah's family and the animals were on the Ark, the door shut. Listen as I read this part again. Who actually shut the door? Read the end of Genesis 7:16 again. The Lord shut him in.*

Point to the third picture on the Flip Chart. What is happening here? It's raining! That's right the Bible says that after the Lord shut the door, the rain and all the water came! It rained and rained. And water even came from underneath the ground. And the Ark rose higher and higher on the water. Refer to Flip Chart illustrations.

- ? Did the Flood come on the earth just like God said it would? *Yes!*

- ? Who remembers why God had to flood the whole earth? *Because of sin.*
- That's right. The people were evil and wicked. They were sinners. Listen to this and we'll see what happened next. *Read Genesis 7:21 from your Bible.*
- ? What happened to everything and everyone not on the Ark? *They died.*
- ? *Point to the fourth picture on the Flip Chart.* Who did God save in the Flood? *Noah, his family and two of every animal.*
- ? And who was with Noah? *His family: his wife, his three sons, and their wives.*
- ? How many people were saved on the Ark? *Help the children count as you name the people on your fingers and refer to the Flip Chart illustration. Eight.*
- ? Did the flood waters really cover the high hills? *Yes.*
- ? Did God really destroy all the living things on the earth just like He said He would do? *Yes.*
- ? We know that this really happened because all of Gods words are what? *True.*

Yes! God saved Noah, one of eight people in the Flood! God showed Noah and his family His mercy. God showed kindness to Noah and saved him and his family. God is merciful.

God's Word tells us that Noah did ALL that God commanded. Noah built the Ark, and brought his family and animals onto the Ark. God saved Noah and his family, eight people in all from the Flood.

Let's look at the fourth picture again. While all the world was being destroyed by the Flood, God kept Noah and his family safe in the Ark. God is merciful!

- ? What happened to the rest of the people? *They died in the Flood.*
- The Bible always teaches us about God. And we just learned something about Him. God is just and He must punish sin. But God is also merciful and He showed His mercy to Noah and his family.

Let's review.

- ? Who did God save in the Flood? *Noah, his family, and two of every animal.*
- ? Did Noah do ALL that God commanded him? *Yes.*
- ? Why did God have to destroy the world with the Flood? Do you remember? *Because of sin.*
- ? What is sin? *Allow children to answer. Doing something bad, disobeying your parents, being mean to brothers or sisters, disobeying God.*
- ? Do any of you sin? *Allow children to answer.*

Remember, the Bible says we all sin. Everyone! And God must punish all sin. Even yours and even mine! But God sent someone to save us from our sin.

? Who can save us from our sin? *Jesus.*

Only Jesus can save us from our sin. Jesus died on the Cross to forgive us and save us from our sins. We must believe and trust Him.

SONG

► Oversee an orderly way to get the children back to their seats especially if the chairs were moved for circle time.

OK! Everybody up! Remember the Noah and the Ark Song? Lets sing it together it is really fun. *Sing the Noah and the Ark song. If you have time, sing the Seven C's song as well. The lyrics to the songs are on the Flip Chart Song page and can also be found on the Song sheet at the back of this Teacher Guide.*

OK. We learned some very important things today. One is that God saved Noah, one of eight in the Flood. God is just—He must punish sin. And God is merciful—He often shows us such kindness.

Let's quietly go back to our tables. We are going to color a picture about the lesson.



God Saved Noah

We are going to color our picture now. Noah did all that God commanded him. After he and his family entered the Ark, God shut the door and the rains began. It rained forty days and forty nights. The earth was covered with a flood, but the Ark floated on the water. The high hills were covered with water and all that was living on the earth was destroyed. Only Noah, his family, and the animals on the Ark were saved. God saved Noah, one of eight people from the Flood.

MATERIALS

- God Saved Noah coloring sheet for each student
- Crayons

INSTRUCTIONS

Color your picture. *Reinforce the lesson points while the children are coloring. Ask questions. Engage them.*

CONNECT TO THE TRUTH

? Who did God save in the Flood? *Noah, his family, and two of every animal.*

God wants us to know that He is merciful and shows kindness to us. But at the same time He must judge sin. He showed mercy to Noah. He punished the rest of the world because of their sin.



Noah's Family Puppet

Now let's make our own stick puppet of Noah's Family.

MATERIALS

- Noah's Family Puppet Character (one for each child)
- Crayons
- Glue
- Craft sticks (two per picture)

INSTRUCTIONS

Have the children color the Noah's Family Puppet Character. Glue two craft sticks onto the puppet. If you do not have the time, you can send these home with the children to do with their families.

CONNECT TO THE TRUTH

God saved Noah, one of eight in the Flood. The eight people were: Noah and Mrs. Noah, Noah's three sons and their wives. Noah's sons' names were Shem, Ham, and Japheth. You can call their wives Mrs. Shem, Mrs. Ham, and Mrs. Japheth. God showed mercy to Noah and all his family.

? How did God save Noah and his family in the Flood? *Through the Ark.*

God judged all the earth because of sin, but showed mercy to Noah, his family, and two of every animal.



Memory Verse Review/Snack

2 Peter 2:5 [God] did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah, one of eight people.

Children will review the memory verse while enjoying the snack for the day. You may want to use the snack as incentive to recite and/or repeat the memory verse.

Use the Memory Verse page in the Flip Chart. Explain the verse to the children as you go over the verse together. Say the verse and point at each picture several times. Ask the children if anyone wants to try and say it on his/her own.



Applying God's Word

WHAT YOU HEARD IN THE WORD

God brought the Flood on the earth just as He said He would. Noah and his family with the animals entered the Ark. God saved Noah, one of eight people in the Flood. God is merciful, and He rewards faith and obedience.

GOD'S WORD IN THE REAL WORLD

? Do you always do all that you are commanded to do? *Allow the children to answer. No.*

Noah was a righteous man. The Bible doesn't call many people righteous; in fact, the Bible says we are all sinners. It is sin when we don't do what we are supposed to.

God hates sin and He flooded the entire world because of sin. It makes God sad when we sin, and He must punish sin.

Did you know that Jesus died on the Cross for sin? God wants us to look to Him alone for mercy and forgiveness for our sin. He wants us to be sorry for our sin, and confess our sins like we did today in our prayer time.

Now let's pray together. Ready?

➤ Pass out the Student Take Home Sheets and remind the children to practice the memory verse this week.



Group Prayer Time

- Praise God for giving us His Word!
- Thank God for sending His son Jesus!
- Thank God for teaching us great things through Noah's life.
- Praise God for salvation through His son Jesus.

Do you still have more time? Review the past quarters using the Flip Charts, add another coloring page, recite and review the current and past memory verses, sing more songs, bring out play dough. Keep the children occupied with intentional, God-centered activities until their parents come to pick them up.

Song Sheet

NOAH AND THE ARK

(To the tune of "London Bridge is Falling Down")

The sins of man grew in God's sight;
(London Bridge is falling down,)

They loved sin more than God,
(Falling down, falling down.)

Because they loved sin more than God,
(London Bridge is falling down,)

God would judge them.
(My fair lady!)

Noah was a righteous man,
He loved God, obeyed His plan.
He built the Ark just like God said;
God showed mercy.

God brought the animals two by two,
They marched on board, dinosaurs too!
God shut the door, the rains began;
Noah's Flood.

Just like the Ark in ancient days,
God's Word says, "Jesus saves!"
Perfect salvation from the grave,
Christ, our Redeemer!

SEVEN C'S OF HISTORY

(To the tune of "This Old Man")

Creation, God made it all.
(This old man, he played one,)

Corruption, sin made man fall.
(He played knick-knack on my thumb;)

There's **Catastrophe**,
(With a knick-knack paddywhack,)

A worldwide flood;
(Give a dog a bone.)

Dinosaurs buried in the mud.
(This old man came rolling home.)

Man disobeyed, **Confusion** came;
The way they talked, no longer the same.
It's the Seven C's of History.
In God's Word the truth we see.

Next, there's **Christ**, He came to give—
His life on the **Cross** that we might live.
Consummation is our final C,
The final C of History!

We'll look to the clouds and see Jesus come;
God is forever the victorious one.
It's the Seven C's of History.
In God's Word, the truth we see.

