



# NOAH

## THE BIG FLOOD

### LESSON SNAPSHOT

**BOTTOM LINE:**

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**OBJECTIVE:**

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**KEY PASSAGE:**

Genesis 6:5-22. God tells Noah to build an ark.

**MEMORY VERSE:**

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**SUMMARY:**

Noah trusted God enough to build an ark, even though he had never seen rain or a flood. Noah didn't let any ridicule or mocking stop him. He listened to God, not other people, and God saved his family.

**A SIMPLE PRAYER:**

*Dear God,*

*Thank you for the story of Noah. I pray that Noah's faith will inspire our own. Help us to obey you, just like Noah and his family did.*

*In Jesus' name,  
Amen*



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### MEMORY VERSE

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*“Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Do not depend on your own understanding. In all your ways remember him. Then he will make your paths smooth and straight.” - Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV)*

#### **LARGE GROUP:**

Put the verse on the big screen and read it aloud with the kids.

#### **SMALL GROUP:**

Ask the kids what they think the writer was trying to say when he wrote these words. Then ask them how this verse is connected to today's story.



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### SKIT

#### BUILDING THE ARK

##### ITEMS NEEDED:

Tools, building supplies

##### CHARACTER BREAKDOWN: 3M

##### CHARACTERS:

Noah  
Ham  
Shem

*Noah is on stage, cutting wood, as Ham and Shem enter.*

SHEM: Dad?

NOAH: Oh, hey, boys. Did you get the tar?

SHEM: Yeah, we got the tar.

NOAH: Good, good. I just finished boarding up the sheep pens. You guys can start there, and then follow me up to the second deck.

HAM: Dad, we need to talk.

NOAH: What's the matter?

HAM: It's about this boat, Dad. People are starting to talk.

NOAH: Son, people have been talking about this boat for fifty years.

HAM: I know, Dad, but people are starting to get mean.

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# SKIT

NOAH: What are they saying?

HAM: They're saying things like, "Hey, there goes Ham! What are you, a man, or lunch meat?"

NOAH: Lunch meat?

SHEM: That's not all, Dad. We've been building this for almost a hundred years, saying that God is sending a flood. People are laughing at us.

NOAH: I know all about that.

HAM: Well, do you also know there's never been such a thing as a flood? Or this rain you keep talking about?

NOAH: I know this, boys. But I know what God told me. Build an ark. Build it big enough for two of every animal.

SHEM: That's another thing, Dad. The animals. How are we going to get two of every animal in here?

NOAH: God will send them.

HAM: Is he gonna send us everything? Two rhinos, two hippos, two cape buffalo? Those things can be pretty nasty!

SHEM: And what about snakes? Are we getting two snakes, or two of every kind of snake? Some of those snakes are poisonous, you know!

NOAH: Boys, boys, we've been through this. I don't know how it's all going to work. I just know what God told me to do.

HAM: You really believe God's going to do this?

NOAH: I do!

SHEM: And if we were to walk off the job, you'd keep on building.

NOAH: I would. But if I were you, I'd get that tar and start sealing those sheep pens.

SHEM: And if we don't?

NOAH: How long can you tread water, Shem?

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# SKIT

*Shem and Ham look at one another.*

HAM: Sheep pens, huh?

NOAH: And then meet me on Deck 2.

HAM: You got it, Pop!



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## OBJECT LESSON OR KIDS SERMON

### ITEMS NEEDED:

Winter coat

Have you ever noticed when winter coats go on sale every year? They don't go on sale in January, when it's cold. They don't go on sale in December. The stores put winter coats out in August - when it's still hot outside! No one has a need for a winter coat in August, unless you're going to the Southern Hemisphere. It's shorts and sandals weather. So why would stores put heavy winter coats and all the mittens and gloves and hats that go with them on sale in summer time?

Because winter's coming, isn't it? You can't tell by the weather outside, but experience tells us that in a few months, you will need that winter coat to keep you warm outside.

Noah didn't have a forecast or past experience to tell him to build the ark. There had never been rain, or a flood. But Noah had faith enough to believe God when God said, "A flood is coming." Noah and his sons built the ark. They did it in spite of criticism, jeers, and laughter from their neighbors. When the ark was built, God sent the animals two by two. And then, he sent the flood.

God may never ask you to prepare for something that has never happened before. He may not have you do something as big as build an ark. Whatever God tells you to do, do it. Ignore the criticism of others, and serve God with all your heart. God can do great things through us, just as he did Noah. We just need a little faith.



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## LARGE GROUP GAME

### DECK THE STACK

#### ITEMS NEEDED:

Four playing cards

Five plastic cups

#### INSTRUCTIONS:

Stack the cups and cards in a tower, with one card in between each cup.

Choose one contestant for this game. Have the contestant yank the cards out from between the cups one at a time to get all five cups stacked together.

#### VARIATION:

An optional way to play is to make this a timed contest. You can set up four towers and give the contestant a minute to successfully get one of the towers to stack successfully.



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### **KEY PASSAGE:**

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### **INTRO**

When you were a baby, your mom and dad probably went to great lengths to make a cute nursery room for you. Baby nurseries are usually filled with soft, pastel colors and cute, cuddly things like teddy bears, baby blocks, and rainbows.

One of the most popular themes for baby nurseries is Noah's Ark. Who doesn't love the image of a little boat filled with animals and a rainbow on top? It's so cute, isn't it? It's also a little silly, because the real story of Noah's Ark is anything but kids' stuff! Before that rainbow appeared in the sky, there was a real flood, where real people died. And those cute and cuddly animals we see on kiddie wallpaper probably weren't very happy. The ark was really noisy, really uncomfortable, and really smelly!

Noah lived in a dark time, a time when people had turned away from God. People were worshipping false gods and doing their own thing. It all made God very sad. So God decided he needed to hit the reset button. He made a plan to clean up the Earth, and he chose Noah to help him.

### **READ Genesis 6:5-22**

### **MAIN POINT**

Chances are you have heard the story of Noah's Ark before. Even as small children, we are taught about Noah and the flood.

# LARGE GROUP LESSON

But let me try and take you back and put you in Noah's shoes. In Noah's time it did not rain. Ever! No one tuned in to the nightly news to see if they needed an umbrella the next day. For one thing, there was no TV. There was also no such thing as an umbrella because, up until that point, there was no rain!

God wasn't just promising this new, never before seen thing called rain; he was promising a flood. The whole Earth would be covered with water, and all life on Earth would die - except for the few people and animals on the ark! Once again, no one had ever seen a flood, so no one could imagine such a thing happening.

Yet Noah didn't hesitate when God told him to build an ark. Noah went to work. He recruited his sons, and they started chopping wood. For more than a century – that's a hundred years! - Noah and his sons worked on the ark. People lived much longer back then. I can only imagine the kind of teasing and joking Noah's neighbors must have done while they watched this crazy man and his boys build a giant boat in the middle of no where.

But as you and I know, God wasn't joking about the rain and the flood. The bad weather came, and Noah's family was ready. It took a great deal of faith for Noah to build that ark, but because Noah had faith, he ignored the laughter and mocking of his neighbors, and he finished what he started.

## **DRIVE IT HOME**

It's not always easy to do the right thing. We live in a world a lot like Noah's world, where people believe they have a right to do as they please. The world no longer believes in God like we do, and when we tell them we need to obey God, they might laugh at us.

There's only one way to counter the criticism of the world, and that's faith. Faith is believing in things we cannot see with our eyes. We can't see oxygen, but when we breathe in, we have faith that it's there because it's always been there. Noah had faith in God because he had a relationship with God. He had never seen God's face, but he knew God through his voice and through his creation. Noah knew God well enough to trust him when God said there would be a flood. For Noah it was the same as breathing in. God had always been there for him, and he knew God would not let him down.

God gives us stories like Noah's so that we will have the same faith. When we accept Jesus into our hearts, we receive God's Holy Spirit. We can talk directly to God, and when we pray, we can hear God's calling. The more we listen to God, the more we'll see God at work in our lives, and the more we see God work, the greater our faith will be. And the greater our faith, the greater things God can do through our lives!

# LARGE GROUP LESSON

Noah was a man of faith. He ignored the ridicule of others, and he did what God asked.

God may never ask you to do something as grand as building an ark, but my prayer for you today is that when God calls you to do something, you'll have the faith to obey him. God didn't let Noah down, and he won't let any of us down either!

## **CLOSE WITH A SIMPLE PRAYER**

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*Thank you for the story of Noah. I pray that Noah's faith will inspire our own. Help us to obey you, just like Noah and his family did.*

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### SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION (K-2ND)

#### ICEBREAKER

Have you ever been on a boat?

#### SMALL GROUP GAME/ACTIVITY

Get the kids up and teach them the first verse of “Arky Arky.” If you don’t know it, just search for “Arky Arky” online and there are some great youtube versions as well as written lyrics available. You could even play the song for your class.

#### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

**Read Genesis 6:5-22**

Who was Noah?

What did God ask Noah to do?

What did Noah use to build the ark?

Did Noah’s neighbors make fun of him?

What do you think Noah’s family thought at first?

Why did Noah do what God asked him to do?

#### A SIMPLE PRAYER

*Dear God,*

*Give us the faith we need to follow you. Show us how we can serve you.*

*In Jesus’ name,*

*Amen*



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### SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION (3-5TH)

#### ICEBREAKER

Have you ever been on a boat?

#### MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY

Proverbs 3:5-6.

Ask the kids what they think the writer was trying to say when he wrote these words. Then ask them how this verse is connected to today's story.

#### SMALL GROUP GAME/ACTIVITY

Have the kids act out a scene where Noah tells his family that God wants them to build an ark.

#### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read Genesis 6:5-22

How do you think Noah's sons responded when Noah told them they were building the ark?

How do you think Noah's neighbors felt about the ark?

Why did Noah obey God?

What is faith?

How do we grow our faith so God can use us to do great things?

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### POWERPOINT REVIEW GAME

#### True or False

God asked Noah to build the Ark of the Covenant.

FALSE (trick question!)

The ark was made from gopher wood.

TRUE

God gave measurements for the ark in cubits.

TRUE

Noah stopped working on the ark because he was tired of hearing people make fun of him.

FALSE

Noah built the ark because he had faith in God.

TRUE

# MAKE IT STICK

## 5 Simple Ways You Can Make This Lesson Stick With Your Kids

### THIS WEEK'S LESSON: BUILD AN ARK



#### IN THE CAR:

On the drive home, ask your child what he learned about this week's lesson: Today we began a series on Noah's ark by talking about Noah's faith. Noah had no idea what rain or a flood was, but he trusted God enough to build the ark. He ignored the mocking of other people, and he finished what he started. If we want to serve God, we need to have faith like Noah to persevere through criticism and we need to finish what we start.



#### HANGING OUT:

Make this week's lesson real:

Let the kids help with a home improvement project this week. As you work together, talk about what it would have been like for Noah's sons to work on the ark with him.



#### AT DINNER:

Here are some great discussion starters:

- Why did God choose Noah to build the ark?
- What do you think Noah's neighbors said to him about the ark?
- Do you think you would have the faith to take on a big project like the ark? How can we build faith like Noah's?



#### AT BEDTIME:

Quiz your child on this week's memory verse:

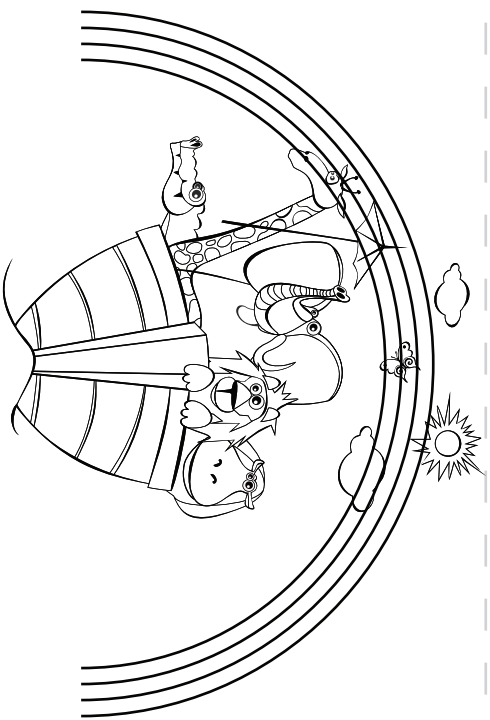
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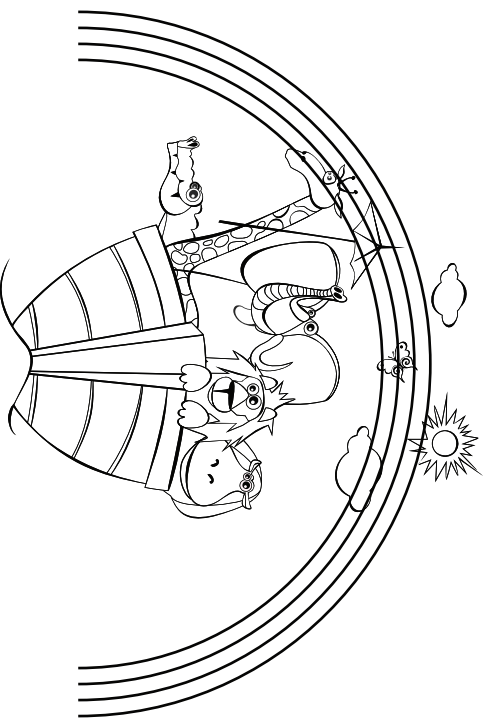
#### PARENT TIME:

What you need to know:

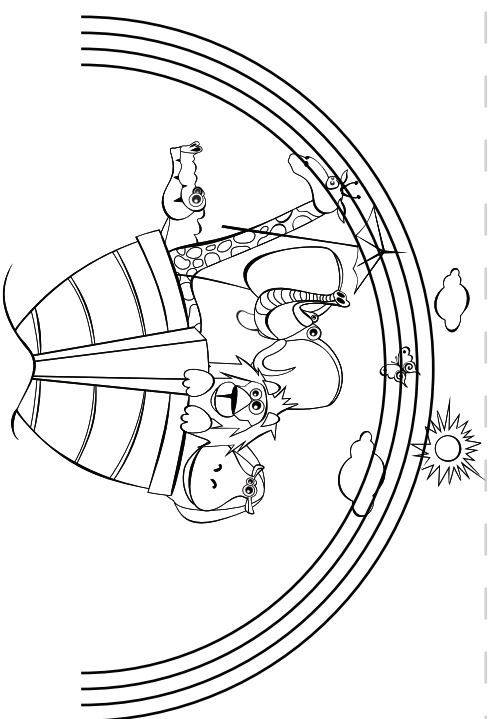
Noah had the faith to endure criticism because he had a strong relationship with God. This week, ask God to strengthen your faith so that you will have the courage to step out in faith when God puts a challenge before you.



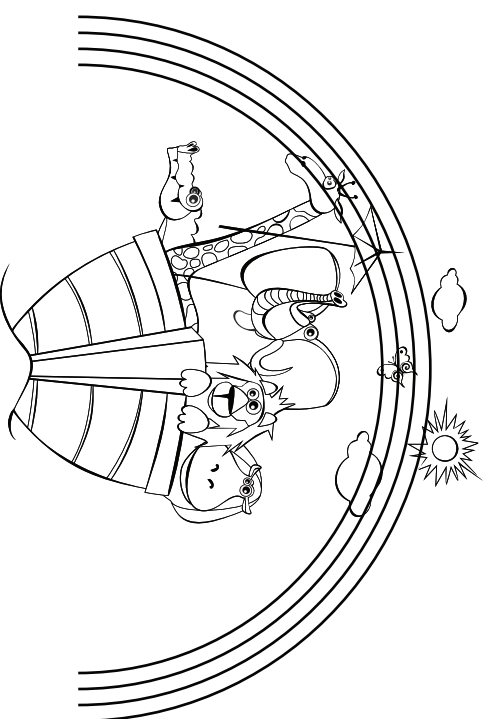
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An illustration of Noah's Ark, a large wooden ship, sailing on a turbulent blue sea with white-capped waves. Several bright yellow lightning bolts are striking the ship and the surrounding water. The sky is a deep blue with faint, wispy clouds. The title 'NOAH' is written in large, bold, black serif capital letters across the top of the ship, and 'THE BIG FLOOD' is written in smaller, bold, black serif capital letters below it.

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### CRAFT PROJECT

**ITEMS NEEDED:**

Travel brochures (as samples)

Paper

Markers

Have the kids make a travel brochure for a cruise on the ark. The brochure should be aimed at/ written for the animals that would come and board the ark. Let the kids look at some real travel brochures to give them some ideas.