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THE BIG FLOOD

LESSON SNAPSHOT

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OBJECTIVE:

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KEY PASSAGE:

Genesis 7. The Flood.

MEMORY VERSE:

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SUMMARY:

We all know that water removes dirt from our body. Similarly, God sent a flood to "wash" the earth of its sin problem. Jesus wants to do a similar clean up in our hearts. He wants us to let him in so he can wash away our sins.

A SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God,

Thank you for loving us even though we sin. Please wash our hearts clean and help us to keep them clean by obeying you.

*In Jesus' name,
Amen*



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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:

Divide the room in half. Pick one side to start and have them all shout the first word, then the other side shouts the second word, and so on until they finish the verse.

SMALL GROUP:

Give all the kids a Bible. Then after you read the verse, give them the reference and see who can find it first in their Bible.

For younger kids, show them where the table of contents is. Have them find the book of Proverbs in the table of contents, then show them how to flip to Proverbs by using the page numbers as a guide. Once in Proverbs, you may need to explain that the chapter is the bigger number in bold and the verse is the smaller number that follows.



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SKIT

LEAVE IT BEHIND

ITEMS NEEDED:

A box of snack cakes
DVDs

CHARACTER BREAKDOWN: 3M

CHARACTERS:

Noah
Shem
Ham

Shem enters from stage right.

SHEM: He's coming! He's coming!

HAM: *(off stage left)* Okay, just a second!

NOAH: *(off stage right)* Boys? Where are you?

Ham enters stage left.

HAM: We're in here, Dad!

Noah enters stage right.

NOAH: Boys, we have a problem. I thought we had two pens for the mongoose and the honey badgers. Right now, I have both of them in one pen, and they're not getting along.

HAM: Well, you know those honey badgers. They're nasty!

NOAH: SHIP SHAPE

SKIT

NOAH: *(points off stage left)* Is that pen occupied?

SHEM: What pen?

NOAH: The one behind you!

SHEM: Oh, that pen.

NOAH: What's in there?

Noah starts to cross to stage left. Ham and Shem block him.

HAM: Hey, Dad, let's take a break first, hmm?

SHEM: Yeah, you look tired.

NOAH: Boys, the storm is coming, and I still have all those birds to pen up for the voyage.

HAM: We'll handle the birds!

NOAH: What's in the pen, boys?

SHEM: Nothing!

Ham kicks Shem.

SHEM: I mean, that one animal. You know, that one?

Noah pushes past the boys. He steps off stage left.

HAM: Busted.

NOAH: *(off stage left)* Boys, what is all this?

SHEM: Well, I...

HAM: Just a few things we packed for the trip.

Noah enters with a box of snack cakes and some DVDs.

NOAH: What is all this?

SHEM: That? Those are uh...

NOAH: SHIP SHAPE

SKIT

HAM: Shmoopy Pies.

NOAH: Shmoopy what?

HAM: Shmoopy Pies. You know, chocolate cake with the creamy cream center?

NOAH: Why do we have a life-time supply in the honey badger pen?

SHEM: Well, Dad, the Shmoopy Pie plant's gonna get destroyed when this flood happens.

HAM: Yeah, we won't be able to buy them again.

NOAH: And what's this? Seasons one and two of the Real Housewives of Mesopotamia?

SHEM: I didn't pack those.

HAM: Sorry, it's my favorite show.

NOAH: Boys, do I need to remind you why this flood is happening? Our world has been over run with sin. God's starting over with us. How can he start over when we won't let go of the past?

HAM: I'm sorry, Dad. It was a bad choice.

NOAH: Let's get them off the boat.

SHEM: Just the movies?

NOAH: And the Shmoopy Pies.

HAM: The Shmoopy Pies too?

SHEM: Come on, Dad, do we have to get rid of them all?

A loud clap of thunder sounds. [You could have someone off stage slam a book shut or play a thunder slap sound effect]. Noah jumps, looks up.

HAM: I think that was a yes.

SHEM: Come on, Ham, time to clean the ship.



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OBJECT LESSON OR KIDS SERMON

ITEMS NEEDED:

A bottle of toilet bowl cleaner

How many of you are helping with keeping the house clean at home? Can anyone tell me, without reading the label, what this bottle is used for?

This bottle is used for one thing - to clean the inside of the toilet. It's made with a special bent neck that allows you to reach into the bowl and squirt the cleaner up under the rim where you can't see. If you didn't have a way to get up under that rim, you'd eventually start to see some yucky, brown water in the bowl because the rim isn't getting completely clean.

When God flooded the Earth, God purged the Earth of as much sin as he could. The flood reached every nook and cranny in the world, leaving no part untouched. Jesus does the same thing when he comes into our hearts. Because he died on the cross for our sins, he is able to reach into the nooks and crannies of our hearts and wipe away every sin.

Jesus is the one who washes away our sins, but it's up to us to keep our hearts clean once he does. Jesus wants us to get rid of anything that might lead us back into sin, and instead focus on things that are good and holy. If we stumble and fall, Jesus will always forgive us, but we must constantly strive to eliminate sin from our lives.

God made a clean sweep of the Earth when he sent the flood. Let's ask God to purify our hearts and to help us keep them pure!



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LARGE GROUP GAME

ALL ABOARD

ITEMS NEEDED:

- A bag of plastic animals
- A plastic boat
- A small tub of water

INSTRUCTIONS:

Set the boat afloat in the tub. The contestant has 60 seconds to load all the animals into the boat. If any animals spill into the water, they can recover the animal and put it back inside. If the boat tips over, the game is over. If they get all the animals into the boat in 60 seconds or less, they win.

VARIATION:

For older kids, make it more challenging by having them toss the animals from several feet away.



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INTRO

Have you ever stopped to notice just how much of our week we spend cleaning? How often a day does your mom or dad tell you to pick up toys, clean your room, make your bed, or brush your teeth? That's a lot of cleaning right there, but that's hardly the beginning. Someone - and if you're old enough, that "someone" includes you - has to vacuum the floors, shake out the smaller carpets, sweep the hard floors, mop the hard floors, do the dishes, do the laundry, take some laundry to the dry cleaners, dust the furniture, sweep the porch, scrub the toilets, clean out the car, clean out the garage, polish the silver, dust the china, clean under the beds, clean out the gutters, clean the litter boxes or dog beds, wash the dog, dust the cobwebs, clean the aquarium or terrarium, change out the dead light bulbs, scrub the tub, replace dead batteries, replace the filters in the air conditioning and water systems, dust the appliances, clean out the fridge, and take out the garbage.

Did I forget anything?

Cleaning isn't fun, but it's necessary to keeping an orderly, safe, and healthy home. If we don't clean the dog beds, we can get bugs or germs in the house. Same goes for keeping garbage in the house, or keeping left overs too long. We have to get the dust and dirt and grime out of our house and our health will suffer.

LARGE GROUP LESSON

God wants to do a cleaning job on our house as well. Not our physical house but his house - the one inside our hearts. God wants to come in and sweep away every trace of our old, sinful life, and he wants to help us keep it clean. That's just one of the many lessons we can take away from the story of our hero, Noah.

READ Genesis 7.

MAIN POINT

Last week, we talked about Noah's Ark being a popular theme for baby nurseries. We love to look at pictures of cute little animals in a boat with a rainbow in the sky. You don't see pictures of people drowning, banging on the door of the ark, or begging to be let in- but that's all part of the story.

It's tragic what happened when the flood waters came, but God wanted us to know he was serious about sin. The world had become so over-run with sin, God decided to start over. The flood waters covered the whole Earth. They got into every nook and cranny, leaving no spot untouched. God completely purged the Earth so he could start over with one family - the only one left that believed in Him.

God's message in the flood was this: I will not tolerate sin. Thankfully, God put a rainbow in the sky as a promise he would never flood the Earth again. He also sent his Son Jesus so that he could take care of our sin problem, one heart at a time.

DRIVE IT HOME

Romans 6:23 tells us that the punishment for sin is death - separation from God.

But when Jesus, who never sinned, died in the cross, he took the punishment for our sins upon himself. Jesus conquered sin and death, and he's the only one who can clean our hearts of sin.

When we accept Jesus as our Savior, we are making two commitments. First, we are committing to making Jesus Lord of our life. Second, we are committing ourselves to turn away from sin. When we accept Jesus, we need to clean out everything that might lead us into temptation, and we need to keep those things from coming back. Jesus can help us identify what those things are, but it's up to us to make sure they do not come back.

We are going to stumble and fall, and when we do, Jesus is faithful to forgive us. But when that happens, we need to renew our commitment to keeping a clean heart. Paul put it best when he wrote:

READ Philippians 4:8

LARGE GROUP LESSON

Let's ask Jesus to purify our hearts, and to help us keep them pure so that we will not be tempted to fall back into sin.

CLOSE WITH A SIMPLE PRAYER

Dear God,

Thank you for loving us even though we sin. Please wash our hearts clean and help us to keep them clean by obeying you.

In Jesus' name,

Amen



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SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION (K-2ND)

ICEBREAKER

What chores do you have to do every week?

SMALL GROUP GAME/ACTIVITY

Have the kids stand up and act like animals. Have a list of animals that were on the ark - dog, cat, tiger, cow, elephant, chicken, etc. - and have them act like the animals, as a group or individually. Throw in at least one oddball like an armadillo or a gila monster.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read Genesis 7

How many of each animal did Noah take on the ark?

Who else went on the ark with Noah?

Who closed the door of the ark?

Why did God decide to flood the Earth?

What does Jesus want to do with our hearts?

SIMPLE PRAYER

Dear God,

Thank you for sending Jesus to die for our sins. Forgive us for the times we mess up, and teach us how to keep our hearts pure so we will not be tempted.

*In Jesus' name,
Amen*



SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION (3-5TH)

ICEBREAKER

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MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY

Proverbs 3:5-6

Give all the kids a Bible. Then after you read the verse, give them the reference and see who can find it first in their Bible.

SMALL GROUP GAME/ACTIVITY

Pass a ball around the circle. Each time someone is handed the ball, they must say the name of an animal. Any time someone hesitates or repeats an animal, they are out. Keep going and see who can last the longest.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read Genesis 7

How did the animals get to the ark?

Who else went on the ark with Noah and the animals?

Why did God choose to flood the Earth?

What does God want to do in our hearts?

How can God wash away our sins?

SIMPLE PRAYER

Dear God,

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In Jesus' name,

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POWERPOINT REVIEW GAME

True or False

Noah took only two of every animal on the ark.

FALSE

Noah and his sons used a chain to shut the door of the ark.

FALSE

It rained for 40 days and 40 nights.

TRUE

God chose to flood the Earth because of sin.

TRUE

God sent his son, Jesus, to pay the price for our sins.

TRUE

MAKE IT STICK

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

THIS WEEK'S LESSON: SHIP SHAPE



IN THE CAR:

On the drive home, ask your child what he learned about this week's lesson: Today we talked about sin. During Noah's time, God used a flood to wipe out the sins of the world. Later he sent Jesus to pay the price for the sins of the whole world. When we accept Jesus as our Savior, he washes away our sins and makes our hearts like new.



HANGING OUT:

Make this week's lesson real:

Take some time to do a little house cleaning with the kids this week. Talk about the flood, and talk about Jesus. How can cleaning be a reminder to keep our hearts clean?



AT DINNER:

Here are some great discussion starters:

- Why did God choose to flood the Earth?
- How did Jesus take all the sins of the world on himself?
- What do we need to do to help keep our hearts pure?



AT BEDTIME:

Quiz your child on this week's memory verse:

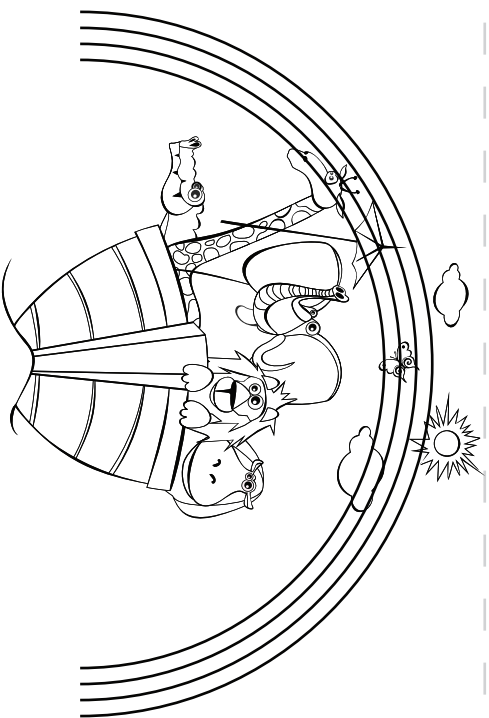
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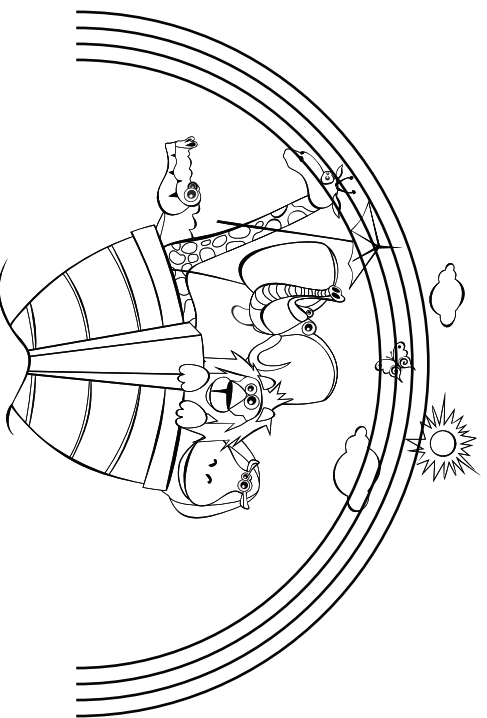
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What you need to know:

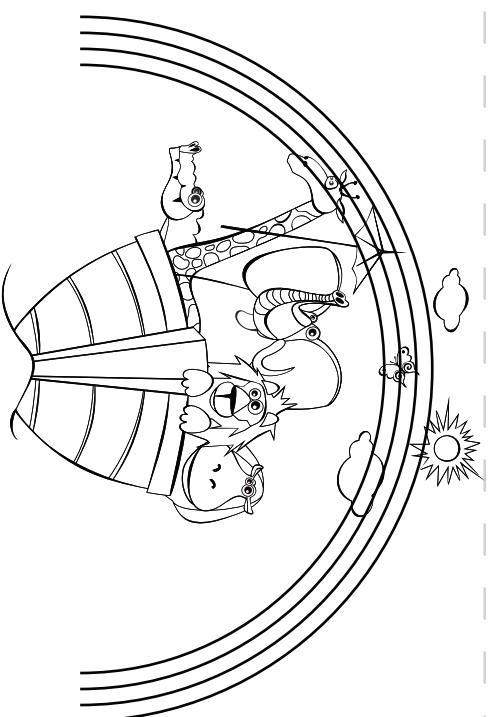
Jesus washes away our sin, but we have a responsibility to keep our hearts pure. Paul said to focus on things that are good and pure and to stay away from evil. Is there a temptation in your life that needs to go? Be honest, and be willing to let Jesus help you get rid of that sin!



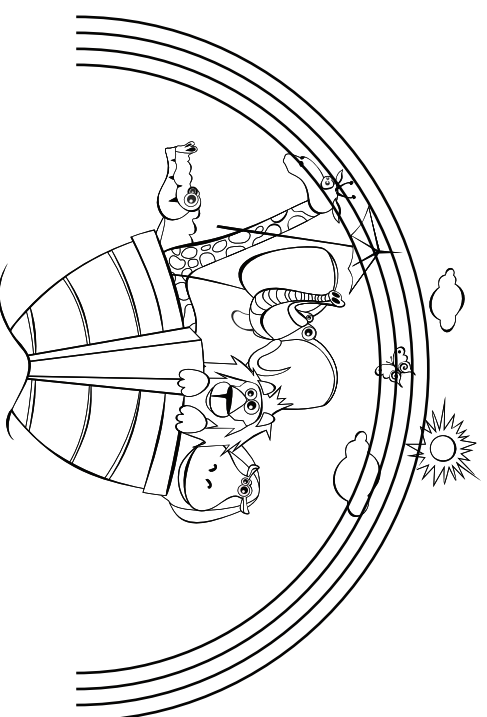
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Two by Two

God Spares Noah and the Animals

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Y U D U Y M I A D N A P
R Y M M S R T K J L W K
E E V A A K N U A T R V
G R N F T U R M R A Y O
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Aardvark
Badger
Chipmunk
Emu
Giraffe
Hippopotamus
Jaguar

Kangaroo
Muskrat
Panda
Roadrunner
Salamander
Turkey
Wombat
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