

Old Testament

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Through the Old Testament in Two Years

Part One



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Adaptable for all ages including adults

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Noah

Last week we learned about Cain and Abel. Abel gave God his best. Cain did not. Cain disobeyed and sinned against God by killing his brother. God had to punish Cain for his sin.

Genesis 6:5-9:17

Read the Bible

READ: Genesis 6:5-18 (Hold your Bible open throughout the story.)

Memory Verse:

Noah had faith. So he built an ark to save his family. He built it because of his great respect for God.... Because of his faith he was considered right with God.
(Hebrews 11:7 NIV)

Begin With Prayer

This week we will learn about a man who did obey God. His name was Noah.

God loved the people of the world, but they began loving things and people first, instead of God. God was so upset that He decided to destroy the world. (Genesis 6:5-7) However, He looked down and saw Noah. "The Lord was pleased with Noah." (Genesis 6:8 NIV) Noah was a man who loved God. God decided to let Noah and his family live. (Genesis 6:9-13)

God told Noah to build a big boat called an ark. It was almost as big as two football fields put together! (Genesis 6:14-16)

Noah gathered lots of wood and starting building the ark. Many of the people started laughing at him because they thought he was crazy building an ark on dry land. While he was building the ark, "Noah preached the right way to live." (II Peter 2:5 NIV) The people had time to choose to follow God while Noah was building the ark. Finally, the ark was finished.

Then, God told Noah to bring two of each animal and put them on the ark.

God said to Noah, "Go into the ark, you and your whole family, because you have followed Me." Then God shut the door. And everyone waited. Suddenly, drop, drop, drippity drop, the rain began to fall. The people probably started knocking on the side of the ark. "Let us in, it's starting to flood!" they might have screamed. (Genesis 6:17-22) God kept Noah and his family safe. (II Peter 2:5)

God sent the rain nonstop for 40 days and 40 nights (that's over a month!) It covered the whole earth. (Genesis 7:14-18) Then God sent a wind over the earth. After 280 days, Noah opened the window and sent a black bird, called a raven. The bird flew around, but could not find a place to land, so the bird returned to Noah. Noah sent a white dove next,

Lesson Goals:

1. Understand that Noah obeyed God.
2. Understand that God saved Noah and his family.
3. Recognize that the flood destroyed everything on the earth.
4. Learn that God made the rainbow to remind us of His promise.

Noah — Bible Facts

1. Noah pleased God.
2. God told Noah to build an ark.
3. Noah obeyed God.
4. God kept Noah and his family safe.

God told Noah to come out of the ark. (Genesis 8:10-12) When they opened the ark, the world was beautiful. Everything was pretty and green. The animals must have been so excited to finally get back on land! When Noah stepped on dry land, he made a special monument, an altar, to God. He thanked God for saving him and his family. (Genesis 8:13-22)

God made a promise with Noah. He told Noah that he would never destroy the world again with a flood. To make sure all people remembered that promise, God made a beautiful rainbow in the sky. It is a sign from God to promise that He will never flood the world again. (Genesis 9:8-17)

God made another promise to all of us. He sent His only Son, Jesus, so that we can have eternal life. (John 3:16)

Review Questions

1. **What did God think of Noah?** (God was pleased with Noah.)
2. **What did God tell Noah to do?** (Build an ark)
3. **What did Noah do?** (Noah obeyed God, built an ark, preached)
4. **What did God do?** (God kept Noah and his family safe during the flood.)

Do You Know Jesus?

God made a promise to all of us. He sent His only Son, Jesus, for us. What a promise—that's the way that we can be with God forever in Heaven. If we ask Him to come be a part of our lives, He will do it. (Romans 10:9-10) Would you like to know more about this forever promise?

Prayer Time

1. Take a moment to listen to God.
2. Thank God for sending Jesus to die for our sins.
3. Ask God to help you obey.
4. Pray for friends and family members who need to follow God.

Application

Noah obeyed God and built an ark. When the flood waters came, God saved Noah and his family but the flood destroyed everything on the earth. Noah preached to people of his day. But they chose not to follow God. God gives us the rainbow to remind us of His promise. He allows us to choose to follow Him.

Planning for the next week:

Abraham Follows God — Genesis 12

Preschool Lesson

Read the Bible

READ: Genesis 6:5-18 (Hold your Bible open throughout the story.)

Take time to sing the “Arkie song” to help the kids learn about Noah. Talk about what it means to keep a promise and examples of people who did.

You may also sing “Who Made the Beautiful Rainbow.” Decorate with rainbows or color rainbows. Talk about God’s promise.

God loved the people of the world, but they began loving things and people first, instead of God. God was sad. So He decided to destroy the whole world. God looked down and saw Noah. Noah was a man who loved God. God decided to let Noah and his family live.

He told Noah to build a big boat called an ark. He obeyed. Noah gathered lots of wood and started building the ark. (Make hammering sounds and motions.)

Then, God told Noah to bring two of each animal and put them on the ark. Can you name some animals that Noah must have found? (wait for answers)

God said to Noah, “Go into the ark, you and your whole family, because you have followed Me.” Then God shut the door. And everyone waited.

Suddenly, drop, drop, drippy drop, the rain began to fall. (Make motions of rain falling)

God sent the rain nonstop for 40 days and 40 nights (that’s over a month!) It covered the whole earth. Then God sent a wind over the earth. After 280 days, Noah opened the window and sent a black bird, called a raven. The bird flew around, but could not find a place to land, so the bird returned to Noah. (Wrap your thumbs together and make a bird flying in the air) Noah sent a white dove next, but it also returned to him.

Noah waited a week and sent out another dove. This time the dove came back with an olive branch in its beak. Noah knew that trees were growing on the earth. Finally, Noah sent out another dove a week later, and it didn’t come back. Now Noah knew it was about time to leave the ark.

God told Noah to come out of the ark. When they opened the ark, the world was beautiful. Everything was pretty and green. The animals must have been so excited to finally get back on land!

When Noah stepped on dry land, he made a special monument to God. He thanked God for saving him and his family.

God made a promise with Noah. He told Noah that he would never destroy the world again with a flood. To make sure all people remembered that promise, God made a beautiful rainbow in the sky. It is a sign from God to promise that He will never flood the world again.

Prayer Time

1. Take a moment to listen to God.
2. Thank God for keeping His promises.
3. Ask God to help you obey.

Memory verse for younger children:

Noah had faith. Hebrews 11:7 NIRV

Learning Activities

- **Memory verse activity**— Have the children find the memory verse in their Bibles. Write the word on a white board or piece of paper. Say the verse together and help the children understand it. Then one by one, block out a word (or erase it). See if the kids can remember the whole thing.
- **Test your memory**— Make puppets and take turns doing a puppet show starring Noah!
- **Taste activity**— Bring animal crackers as a fun snack to reinforce the lesson. Sort the cookies two by two if you can. Have fun!!!

Bring rainbow-colored candy and talk about the promise God made to Noah.

- **Think about it** — Talk about how God keeps His promises. Talk about how we can keep our promises this week.

Noah preached to the people who made fun of him for building the ark. Talk about the importance of telling others about Jesus.

Only Noah and his family were saved. Talk about how few people choose to serve, but we must still live for God and obey Him.

- **Touch activity**— Bring paper sacks and decorate them as an ark. Bring animal crackers and let the kids put them in their paper sack “ark.”

Make sand art rainbows or pretty, decorated rainbows with crayons or markers.

- **Run and play**— Have an ark relay race game where the kids line up and go into the ark in groups of two as the animals. (Act out motions for the animal).

Wiggle and act out different animals and let the kids guess what the animal is.

- **Listen**— As the children take time for silence, remind them that God wants us to obey.
- **Sing** — Take time to sing the “Arkie song” or “Who Made the Beautiful Rainbow,” to help the kids learn about Noah or sing a song related to the story.
- **Reach out** — During class, schedule a time for some of the older kids to go visiting with you—let them lead you to new people in the complex. Pray specifically for kids that did not come today. Take several of the children with you and deliver coloring pages. Encourage them to read the story in the Bible.

Memory Verse

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Hebrews 11:7

Word Puzzle

Trace the letters.

Noah

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God.

Word Search

D L T T N E P R D S F G
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D G L D M J O V A T R F
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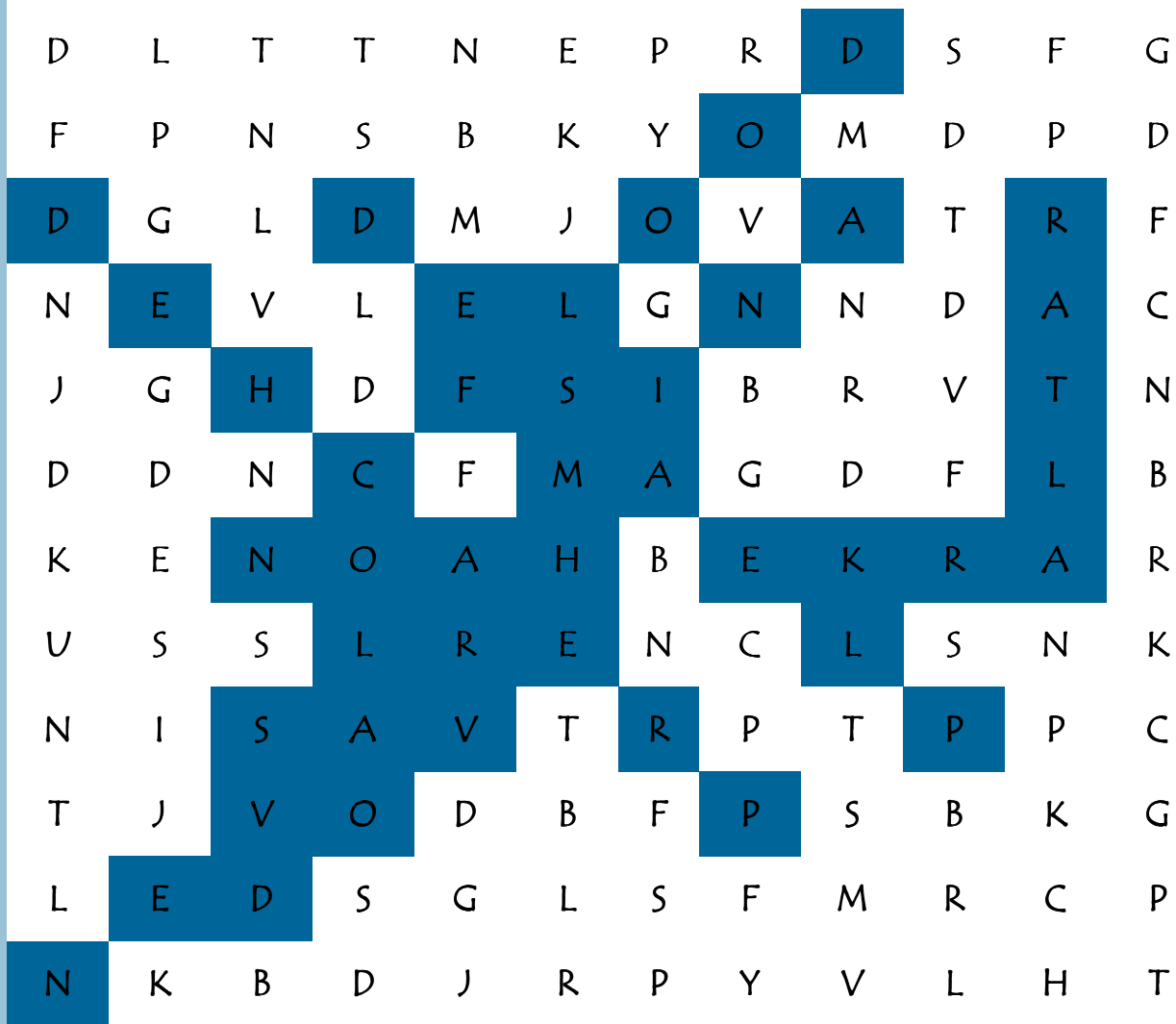
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