

God Sends A Great Flood

Genesis 7:1-8:19

MEMORY VERSE

2 PETER 3:9

The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance

WHAT YOU WILL NEED:

Flashlights, pie tins, a saw or large piece of bendable metal, cardboard boxes, and empty soda bottles.

A large bowl or tub filled with water, a small wooden or plastic boat, and some water guns.

Mud (or brown and black paint with brushes), paper, and stamps or potato quarters.

ATTENTION GRABBER!

The Rainstorm Band

Create a “rainstorm” band with the students in your class. Use flashlights for lightning, pie tins for the rain, a saw or large piece of bendable metal for thunder, cardboard boxes to beat on, and empty soda bottles to blow across for the wind. Group the kids together according to their instruments. As the teacher, conduct your “orchestra” to re-enact the rain and floodwaters.

After allowing the children time to make the storm noises introduce today’s lesson and theme.

LESSON TIME!

Noah and his family lived in a very bad, wicked, and violent society much like ours today. God saw man's great wickedness and with sadness in His heart decided to destroy mankind. Yet, as God looked at mankind, He noted Noah, a man who feared God and was an obedient servant. The Lord's grace abounded and He chose to preserve Noah and his family. **God will save those who trust in Him.**

GENESIS 7:1

Then the LORD said to Noah, "Come into the ark, you and all your household, because I have seen that you are righteous before Me in this generation.

God invited Noah to enter the ark with his family and take refuge in Him as the wicked were destroyed, because Noah was found righteous in God's eyes. God is faithful to those who follow Him. He protects His children and upholds the just. Just as the ark was Noah's place of safety, so is the Lord Jesus Christ to those who give their lives to Him. Jesus is our place of salvation and our Savior from sin and death and this world. When we put our life in His hands He will keep us. **God will save those who trust in Him.**

GENESIS 7:2-4

“You shall take with you seven each of every clean animal, a male and his female; two each of animals that are unclean, a male and his female;

“also seven each of birds of the air, male and female, to keep the species alive on the face of all the earth.

“For after seven more days I will cause it to rain on the earth forty days and forty nights, and I will destroy from the face of the earth all living things that I have made.”

Noah took the animals that God brought to him on the ark and they waited seven days before the rains came. God had given mankind a chance to turn from his wickedness and to repent. God longed for man to turn from their destruction and to follow His loving ways. God had warned man of his disobedience for many years through the voices of His servants.

God is so gracious and gives each of us a chance to repent. He longs for all of us to turn from our sin and rebellion and to walk in the love and grace He alone can give. God doesn't want anyone to perish but desires that mankind have a fulfilling relationship with Him. God is so gracious and long-suffering but He is also righteous and must judge sin. He gives each of us a choice to follow Him or to follow our own flesh and we must make the decision. **God will save those who trust in Him.**

What decision have you made about following God? You can begin to have a relationship with God through asking Jesus into your heart. You can do that today and be saved from God's eternal judgment, just as Noah and his family were saved from judgment in his day. Why not come to Jesus today and follow Him?

GENESIS 7:5

And Noah did according to all that the LORD commanded him.

Noah completely obeyed the Lord. He knew that God's way is always best and Noah trusted in Him. God made us and knows what is best for us. When we obey His word we can be sure that we are doing what is right and good. He loves us so much and wants the absolute best for our lives. When we obey we will always be blessed! **God will save those who trust in Him.**

GENESIS 7:6-16

Noah was six hundred years old when the flood of waters was on the earth.

So Noah, with his sons, his wife, and his sons' wives, went into the ark because of the waters of the flood.

Of clean beasts, of beasts that are unclean, of birds, and of everything that creeps on the earth,

two by two they went into the ark to Noah, male and female, as God had commanded Noah.

And it came to pass after seven days that the waters of the flood were on the earth.

In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep were broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened.

And the rain was on the earth forty days and forty nights.

On the very same day Noah and Noah's sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth, and Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons with them, entered the ark—

they and every beast after its kind, all cattle after their kind, every creeping thing that creeps on the earth after its kind, and every bird after its kind, every bird of every sort.

And they went into the ark to Noah, two by two, of all flesh in which is the breath of life.

So those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him; and the LORD shut him in.

So Noah and his family obeyed and God protected them. God wanted to protect His creation so he had Noah bring some of every kind of bird and animal into the ark. This would ensure that man and all the animals would be able to start again and fill the earth after the flood.

The Lord is the One who shut the door behind them in the ark and kept them safe with Him as the earth was flooded. This is an interesting picture of our salvation. God provided the way. We need only to believe and trust in the work of the cross. Just like God shut the door to protect Noah and his family, so Jesus will provide salvation for us. **God will save those who trust in Him.**

GENESIS 7:17-24

Now the flood was on the earth forty days. The waters increased and lifted up the ark, and it rose high above the earth.

The waters prevailed and greatly increased on the earth, and the ark moved about on the surface of the waters.

And the waters prevailed exceedingly on the earth, and all the high hills under the whole heaven were covered.

The waters prevailed fifteen cubits upward, and the mountains were covered.

And all flesh died that moved on the earth: birds and cattle and beasts and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, and every man.

All in whose nostrils was the breath of the spirit of life, all that was on the dry land, died.

So He destroyed all living things which were on the face of the ground: both man and cattle, creeping thing and bird of the air. They were destroyed from the earth. Only Noah and those who were with him in the ark remained alive.

And the waters prevailed on the earth one hundred and fifty days.

Rain, Rain, Rain

Place a wooden or plastic boat in a large bowl or tub filled with water. Have your students take turns trying to capsize the boat with a water gun. Give several students a chance to shoot at the tiny vessel.

Have your class try to imagine being inside the ark as it was thrown about the churning waters.

God's judgment was cast on the earth. Because of man's evil heart and refusal to obey God, He destroyed them. Man's own wickedness had already destroyed himself within and mankind was no longer pleasurable to the Father. The people that were judged and died had the chance while they were living to go to God and repent. Because they rebelled against God's love, they were judged. Noah and his family were saved because they put their trust in the Lord and followed His ways.

We all need to be saved. Just as God saved Noah by providing the ark, so can we be saved when we give our lives to Jesus, God's provision for sin. Jesus is our loving Savior that delivers us from sin, self, and death when we believe in Him. **God will save those who trust in Him.**

GENESIS 8:1

Then God remembered Noah, and every living thing, and all the animals that were with him in the ark. And God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters subsided.

God kept Noah, his family, and the animals safe on the ark and was with them through the storm. They were on the ark a total of 371 days! God was their provider and took care of their needs because He loved them. We don't ever have to worry about our needs. God is always there to take care of us. We just need to walk in obedience to Him and "feed on His faithfulness." **God will save those who trust in Him.**

GENESIS 8:2-14

The fountains of the deep and the windows of heaven were also stopped, and the rain from heaven was restrained.

And the waters receded continually from the earth. At the end of the hundred and fifty days the waters decreased.

Then the ark rested in the seventh month, the seventeenth day of the month, on the mountains of Ararat.

And the waters decreased continually until the tenth month. In the tenth month, on the first day of the month, the tops of the mountains were seen.

So it came to pass, at the end of forty days, that Noah opened the window of the ark which he had made.

Then he sent out a raven, which kept going to and fro until the waters had dried up from the earth.

He also sent out from himself a dove, to see if the waters had abated from the face of the ground.

But the dove found no resting place for the sole of her foot, and she returned into the ark to him, for the waters were on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took her, and drew her into the ark to himself.

And he waited yet another seven days, and again he sent the dove out from the ark.

Then the dove came to him in the evening, and behold, a freshly plucked olive leaf was in her mouth; and Noah knew that the waters had abated from the earth.

So he waited yet another seven days and sent out the dove, which did not return again to him anymore.

And it came to pass in the six hundred and first year, in the first month, the first day of the month, that the waters were dried up from the earth; and Noah removed the covering of the ark and looked, and indeed the surface of the ground was dry.

And in the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dried.

Noah sent out a dove three times. Twice it returned but the third time it had found refuge somewhere else. This assured Noah that the land was dry. God was faithful to dry the land and allow Noah,

his family and the animals to live once again on the earth. **God will save those who trust in Him.**

GENESIS 8:15-19

Then God spoke to Noah, saying,

"Go out of the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons' wives with you.

"Bring out with you every living thing of all flesh that is with you: birds and cattle and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, so that they may abound on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth."

So Noah went out, and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives with him.

Every beast, every creeping thing, every bird, and whatever creeps on the earth, according to their families, went out of the ark.

God protected Noah, his family, and the animals as He cast judgment on the earth. God takes care of those who put their trust in Him. Even in the midst of a wicked and evil generation, we can find a refuge and peace. We are living in a wicked world just as Noah was. Yet God is faithful to preserve and protect His children. Just as God saved Noah, He saves those who believe in His Son.

We don't have to be a part of this wicked generation or face God's wrath. We can run into the open arms of a loving God who loves us so much and longs to be our Father. One day God is going to judge this world, just as He did in Noah's day. Only through Jesus Christ do we have safety and salvation. We must cling to Him in this wicked world, because He alone can save us and give us abundant life. **God will save those who trust in Him.**

Mud Painting

Mix up some mud (you could use brown or black paint as a substitute) and make mud paintings. You will need some paint brushes to make your picture. Use rubber stamps or stamps made from potato quarters to make footprints or other shapes that may have been on the land that Noah and his family stepped out on.

PRAYER

Lead the children in a prayer of thanksgiving for God's faithfulness to save. If there are any children who have not yet responded to the gospel, give them an opportunity to do so.