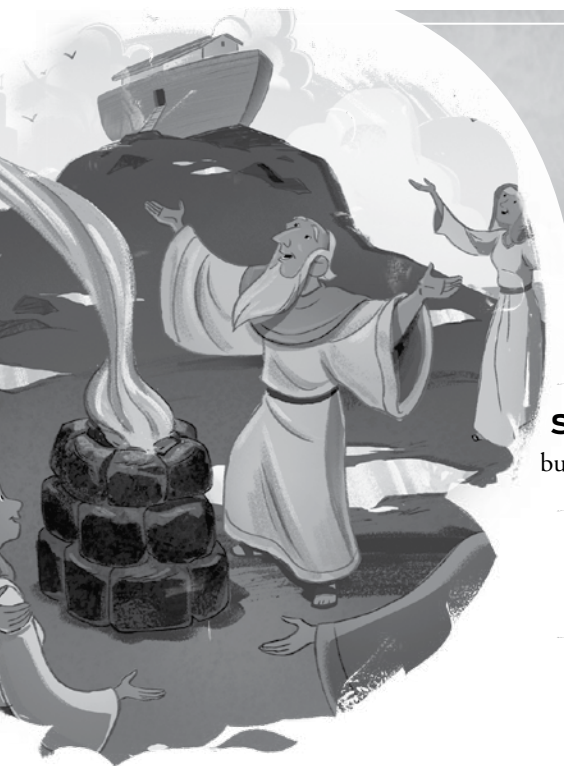


THE
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PROJECT
FOR KIDS

1st - 2nd Grade

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Use Week of:

Unit 1 • Session 4

Noah and the Ark

BIBLE PASSAGE:

Genesis 6–9

STORY POINT: God punished sin but chose to rescue Noah and his family.

KEY PASSAGE:

Colossians 1:16b-17

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

Who is God? God is our Creator and King.

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LEADER Bible Study

Adam and Eve left the garden to start a life out in the world. Despite the grief of their sins, imagine their joy as their family grew. With each birth, maybe Eve hoped this son would be the one to end the curse of sin, to crush the head of the snake. (Gen. 3:15) But Adam and Eve witnessed sin's effects on their own children: Cain murdered Abel. Cain was not the Promised One, and neither was Abel.

Some time later, Eve gave birth to another son, Seth. Seth lived 912 years. He saw the earth's population grow as God sustained generation after generation. Less than 20 years after his death, Seth's sixth-great-grandson, Noah was born.

By this time—10 generations after Adam—people had stopped following God. Scripture describes a deplorable situation: “Human wickedness was widespread on the earth ... every inclination of the human mind was nothing but evil all the time” (Gen. 6:5).

God decided to send a flood to cleanse the earth. He was right to punish this sin. The waters would cover the earth and destroy everything. God graciously chose to save one man and his family, so He warned Noah about the flood and told him to build an ark.

Noah believed God's warning about the coming judgment. He obediently worked to build the ark. But the work took years, and Noah likely faced ridicule from his friends and neighbors. Was Noah crazy, building a boat where there was no water?

Finally, God's judgment came. Floodwaters covered the earth. Every living thing was destroyed, but Noah and his family were safe inside the ark. God rescued Noah's family—the family His own Son would be born into. Jesus would warn of God's coming judgment too, but instead of condemning the world, Jesus would give up His life to rescue sinners.

Genesis 6–9

God showed favor to a man named Noah. Noah was a righteous man; he followed God. God warned Noah about the flood. **He told Noah to make an ark to save himself, his family, and all kinds of animals.**

God told Noah exactly how to make the ark. God said that He would make an agreement, or covenant, with Noah and his family. Noah did everything that God commanded.

When the ark was finished, God told Noah to go inside. Noah went inside with his family and the animals, and God shut the door. Rain came for 40 days and 40 nights, and water rose from the ground. Noah was 600 years old when

this happened.

Now the ark floated on top of the water. **The water rose higher and higher until all of the mountains were covered.** Every living thing on

the earth died; only Noah and those with him survived.

Finally, the rain stopped and the water started to go down. Noah waited inside the ark until the ground was dry. Then God told Noah to bring all the people and animals out of the ark. So Noah did. Noah built an altar and gave an offering to the Lord. God promised Noah that He would never completely flood the earth again.

God told Noah and his family to spread out over the earth and fill it with people. God placed a rainbow in the sky as a special sign of the covenant He made with Noah. Every time Noah and his family saw the rainbow, they would know God remembered the promise He made with all the living creatures on earth.

Christ Connection: God rescued Noah and his family from the flood. The story of Noah points ahead to a greater rescue. God's Son, Jesus—the only perfectly righteous One—came to take the punishment for our sin. By trusting in Him, we are saved from the punishment our sin deserves.

Bible Storytelling Tips

• Draw pictures:

As you tell the story, draw simple sketches on a chalkboard or dry erase board for Noah, his family, the ark, the animals, and so on.

• Call for active listening: Challenge

kids to count how many times they hear the name *Noah* in the story.

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Welcome time

Greet each kid as he or she arrives. Use this time to fill out attendance sheets, and help new kids connect to your group. As kids arrive, ask them if they have ever seen a toilet or sink overflow. How did they feel as the water rose and began to flood out?

SAY • It can be kind of scary to see even a tiny flood, like water overflowing a sink. Bigger floods can cause incredible damage and hurt or kill people. Today, we will learn about the biggest flood that has ever happened.

Activity page (5 minutes)

- “Find the Pictures” activity page,
- 1 per kid
- pencils or markers

Invite kids to complete the “Find the Pictures” activity page. Kids will find and circle the images from the key hidden throughout the picture

SAY • Great job finding those hidden pictures. They were around the whole picture, but hidden. Today we will hear a story about how sin spread around the whole world, but it was not hidden. It was out in the open. How do you think God reacted to seeing sin spread around the whole world? We’ll find out.

Session starter (10 minutes)

**LOW
PREP**

OPTION 1: Animal charades

Form two teams of kids. Allow the teams to take turns acting out herds of animals to see if the other team can guess which animal they are pretending to be. If kids are struggling to guess, allow them to make animal noises as well as mimic the movements of the animal.

Suggestions:

- lions
- crows
- cows
- snakes

SAY • In our story today, we will hear about a time when sin had spread so much, and people had grown so evil, that God decided to flood the whole world. But God chose to save one family and many kinds of animals. How do you think God would save creatures from a flood?

The Gospel: God's Plan for Me

Ask kids if they have ever heard the word *gospel*. Clarify that the word *gospel* means “good news.” It is the message about Christ, the kingdom of God, and salvation. Use the following guide to share the gospel with kids.



God rules. Explain to kids that the Bible tells us God created everything, and He is in charge of everything. Invite a volunteer to read Genesis 1:1 from the Bible. Read Revelation 4:11 or Colossians 1:16-17 aloud and explain what these verses mean.



We sinned. Tell kids that since the time of Adam and Eve, everyone has chosen to disobey God. (Romans 3:23) The Bible calls this sin. Because God is holy, God cannot be around sin. Sin separates us from God and deserves God's punishment of death. (Romans 6:23)



God provided. Choose a child to read John 3:16 aloud. Say that God sent His Son, Jesus, the perfect solution to our sin problem, to rescue us from the punishment we deserve. It's something we, as sinners, could never earn on our own. Jesus alone saves us. Read and explain Ephesians 2:8-9.



Jesus gives. Share with kids that Jesus lived a perfect life, died on the cross for our sins, and rose again. Because Jesus gave up His life for us, we can be welcomed into God's family for eternity. This is the best gift ever! Read Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21; or 1 Peter 3:18.



We respond. Tell kids that they can respond to Jesus. Read Romans 10:9-10,13. Review these aspects of our response: Believe in your heart that Jesus alone saves you through what He's already done on the cross. Repent, turning from self and sin to Jesus. Tell God and others that your faith is in Jesus.

Offer to talk with any child who is interested in responding to Jesus. Provide *I'm a Christian Now!* for new Christians to take home and complete with their families.

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Key passage activity (5 minutes)

- Key Passage Poster
- paper
- markers or crayons

Display the key passage poster where each kid can see. Read the key passage together as a group and then take volunteers to say the verses from memory. Provide a sheet of paper for each kid. Instruct the kids to write the key passage on their sheet of paper, alternating colors according to the colors in a rainbow. For example, kids can write it once in red, then in orange, then in yellow, and so forth.

SAY • Our key passage teaches us that God the Son was with God the Father at creation. Everything was created through Jesus and for Him. Jesus holds all things together. He is God the Son.

Discussion & Bible skills (10 minutes)

- Bibles, 1 per kid
- Story Point Poster

Option: Retell or review the Bible story using the bolded text of the Bible story script.

Provide each kid with a Bible and help them find Genesis 6–9. Remind kids how to use the table of contents at the front of a Bible to find the book and the large numbers to find the right chapter. Point out that the small numbers divide the chapter into verses to help find specific places.

Read the passage aloud or review the Bible story using the bolded words on the Bible story page. Then ask the

following questions, leading discussion as suggested:

1. Why did God flood the earth? (*Sin had spread and everyone was completely evil, Gen. 6:5-7*)
2. Whom did God choose to save? (*Noah, his family, and all kinds of animals; Gen. 6:18-19*)
3. What did God do to remind Noah of His promise to never flood the earth again? (*placed a rainbow in the sky, Gen. 9:12-13*)
4. Why is it good for God to punish sin? *Guide kids to understand that God is holy and perfect. If God did not punish sin, it would mean that He doesn't want what is best for us. God punishes sin because sin dishonors Him, and He created the world to glorify Him.*
5. The flood did not end sin forever. What has been God's plan to end sin all along? *Guide kids to discuss the truth that Jesus' death, resurrection, and promised return are all part of God's ultimate plan to deal with sin. Remind them that the story of Noah points us to Jesus, as God chose to save people although He did not have to.*
6. Why does God save people when He does not have to? *Guide kids to discuss the truth that God is just and will not let sin go unpunished, but He is also merciful and gracious. He loves people even though they do not deserve it. Help the kids in your group understand that God saves because He is love.*

SAY • God is holy and punishes sin. God is also merciful and gracious. He chooses to save people who do not deserve it. In the flood, God chose to save Noah. That pointed forward to Jesus saving us by dying on the cross to pay for our sins.

LOW PREP

- “London Landmark Cards” printable
- “Map of London” printable

Tip: Use this activity option to reinforce the missions moment (page 63).



Activity choice (10 minutes)

OPTION 1: London landmarks

Before the session, hide the London landmark cards around the room. Challenge kids to find them. Guide each kid who found a card to read its title and, if it appears on the London map, to point it out. Explain that these are many of the famous sites the Rigneys see every day as they share the gospel in London.

Use the guide on the landmark printable to share some trivia about each landmark.

SAY • Maybe someday you will go to London and see these sites in person—maybe even as a missionary! Remember, you can be a part of God’s mission all around the world right now by praying that people will hear and receive the gospel.

Reflection and prayer (5 minutes)

Distribute a sheet of paper to each child. Ask the kids to write about or draw a picture to answer the following questions:

- What does this story teach me about God or about the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Whom can I tell about this story?

Make sure to send the activity page and any other pages home with the kids so that parents can see what their kids have been learning.

If time remains, take prayer requests or allow kids to complete the Bible story coloring page provided with this session. Pray for your group.

· pencils and crayons
· paper
· Bible Story Coloring
Page, 1 per kid

Tip: Give parents this week's Big Picture Cards for Families to allow families to interact with the biblical content at home.