

The Flood- Passage

THE POINT

Focus:

- God judged the world because of sin.
- God shows grace even in a time of judgement.

Application:

- We should obey God.
- We should pursue righteous living.

Last Week:

2 Weeks Ago:

HEART CONNECTION (5-7 MINUTES)

MATERIALS:

- None

Content: Play a game of “Leader Says” (just like Simon says, but use the actual name of the person leading the game) to start the discussion of obedience. After a few practice runs, have children who mess up take a seat. When just a few children are left standing, you can transition to the lesson by saying something like:

When we do what the leader says, we obey. Today, our game was silly. When we listen to God’s instructions, though, it’s not silly.

Soon after the world began, people started to disobey God. They chose to sin and separate themselves from God instead of live life with God. Many, many people disobeyed, but one man obeyed. His name was Noah. Today we’re going to Talk about how God punished sin and showed love to Noah and his family.

STORY CONNECTION (12-15 MINUTES)

MATERIALS:

- aluminum pans or other objects to make a rain noise
- basket of animal pictures, figurines, or stuffed animals
- Sign that says "Go!"

Instructions:

Assign some children to be "the rain storm" and give them metal pans, rain sticks, or other noisemakers.

For the other children pass around the basket of animals and ask each to choose an animal.

Tell the class that you will need them to help with 2 things:

Instruct that whenever they see you hold up the "**GO!**" sign, they can start making animal noises, but when the sign goes down, they have to stop right away. Practice this starting and stopping a few times!

Whenever you they hear you say the word "**sinful**", they need to say "**Oh, no!**".

Finally, tell the class that you have a big word to teach them: **Covenant**. A Covenant is a special, holy promise. Practice saying the word together a few times to learn it.

Have the children sit in a circle for the story This helps include children who might feel shy, and it helps each child feel equally engaged. It reassures children that they are seen and welcome in the community.

Instructions or background information.

Genesis 6:11-14, 17, 19- 22; 7:16-18, 23; 8:15-16, 9:8-9

11 The earth was very **sinful** in God's eyes. It was full of people who did mean and harmful things. 12 God saw how **sinful** the earth had become. All its people were living very **sinful** lives. 13 So God said to Noah, "I am going to put an end to everyone. They have filled the earth with their harmful acts. I am certainly going to destroy them and the earth. 14 So make yourself an ark out of cypress wood. Make rooms in it. Cover it with tar inside and out.

17 I am going to bring a flood on the earth. It will destroy all life under the sky. It will destroy every living creature that breathes. Everything on earth will die.

19 Bring a male and a female of every living thing into the ark. They will be kept alive with you. **(GO!)** 20 Two of every kind of bird will come to you. Two of every kind of animal will also come to you. And so will two of every kind of creature that moves along the ground. All of them will be kept alive with you. **(GO!)**

21 Take every kind of food that you will need. Store it away as food for you and them."

22 Noah did everything just as God commanded him.

7:16 Everything happened just as God had commanded Noah. Then the Lord shut him in.

17 For 40 days the flood kept coming on the earth. As the waters rose higher, they lifted the ark high above the earth. 18 The waters rose higher and higher on the earth. And the ark floated on the water. **(GO!)**

23 Everything on earth was destroyed. Only Noah and those with him in the ark were left.

6 After 40 days Noah opened a window he had made in the ark. 7 He sent out a raven. It kept flying back and forth until the water on the earth had dried up. 8 Then Noah sent out a dove. He wanted to see if the water on the surface of the ground had gone down. 9 But the dove couldn't find any place to rest.

Noah continued to send the dove and to rest and wait. Finally, one day the dove didn't return.

15 Then God said to Noah, 16 "Come out of the ark. Bring your wife and your sons and their wives with you. 17 Bring out every kind of living thing that is with you. Bring the birds, the animals, and all the creatures that move along the ground. **(GO!)**

8 Then God spoke to Noah and to his sons who were with him. He said, 9 "I am now making my covenant with you and with all your children who will be born after you.

And God put a rainbow in the sky as a sign of his covenant with the people.

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WONDER CONNECTION (3-5 MINUTES)

MATERIALS: None.

I wonder what it was like to live on that ark.

I wonder how God felt when he saw the earth filling with water.

I wonder how the earth looked when Noah and his family and the animals stepped off the boat.

What do you wonder?

SPIRIT CONNECTION (7-10 MINUTES)

MATERIALS: Coloring supplies: paper, crayons, pencils, hard drawing surfaces (floor, clipboard, or a table).

Take a few minutes to talk quietly with the Lord while you draw, write, or just think inside your heard. Talk with God about the story today. This is a quiet time for you to spend with the Lord, not with your neighbor or anyone else.