



# OLD TESTAMENT: THE FLOOD

lesson 5

### BIG IDEA

The earth is full of wicked people and only Noah loves the Lord. God tells him to build an ark. Noah is dependable and does exactly as the Lord says. God saves Noah, his family and two of every animal from the flood. Then he makes a promise with the symbol of a rainbow.

### MEMORY VERSE

Psalm 8 and/or Genesis 6:8

### KEY VERSES

Genesis 6-8

### • PREPARATION & MATERIALS •

### BIBLE SKIT

- TL wearing baseball cap. Bear wearing bear ears
- Box of tissue or a handkerchief
- *Experience Mission* will provide a baseball cap and bear ears.

### GAME - PORT AND STARBOARD

- tape or rope for boundaries

### WORKSHEETS

- Photocopies of Coloring Sheet (1 per child)

### CRAFT - NOAH'S ARK CRAFT

- dinner size paper plates, one per child
- paper plate cut in half, one per child
- copy of Noah and animals on cardstock, one per child
- markers or crayons
- Elmer's type glue



## Psalm 8

Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!



(extend hands to sides)

You have set your glory in the heavens.



(extend hands high)

Through the praise of children and infants you have



("stop" hand)

established a stronghold against your enemies,

To silence the foe and the avenger.



(index finger over lips)

(wiggle fingers both hands)

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,



The moon and the stars which you have set in place,



(point to moon and stars)

What is mankind that you are mindful of them,



(shrug shoulders)

Human beings that you care for them?

You have made them a little lower than the angels



(flat hand at waist)

And crowned them with glory and honor.



(make crown with hands)

You have made them rulers over the works of your

hands;



(open hands)

You put everything under their feet:



(stomp feet)

All flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild,



(hands like claws)

The birds in the sky, and the fish in the sea, all that swim

the paths of the seas.



(hands together wiggle like fish)

Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!



(arms up as if cheering)



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### CAST

T.L. (wearing baseball cap)

Bear (wearing bear ears holding a box of tissue or a handkerchief)

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### THE SKIT

Bear and TL (enter stage and greet each other)

TL Hi Bear. Why the long face? And what's with the handkerchief?

Bear TL, I've been thinking a lot about the stories you have told me from the bible. I have to tell you, they make me SAD!

TL I can understand that, Bear. Which stories trouble you the most?

Bear Well, I'm pretty bummed out that Adam and Eve ruined God's perfect creation by listening to that snake. And the last story you told me, about Cain and Abel, that was so, so sad!

TL It is hard, isn't it? God must have been grieved when the people he created and loved so much disobeyed him and brought sin into the world.

Bear (Hopefully) It gets better, right? Please tell me it gets better. I can't bear it if it gets worse!

TL Bear, I'm afraid it gets worse in the next story.

Bear (Groan) Oh, no. I knew it. (Get handkerchief ready) OK, I'm ready.

TL If you listen carefully you'll find that this story also has hope. Eight generations after Adam was created there was a man named Noah. And here's something interesting, back in those days people lived to be very, very old. The oldest man lived almost 1000 years!

Bear Wow 1000 years? That's incredible.

TL I know, but even though they lived a long, long time, no one could escape death. In Noah's time there were a lot of people on the earth. They were doing very evil things. It seemed as though the more people there were, the more wicked people became. Finally, people's wickedness became so great that God was sorry he had ever made them. He decided to destroy all the people living on the earth who did not obey him.

Bear (Surprised) He did what?!

TL Almost every single person on the earth was disobedient to God. He was very sad about their choices. However, there was one man who was good and not evil, it was Noah. He was a man who loved and obeyed God. Since God was pleased with Noah, he told Noah about his plan. He said, "I will bring a flood upon the earth to destroy all living things."

Bear A flood? As in a whole bunch of water?

TL That's right. A whole bunch of deep, deep water. But, God told Noah to build a huge boat, called an ark. God told Noah exactly how he wanted the ark to be built. "Make a boat with three decks and many rooms and cover it with a roof." It took Noah many, many years to build such a huge boat, but he did it exactly as God had commanded him." Noah was dependable.



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Bear Uh, TL?

TL Yes?

Bear I have concern about this story. It sounds to me like God has a plan to save Noah, but what about the bears?

TL (Understanding smile) God had a wonderful plan for the bears...and the elephants, and the tigers, the turtles and the armadillos. He had a plan to save a male and a female of every kind of animal from the flood. He said, "All kinds of birds and animals will be taken into the ark."

Bear Whew!

TL Well, finally the ark was finished and Noah's family brought all the supplies they would need for themselves and the animals. As soon as everything was prepared, God sent a male and female of every kind of animal to the ark. Noah, his wife, his three sons and their wives entered the ark. Then, God shut the door and it began to rain. It kept raining for forty days and forty nights and the ark began to float on the water. The water became so deep that it covered even the highest mountains. All the animals, all the birds, and all the people on the earth died in the flood. Only those with Noah on the ark were saved from death.

Bear Forty days and nights was a long time. I wonder if they got bored on the ark? It must have been stinky and dark.

TL Maybe so, I'm sure Noah and his family kept busy taking care of the animals. Eventually the earth began to dry up and after 150 days the ark finally stopped floating and came to rest on top of a mountain called Ararat. They waited 40 more days and the Noah opened the window and sent a raven out. The raven did not come back but just kept flying around and around until the water was completely gone. So next, Noah sent out a dove to check whether the water was gone. The dove couldn't find a place to land, so it returned to the ark. Noah waited 7 more days and sent out the dove again. This time it returned to the ark with a freshly plucked olive leaf in its beak.

Bear Oh! I get it. That's how Noah knew that the water had gone down enough and it was safe to come out! How clever.

TL Yep, Noah was a pretty wise man. He waited 7 more days and sent out the dove again. This time the dove did not come back and Noah knew it was safe for him and his family to leave the ark. God confirmed it and said, "Come out of the ark, you and your wife and your sons and their wives. Bring out every kind of living creature that is with you—the birds, the animals and all the creatures that move along the ground—so they can multiply on the earth and be fruitful and increase in number upon it."

Bear Gee, imagine that. My great, great, great, great, great, great (gasp and breath), great, great, great, great, great, and more greats grandparents were on that ark. That boggles my mind!

TL Isn't it awesome? This story ends very happily. When Noah got off the ark, he built an altar to the Lord and presented an offering on it. God enjoyed Noah's offering and he blessed Noah, "you must have many children so that your descendants will live all over the earth." Then rainbow in the sky as a symbol of a promise. He said, "Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears, I will see it and remember the everlasting promise between God and all the living creatures of every kind on the earth."

Bear I see rainbows all the time! What a cool reminder of how God saved Noah and his family and the animals. I'll probably remember this story forever.



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TL That's good. God wants people to remember what he has done and what he has promised.

Bear I've got to go tell my best friend Theodore about this! He still thinks there is gold and treasure at the end of the rainbow! Thanks TL!! (Bear exit stage)

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### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- How many generations passed between Adam and Noah? (8)
- Did people live closer to 50 years, 500 years or 1000 years? (1000)
- What was the problem with all the people on the earth?
- How did God feel about it?
- Who was the only man who obeyed God?
- What did God ask him to do?
- Did he do it?
- What words describe Noah? (obedient, dependable, trustworthy, etc)
- What else went on the ark besides Noah and his family? (animals)
- How long did it rain? (40 days and nights)
- How long until the ark landed on top of Mount Ararat? (150 days)
- How much longer did they stay on the ark? (40 days + 7 days +7 days)
- What did Noah build to offer sacrifices to the Lord?
- What did God promise?
- What is the symbol of that promise?
- In what ways do you need to show you are dependable in your life?



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## CRAFTS

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### • CRAFT •

#### OBJECTIVE: NOAH'S ARK CRAFT

Kids will create an ark with Noah and several animals.

#### MATERIALS PROVIDED BY EM

- Scissors, staplers, hole punches

#### MATERIALS BROUGHT BY TEAM

- dinner size paper plates, one per child
- paper plate cut in half, one per child
- copy of Noah and animals on cardstock, one per child
- markers or crayons
- Elmer's type glue

#### DIRECTIONS

- Color and cut out the animals
- Color the bottom sides of the plates
- Glue plates together around rim
- Add a few staples to rim for reinforcement
- Place Noah and the animals inside the ark

#### EXAMPLE





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GAME

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## • GAME •

### OBJECTIVE: PORT AND STARBOARD

Kids will try stay aboard the boat by following the Captain's directions.

### MATERIALS BROUGHT BY TEAM

- tape or rope to establish boat boundaries

### INSTRUCTIONS

One player (or leader) is the captain, the other children follow the captain's orders [the children can get "out" if they miss an order but this is optional].

The Orders are:

- To the ship: run to the captain's right
- To the island: run to the captain's left
- Hit the deck: lay down on your stomach (or if players don't want to get dirty, they can crouch down)
- Attention on deck: salute and yell, "Aye, aye captain!" – must stay in that position until captain yells, "At ease!" (i.e. even if the captain gives a different order such as "to the ship" the crew must continue to remain at attention until told "at ease")
- Scrub the deck: everyone on their knees scrubbing
- Captain's Quarters: everyone ran towards the captain.
- Sick turtle: Everyone falls onto their backs and waves hands and feet in the air.
- Bow: Run to the front of the boat
- Stern: Run to the back
- Port: Run to the left side of the boat
- Starboard: Run to the right side of the boat.

When playing this game, start with just a few orders then add a few more as the kids get more confident.











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