

GOD CHOOSES NOAH
SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: GENESIS 6



The STORY

Read "Noah Starts Building" from The Children's Bible in 365 Stories (pages 17-18).

Please note: The discussion questions in the following sections are written to serve as a guide in teaching our youngest children. Three to six year olds are not going to be able to answer these questions like their older brothers and sisters. Please refer to the God's Story Preschool Curriculum Outline for additional ideas.

After reading the story, use the following questions to involve the children in a discussion.

- What were the people doing that God was unhappy with? (They found more and more ways to disobey God, see Genesis 6:5.)
- Where did God say the evil of the people came from? (God said the evil came from within their hearts.)
- Where does the evil come from in our lives? (We have sin in our hearts just like they did.)
- Did Noah call out to God or did God call out to Noah? (God called out to Noah and revealed His plan of what He was going to do to the wicked men who lived on the earth.)

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CRAFT QUESTIONS

Coloring sheets have been provided that exemplify today's lesson: Noah building the ark. Engage the children by asking:

- What do you think the people around Noah thought about his idea to build a boat on dry land? (They probably laughed at him and mocked him because they did not believe in God.)
- Who gave Noah the instructions to build the ark? (God gave him the instructions.)
- How big do you think the ark was? (The Ark was 450 feet long, 75 feet wide, and 45 feet high. This is bigger than a football field!)

SNACK QUESTIONS

While the children are eating the snack, engage the children by asking:

- Why did God save Noah? (God saved Noah because Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord, Genesis 6:8; was found righteous and walked with God, Genesis 6:9. God knew that someone had to survive to continue on the ancestors of Adam. This would ensure that there would be people on the earth so that Jesus could be born to die for our sins.)
- What would have happened if God had killed everyone? (If all people had been killed, Jesus would not have been born a man and would not have died on the cross. No one could have been saved from hell.)
- God saved Noah from the flood but He also saved us by saving Noah. How did He do this? (All men and women from all the countries can trace their families back to Noah. Mary and Joseph can trace their families back to Noah. Without Noah, we would not have Mary and Joseph. By saving Noah, Jesus could be born. That is how God saved his children by saving Noah.)



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Where Is Jesus?

Please use the following comments connecting today's lesson to the Gospel to help inform your understanding and serve you by aiding your preparation for class. Remember, we want to do more than present disconnected Bible stories and lessons to our young children. We want them to understand how each story in the Bible plays a part in God's greater plan of redemption.

Noah's life is a foreshadowing of Christ. Noah was a righteous man, who, with his family, passed safely through the waters of God's wrath and judgement. Though the earth was flooded because of sin, God spared the man and his family. These waters of judgment, Peter tells us, symbolize our baptism into Christ.

...God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also – not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a good conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand – with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him. (1 Peter 3:20-22)

SWORD BIBLE MEMORY

BE A DOER OF THE WORD

Take time during the class to review the SWORD Bible Memory verses with the class. Provide the opportunity for each child to recite the verses to an adult worker.

