

God Punishes the Sinful World - **NOAH**

THEME: God's Protection



Genesis 7: 13-23 (NRSV)

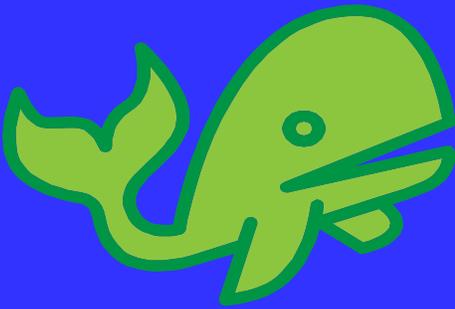
13 On the very same day Noah with his sons, Shem and Ham and Japheth, and Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons entered the ark, 14 they and every wild animal of every kind, and all domestic animals of every kind, and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, and every bird of every kind—every bird, every winged creature. 15 They went into the ark with Noah, two and two of all flesh in which there was the breath of life. 16 And those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him; and the Lord shut him in. 17 The flood continued forty days on the earth; and the waters increased, and bore up the ark, and it rose high above the earth. 18 The waters swelled and increased greatly on the earth; and the ark floated on the face of the waters. 19 The waters swelled so mightily on the earth that all the high mountains under the whole heaven were covered; 20 the waters swelled above the mountains, covering them fifteen cubits deep. 21 And all flesh died that moved on the earth, birds, domestic animals, wild animals, all swarming creatures that swarm on the earth, and all human beings; 22 everything on dry land in whose nostrils was the breath of life died. 23 He blotted out every living thing that was on the face of the ground, human beings and animals and creeping things and birds of the air; they were blotted out from the earth. Only Noah was left, and those that were with him in the ark.

AIM



To remind the students that disobedience, and turning away from God can result in painful consequences. However those who obey and trust in God like Noah will be protected and saved.

Teacher's Preparation



Have the students cut out animal pictures or download clip art pictures from a computer. Have them stick all of the pictures on a construction paper. (Optional activity) have the students list the names of domestic animals, wild animals, animals that lives in burrows, reptiles, birds that fly in the sky, and those that walk on the land. Ask them to write about how to take care of all these animals in a big house. Where and how will they keep the animals separate from each other? How would they feed all the animals and clean the whole place?

Introduction

Talk to your students about obeying God –Examples are praying to God, respecting your parents, reading your bible, sharing with others, loving others, being friendly and helping others who are poor or sick. Brainstorm situations in their lives when they obeyed God and did the right thing, as well as those times when they didn't. Discuss with the students why it is important to obey their parents, teachers, and to make good choices in their everyday lives. It is always good to remember that turning away from God and disobeying His commands can result in some painful consequences as in the story of Noah and the ark.



Main Ideas

God grieves for a sinful world

God saw how huge the wickedness of man was on earth. The earth was filled with violence. People were evil, killed each other, and turned away from God. Noah was the only righteous man in his generation. He believed and obeyed God. God told Noah to build an ark for him and his family, so that they can get ready for the huge flood that was going to come upon the earth and destroy everything. God told Noah to bring into the ark two of all living creatures, both male and female of each kind. He was also told to take seven pairs of clean animals and two pairs of unclean animals. Noah obeyed God and did everything as he was told.

God protects those who obey Him

So when it was time, God told Noah to come into the ark. Noah, his wife, his three sons Shem, Ham, Japheth, and their wives entered the ark. Two by two, all animals of every kind including cattle, wild animals, birds, and other animals that crawled on the land went into the ark. A male and female of each creature went into the ark. Noah also took food for all of them. Then the Lord shut the door of the ark. The closed door is a symbol of God's protection.

The floods

Then the rain started to fall heavily on the earth for forty days and forty nights. The waters flooded the earth for many days. The rising waters lifted the ark high above the earth and it moved about safely on the surface of the water. The waters covered the entire land, hills and mountains. Every living thing that moved on the land including people, animals, and birds were destroyed in the big flood. God saved Noah and those with him in the Ark

Activities

Activity #1

Build an Ark like Noah

Materials: Ark template, crayons, scissors, Brown construction paper and glue
(animal images, and Popsicle sticks optional)

Cut thin strips of brown construction paper

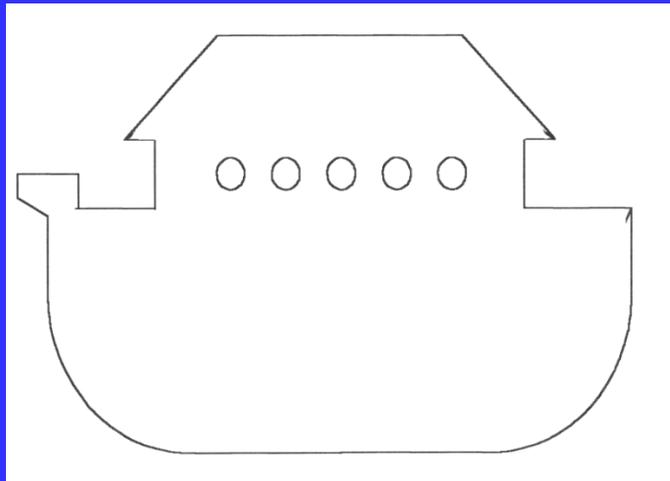
On each strip have the children write what they can do to be obedient to God

(Examples: pray every night, respect our parents, Love each other)

Glue the written stripes onto the Ark

Cut out the Ark

Stick animal images on the popsicle stick and stick it on the ark (optional)



Activity #2

Construct Noah and the Ark Mini Book

Illustrated story sheet

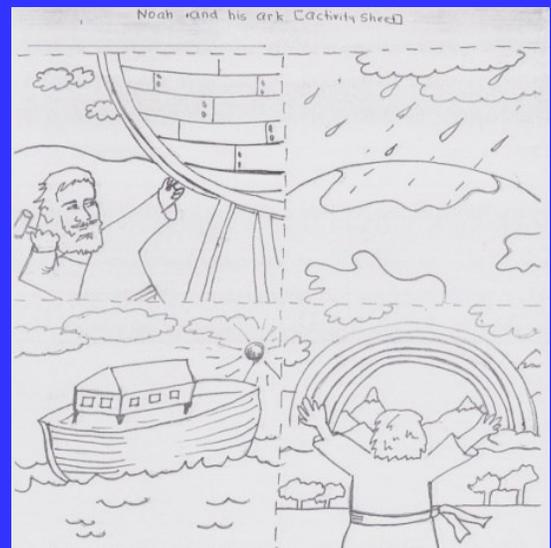
Write a caption under each picture

Color the pictures-

Cut along the dotted lines

Staple the pages together

Make a title page and illustrate with the picture of your choice



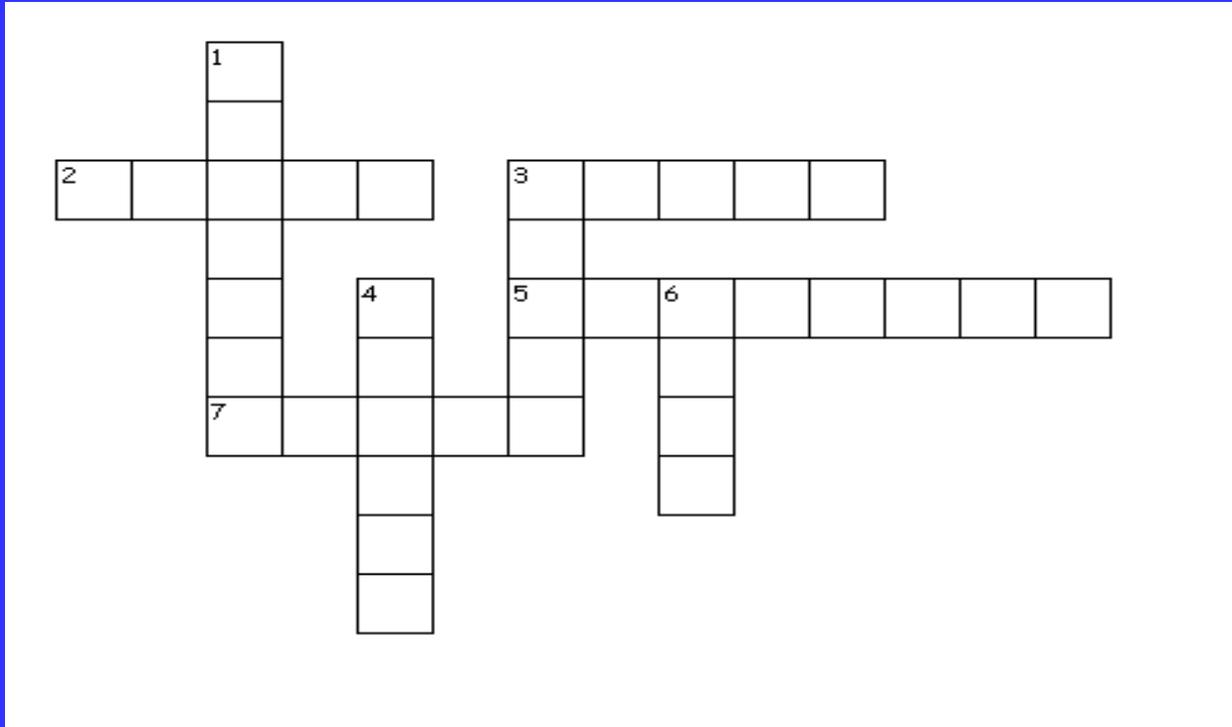
Review Time

Noah's Ark Crossword

Word List

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animals
living
flood

build
obedient
saved
forty



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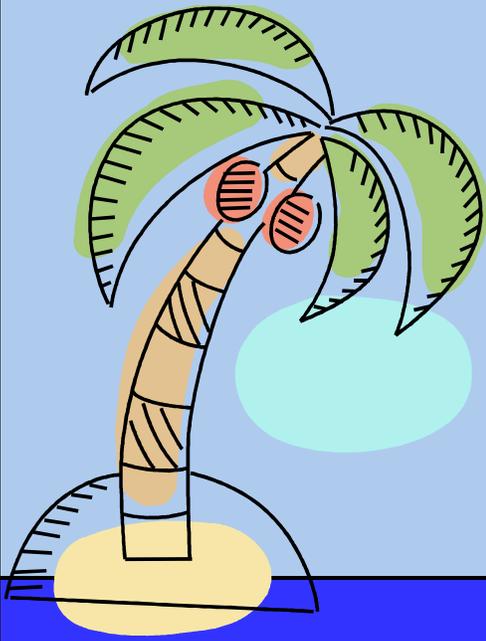
2. God gave Noah instruction to----- an Ark.
3. It rained heavily for -----days and nights.
5. Noah was very-----, and listened to God.
7. Noah was ----- because he was a righteous man.

Down

1. The ark was full of pairs of -----.
3. God cleaned the earth from all evil by sending this----
4. All -----things on earth were wiped out by the floods.
6. Every man on earth was----- except for Noah and his sons.

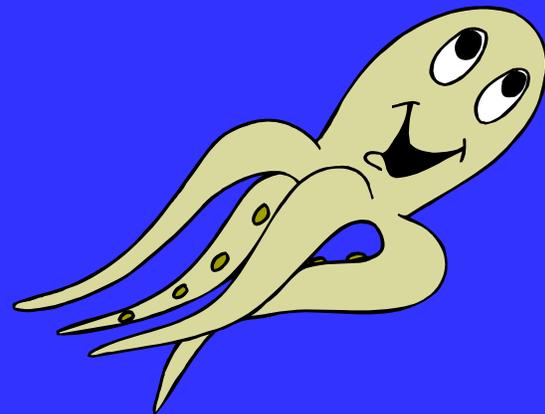
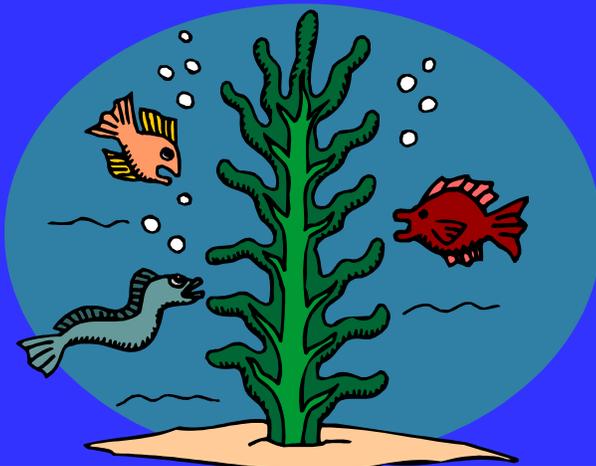
Values for Life

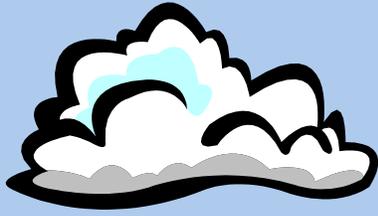
God gives us instruction through our parents, teachers, and through our leaders in church, but we are the ones who decide if we want to follow God's instruction or ignore it. When we obey we love God, when we disobey we turn away from him.



My Decision

I will try hard to be obedient and respectable to my parents and elders. I will try to share, and be compassionate to those going through tough times in their lives.

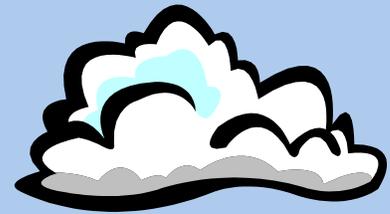




Memory Verse

Genesis 6:8

**But Noah found favor in the
sight of the LORD.**



Closing Prayer

Dear God

Thank you for teaching us to love and respect each other.
Help us to remember to love you and to do the right things
every single day of my life.

Amen.