



Grade 4

Unit 1, Lesson 3

Aim: To teach that action based on faith and obedience leads to blessings.

Noah's Faith in Action

Theme: Faith, obedience, and deliverance from judgment of the flood.

Teacher's Prep

The people of Noah's time became wicked and the thoughts of their hearts were evil and God was ashamed that he had created man. In Genesis, Chapter 6, we see the failure of mankind (Adam through Noah) which leads to God's judgment and destruction of the world by flood.

Noah was selected because he was a just man, and he walked with God. In Hebrews Chapter 11, we see the faith of two Patriarchs for the generation mentioned, one is Enoch and the other is Noah. Enoch was taken into heaven because of his *faith* and God warned Noah about the impending flood and by *faith* he built the Ark on dry land. Noah's grandfather, Methuselah, was the oldest person ever to live and lived till he was 969 years old.

Noah's story can be split into two parts. First is the selection of Noah and his faith on God. The second part is of Noah's obedience. Noah did everything God commanded him to do and put his complete trust in him. This proactive faith and action resulted in God blessing Noah and his family and also the covenant between God and all of creation.



Genesis 6: 11-22 (NSRV)

¹¹ Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight, and the earth was filled with violence. ¹² And God saw that the earth was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted its ways upon the earth.

¹³ And God said to Noah, "I have determined to make an end of all flesh, for the earth is filled with violence because of them; now I am going to destroy them along with the earth.

¹⁴ Make yourself an ark of cypress wood; make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and out with pitch. ¹⁵ This is how you are to make it: the length of the ark three hundred cubits, its width fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits. ¹⁶ Make a roof for the ark, and finish it to a cubit above; and put the door of the ark in its side; make it with lower, second, and third decks. ¹⁷ For my part, I am going to bring a flood of waters on the earth, to destroy from under heaven all flesh in which is the breath of life; everything that is on the earth shall die. ¹⁸ But I will establish my covenant with you; and you shall come into the ark, you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you. ¹⁹ And of every living thing, of all flesh, you shall bring two of every kind into the ark, to keep them alive with you; they shall be male and female. ²⁰ Of the birds according to their kinds, and of the animals according to their kinds, of every creeping thing of the ground according to its kind, two of every kind shall come in to you, to keep them alive. ²¹ Also take with you every kind of food that is eaten, and store it up; and it shall serve as food for you and for them."

²² Noah did this; he did all that God commanded him.

Teacher's Prep (cont.)

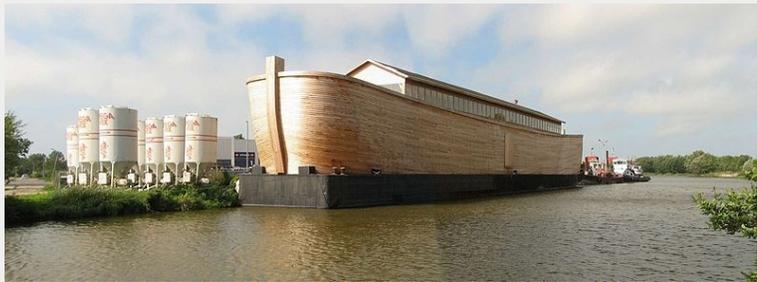
The Ark was made with Cypress wood, comparable to the wood of Redwood trees in North America. The Ark was made with rooms and the seams of the wooden planks were caulked with pitch (plant based pitch is called resin or petroleum based asphalt like substance) inside and outside to make the Ark waterproof.

The Arks dimensions were: 450 Feet in Length, 75 Feet Wide and 45 Feet in Height. To help us understand the dimensions; this ark was longer than a regulation size football field which is 360 Feet in Length.

The Ark contained three decks, a door on the side, one window, and a roof to cover the three decks. The single door of the Ark has theological significance, as the people and other creatures of the first creation, who entered through this single door were saved from destruction. Jesus, many times in his ministry referred himself as the only door through which mankind can obtain salvation.

Main Ideas

As the generation of Adam began to grow and multiply, the Lord saw that the human beings he created on earth were becoming wicked and their thoughts were only about evil all the time. The Lord was ashamed that he created them and decided to destroy mankind along with everything he created on earth.



Noah lived a life that was righteous before God. Although the people around him lived in their sin, he continued to seek God and walk with him. He might have been influenced by the life of his great-grandfather Enoch and grandfather Methuselah. Noah was the son of Lamech. Noah had three sons, Shem, Ham and Japheth.

God first selected Noah and gave instructions to build the Ark. The Ark was to be made with cypress wood. God told Noah to take his wife, his sons and their wives into the Ark. He also had to take along two of every living thing, male and female. This included two of every kind of animal, bird and creature that walked upon the earth. God also asked Noah to gather every kind of food needed for his family as well as for the animals, birds and creatures.

Once Noah obeyed God's instructions and built the Ark, God gave further instructions for the animals, birds and creatures. Noah was to take seven pairs, male and female, of every kind of clean animal. One pair each of every unclean animal and seven pairs of all the birds. God then told Noah that seven days from now he will send rain on earth. It would rain for forty days and forty nights and through this God would destroy every living thing he made.



Noah, his wife, his sons and their wives went into the Ark along with all of the clean and unclean animals. Seven days later the rain started and it rained for forty days and forty nights. The water rose and the Ark began to float. The water rose so much that even the highest mountains under the sky were covered by it. The water continued to rise and it went more than twenty feet above the mountains. Water continued to cover the earth for one hundred and fifty days.

God destroyed every living thing that was on the land. Only Noah, his family, and the creatures on the ark survived.

The water that covered the earth began to go down and the Ark came to rest on the mountains of Ararat. Noah opened the window he had made in the Ark and first sent out a raven. It continued to fly back and forth up until the water had dried up from the earth. He then sent out a dove but it could not find a place to rest because the water had not completely left the surface of the ground. After seven days Noah again sent out the dove and in the evening the dove came back to Noah with a fresh olive leaf in its beak. Noah realized that the ground was almost dry. Seven days later Noah sent out the dove again, but this time the dove did not come back, Noah realized that the ground was dry.

Then God asked Noah to come out of the Ark. Noah, his family, and all animals, birds and creatures went out from the Ark. Noah then built an altar to the Lord and sacrificed clean animals and birds as an offering to God. God was pleased with Noah's sacrifice and blessed Noah and his sons. God made a covenant with Noah and promised that he will never destroy the earth and the living things with flood waters. God used the rainbow as a sign of this covenant.



Mt. Ararat

Through Noah's faith and obedience, he and his family were blessed by God.

1. Draw a picture of the Ark and a rainbow.
2. Read Genesis Chapter 5 and find information about Methuselah and Enoch. How is Methuselah different from all the people born on earth? How about Enoch?

Activities



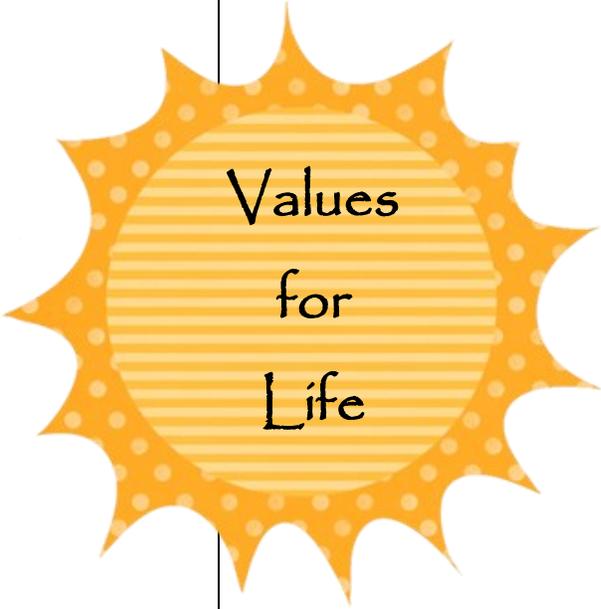
Review Time

1. Why did God decide to destroy human beings along with everything on earth?
2. Why did God select Noah and his family to save?
3. What did you learn from the lesson?
4. On God's command how many pairs of Clean animals and how many pairs of unclean animals were saved?
5. How did Noah find out that the land was dry so that he can go out with his family and all animals, birds and creatures he saved?

Fill in the blanks

1. Noah was the son of
2. God asked Noah to make the Ark with wood.
3. Noah made the Ark as God commanded on (Sea, River, dry land).
4. On God's command, how many pairs of birds were saved? (Two pairs, Four pairs, Seven pairs)
5. On God's command how many days and nights did it rain to create the great flood? (80 days, 40 days & 40 nights, Not known).





Values for Life

Knowing God is key to the Christian life, and in order to know him you must learn the scriptures. As you study and understand the scriptures, the Holy Spirit will work within you. It will guide you as you go through your daily life and help in strengthening your faith. The faith you develop by the study of scriptures will help you to make good decisions, like choosing between what is right and what is wrong. The Scriptures also help you to understand the life stories of all the people who lived before us. They show us how these people glorified God throughout their life and even through their death.

Faith and obedience to the word of God, your parents, teachers and elders will lead you to a blessed life.

My Decision

1. I will daily ready the Bible and learn from the scriptures.
2. I will be obedient to my parents, teachers and elders.





Memory Verse

By faith Noah, warned by God about events as yet unseen, respected the warning and built an ark to save his household; by this he condemned the world and became an heir to the righteousness that is in accordance with faith.

Hebrews 11:7

Prayer

Dear Lord thank you for giving me the opportunity to learn from your word about Noah and his faith in you. Thank you for letting us learn about how Noah obeyed without questioning and received the blessings for himself and his family. Help us to know more about your love and kindness for us and help us to lead a life pleasing to you.

In Jesus precious name we pray.

Amen.

