



- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?

## FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- Why did God rescue Noah from the flood? Did Noah do something to deserve being rescued?
- Do we need to do anything to be rescued by Jesus from our sin? Why or why not?
- If Jesus saves us from the punishment our sin deserves, why do we still experience pain and suffering?

## Noah and the Ark

Genesis 6–9

### STORY POINT: GOD PUNISHED SIN BUT CHOSE TO RESCUE NOAH AND HIS FAMILY.

Adam and Eve had many children and grandchildren. One day, God looked at all the people on earth and saw that they were choosing to sin. God decided to send a flood to destroy all the creatures on the earth and to clean up the world.

God showed favor to a man named Noah. He told Noah to make an ark to save himself, his family, and all kinds of animals. God said that He would make a *covenant*, or agreement, with Noah and his family. Noah did everything that God commanded.

When the ark was finished, Noah went inside with his family and the animals, and God shut the door. Rain came and water rose from the ground until all of the mountains were covered. Every living thing on the earth died; only Noah and those with him survived.

Finally, the rain stopped. Noah waited inside the ark until the ground was dry. Then God told Noah to bring all the people and animals out of the ark. Noah built an altar and gave an offering to the Lord. God promised Noah that He would never completely flood the earth again.

God told Noah and his family to spread out over the earth and fill it with people. God placed a rainbow in the sky as a special sign of the covenant He made with Noah.

*Christ Connection: God rescued Noah and his family from the flood. The story of Noah points ahead to a greater rescue. God's Son, Jesus—the only perfectly righteous One—came to take the punishment for our sin. By trusting in Him, we are saved from the punishment our sin deserves.*



# Find the Pictures

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Use the key to find and circle the picture outlines hidden in the Bible story picture.



Younger Kids Activity Pages  
**Unit 1 • Session 4**  
**Noah and the Ark**

**BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:**

- Sin spread through the earth, and God decided to flood the world.
- God told Noah to build an ark for his family and all kinds of animals.
- It rained for 40 day and nights, but those on the ark were safe.
- God punished sin but chose to rescue Noah and his family.

**KEY PASSAGE:** Colossians 1:16b-17

**BIG PICTURE QUESTION:**

- Who is God? God is our Creator and King.

**FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:**

- Why does the Bible say Noah was righteous? (See Hebrews 11:7)
- How can we be saved from our sin?
- What are some ways sin still affects us even after Jesus' death and resurrection?

**FAMILY ACTIVITY:**

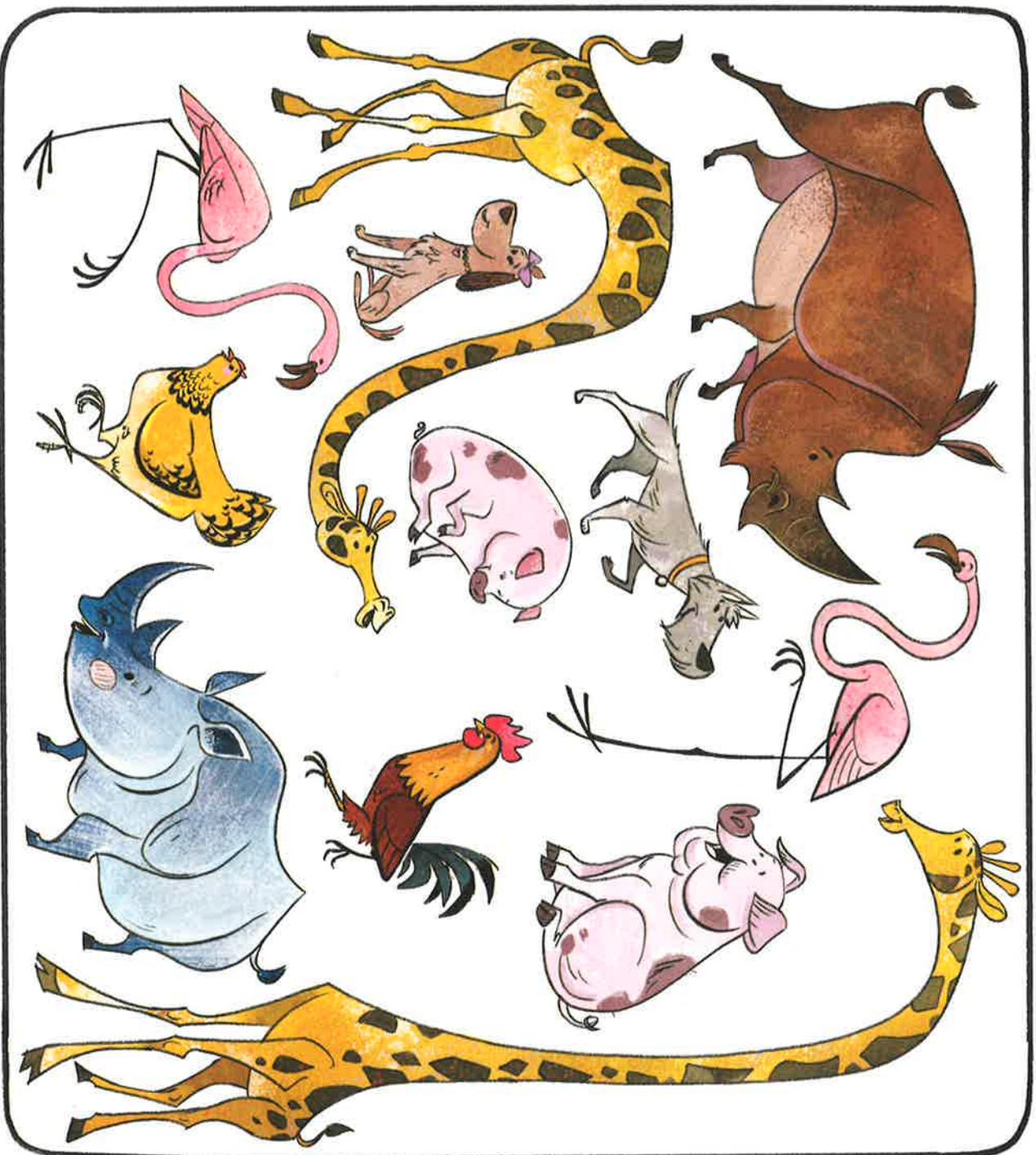
- Work together as a family to build a boat out of craft sticks or paper. Consider coating it with a waterproof spray. Take it to a pond or use your bathtub to test it. Use coins to see how much weight it can hold and keep floating. Discuss why God punishes sin.



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# Two of Every Kind

INSTRUCTIONS: Draw a line connecting the two animals of the same kind.



Preschool Activity Pages

## Unit 1 • Session 4 Noah and the Ark

### BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:

- God told Noah to build an ark—a really big boat.
- God sent a flood to punish the world for sin.
- God rescued Noah and his family.
- God promised Noah that He would never again send a flood to cover the whole earth.

**KEY PASSAGE:** Colossians 1:16b

### BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- Who is God? God is our Creator and King.

### FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- Why did God send a flood? Was God happy or sad to send a flood?
- What would you have done if God told you to build an ark?
- How is Jesus a better rescuer than Noah?

### FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Contact a relief agency that helps victims of natural disasters. Find out what your family can do to help and do it.
- Weather permitting, make a rainbow using a water hose and sunlight. Talk about God's promises as you experiment.



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# NOAH AND THE ARK

Genesis 6-9

**Key Verse:** "All things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together!"  
Colossians 1:16b - 17

## BIBLE & SCIENCE

### HAVE WATER, WILL TRAVEL

*Supplies: paper towels, scissors, green felt-tipped pen, a drinking glass, water, clothespins*

**TRUTH EXPLOSION:** Because God has helped me in the past, I can be sure he will help me in the future.

**When you serve the Lord, anything is possible - even when things seem impossible to you. God is available to help yesterday, today, and all of our tomorrows. When the water rises and trouble appears ready to wash us over, let's choose to serve the Lord and wait for his goodness and mercy. Noah didn't give up on a job that seemed ridiculous to others. He remained diligent and followed God's instruction.**

1. Cut a paper towel into 2-inch strips.
2. On the paper towel color a large green dot about 2 inches from the bottom. (This will be the "eye" of the storm that appears on our troubled horizon).
3. Fill the glass about 1/4 full with water.
4. Hang the strip of paper towel in the glass so that the colored dot or "eye" is about an inch above the water. Double-check to make sure the end of your paper towel strip **IS** in the water. Secure the top of the strip with a clothespin.
5. Let the experiment stand for 15 minutes
6. Return to find that the water will have traveled up the paper towel. Surprisingly, the spot is gone from the paper towel! In its place the paper has turned blue and above that a bright yellow.

*When is it difficult for you to choose to serve God? In what ways do you want God to help you this week? While we are busy worrying, God is at work in our lives. The eye of the storm (the green dot) is gone, and there are blue skies.*

**Super Science Fact:** As water is drawn upward into the paper, so is the green ink. If time permits, try this experiment with other colors. Colors made up of one pigment will travel much faster than those colors with two or more.

## RAIN STICK

*Supplies: empty paper towel tube, colorful duct tape, scraps of paper, bowl, dry rice, spoon*

1. Give each child an empty paper towel tube.
2. Cover one end of the tube with duct tape. Make sure to wrap it around so it's secure.
3. Fill the tube with wadded up scraps of paper and a couple spoonfuls of dry rice.
4. Close off the other end of the tube with duct tape.
5. Allow them to decorate the tube with markers and stickers.
6. Show them how to turn their rain stick over to make the sound of rain.

**\*In our Bible story, rain came for 40 days and 40 nights. Can you imagine what that sounded like? Water covered all the earth, even the highest mountains, but God rescued Noah and his family. Later, there was an even greater rescue! Jesus came to save people from sin. When we trust in Jesus, He saves us from the punishment for our sin.**



### FLOAT A BOAT

Provide playdough, foil, and craft sticks for kids to construct their own boats. Discuss what features might help a boat float. Allow kids to predict whether or not a boat will float, and then test each boat in the shallow water.

*Imagine making a boat that would actually hold people and animals! Noah obeyed God and built a large boat, called an ark, because God had a plan to clean up the earth. Where did he get the instructions for the ark?*

### ANIMAL CHARADES

Form two teams and allow the teams to take turns acting out herds of animals to see if the other team can guess which animals they are pretending to be. Start with only acting. If they are struggling to guess, then have them add the animal noises.

*In our story today, we heard about a time when sin had spread so much, and people had grown so evil, that God decided to flood the whole world. But God chose to save one family and many kinds of animals. What's your favorite animal?*

### CEREAL RAINBOWS

Print out an empty rainbow coloring page. Distribute one piece of paper per person along with a bowl of multi-colored fruit flavored cereal. Have your kids fill each row of their rainbow with a different color of cereal to create a rainbow!

*God sent a flood to punish the world for sin, but God rescued Noah and his family. God promised Noah that He would never again send a flood to cover the whole earth. God put a rainbow in the clouds to be a reminder of his promise.*

# DOWNTOWN ZOO QUESTIONS

*After watching our video and reading the provided Bible passage go through these questions as a family. These are great questions to discuss as a family. Don't just have your child answer, answer them together and discuss the lesson.*

1. How did God feel about people doing mean things and thinking bad thoughts?
2. What did God tell Noah to build?
3. Who stayed on the ark during the flood?
4. What did Noah do to thank God for rescuing them?
5. How did God show that he promised to never flood the earth again?

## UPTOWN KIDS QUESTIONS (LIGHTHOUSE & THRIVE)

1. Why did God flood the earth? Whom did God choose to save?
2. What did God do to remind Noah of His promise to never flood the earth again?
3. Why is it good for God to punish sin?
4. The flood did not end sin forever. What has been God's plan to end sin all along?
5. Why does God save people when He does not have to?

\*\*God is holy and punishes sin. God is also merciful and gracious. He chooses to save people who do not deserve it. In the flood, God chose to save Noah. That pointed forward to Jesus saving us by dying on the cross to pay for our sins.