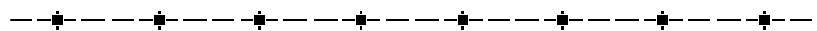


# Old Testament

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# Families of the Old Testament



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Adaptable for all ages including adults

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A Family Leader  
Obeys God

Noah

Genesis 6-7

In last week's lesson we talked about Abel and his gift to God. Abel was a righteous man. But because sin had entered the world through Adam's disobedience, Cain killed Abel. God had to punish Cain for his actions and he became a wanderer.

## Read the Bible

**READ: Genesis 6:5-14,19-22 (Hold your Bible open throughout the story.)**

A Family Leader  
Obeys God  
Genesis 6:1-22

## Memory Verse:

Noah had faith. So he built an ark to save his family.  
**Hebrews 11:7 (NIRV)**

## Lesson Goals:

1. Understand that Noah obeyed God.
2. Understand that God wants us to obey Him.
3. Understand that Noah's obedience saved his family .
4. Understand that in the flood everything died because of sin.

## Begin with Prayer

In today's lesson we will learn about Noah. Noah was another man who pleased God. Let's find out how his obedience saved his family.

God saw how sin had made men very bad. It hurt God to see just how bad men had become. They were always thinking bad things. Men were always doing bad things. It made God sad that He had created men. God decided he would destroy everything that He had created. (Genesis 6:5-6)

But there was one man who was good. One man did what was right. "The Lord was pleased with Noah." (Genesis 6:8) "Noah was a godly man. He was without blame among the people of his time. He walked with God." (Gen. 6:9 NIRV) God wants us to walk with him like Noah did.

Noah was a family man. He had three sons. Their names were Shem, Ham , and Japheth. (Genesis 6:10) Noah was a family leader who obeyed God. Do you think it was easy for Noah to be different? The Bible says that people in Noah's time were always thinking and doing bad things. Noah was godly. That means that Noah did what God wanted. Noah acted according to God's wishes. God wants us to obey Him like Noah did.

It is a good thing to be a part of the family of a godly man. It is a blessing to have a family leader who loves and obeys God. Noah was not like the men in his time. He was different because he was godly. Sometimes it is not easy to be different. "But Noah had faith." (Hebrews 11:7 NIRV) The dictionary says that faith is to have confidence or to trust someone or something. Noah trusted God. God wants us to have faith like Noah did.

Because Noah trusted God and did what God said, God told him what He was going to do. God had decided that he would destroy all the people of the earth and every living thing on the earth. He was going to send a flood. God told Noah to build an ark. Only Noah and his family would be saved. God made a promise to Noah. (Genesis 6:13-18 NIRV) "Everything on earth will die. But I will make my covenant with you. You will enter the ark. Your sons and your wife and your sons' wives will enter it with you." (Genesis 6:13-18 NIRV) God told Noah to put food on the ark for the animals and for his family. God told Noah to put the animals in the ark. "Two of every kind of animal will come

### Noah Bible Facts

1. Noah pleased God.
2. Noah was godly.
3. God was going to send a flood.
4. God told Noah to build an ark.
5. God saved Noah and his family.

to you. And two of every kind of creature that moves along the ground will come to you. All of them will be kept alive with you. "(Genesis 6:20 NIV)

Because Noah was righteous, because he pleased God and did what was right, God saved Noah. God saved Noah's family. God saved the animals that were on the ark with him. God saved Noah and his family from the flood. God wants to save us from sin and give us eternal life.

Noah was a good family leader. Noah did exactly as the Lord commanded. When the flood came, only Noah, his family, and the animals that boarded with Noah were saved. Just like God said it would, it rained for 40 days.

(Genesis 7:17) Everything that was alive before they entered the ark died. The people, the animals, the birds.

(Genesis 7:21-23) "Everything was destroyed from the earth. Only Noah and those who were with him in the ark were left." (Genesis 7:23 NIV)

Several times the Bible says that Noah did exactly what God commanded. Obedience to God is very important. For Noah, obedience was a matter of life and death. God wants us to obey Him. Samuel told King Saul that obedience to God was more important to God than sacrifices. (1 Samuel 15:22) If you have a family leader who is a man or woman of God, you are blessed. And if you don't, God can be that example for you. To be a part of a family whose leaders obey God is a wonderful thing.

### Review questions.

1. Who pleased God? (Noah)
2. Why was God pleased? (Noah was godly)
3. What were other men like? (thought and did bad things)
4. What did God decide to do? (send a flood to destroy the earth and everything in it)
5. What did God tell Noah to do? (build an ark)
6. Why did God tell Noah to build an ark? (to save Noah, his family, and some animals)
7. What did Noah do? (Noah did exactly what God commanded)

### Do you know Jesus?

The people in Noah's time were evil. They thought bad things and did bad things all the time. We all sin. (Romans 3:23) Just like God used Noah to save his family, God promised to send a deliverer. Jesus is that deliverer. In order to know Him and be saved, or delivered, from sin, we must invite God to be a part of our lives. We have to confess that Jesus is Lord and believe in our hearts that God raised Him from the dead. (Romans 10:9-10) When we do those two things God sends His Holy Spirit to live in us. (Ephesians 1:13)

### Prayer Time

1. Take a moment to listen to God.
2. Thank God that Jesus was willing to save us from our sins.
3. Ask God to help you and all the members of your family to love and obey Him.
4. Pray that your family leaders will have faith like Noah.

### Application

Noah was a man who pleased God. He walked with God. God wants us to walk with him like Noah did. Several times the Bible says that Noah did exactly what God wanted him to do. God wants us to **obey Him** like Noah did. God told Noah he was going to send a flood. It would be like nothing they had ever seen. Noah believed God and built an ark. God wants us to **have faith** like Noah did. Only Noah and his family were saved from the flood, God wants to **save us** from sin and give us eternal life. We can be saved by inviting Jesus to be a part of our lives. To be a part of a family whose leaders obey God is a wonderful thing. We can ask God to help us be the leaders He wants us to be.

### Planning for the next week:

**Job (A Family Leader Believes God) — Job 1**

# Preschool Lesson

**READ: Genesis 6:5-14, 19-22 (Hold your Bible open throughout the story.)**

(While you tell the story, ask the children to pretend they are on a boat. You may rearrange chairs. Bring a blue plastic tablecloth or tarp to put on the floor to represent water. )

People don't always act the way God wants them to act. That is what happened when Noah was alive. God saw how sin had made men very bad. It hurt God to see just how bad men had become. They were always thinking bad things. Men were always doing bad things. It made God sad that He had created men. God decided he would destroy everything that He had created. (Genesis 6:5-6) God was going to send a flood.

There was one man who did what was right. His name was Noah. God told Noah he was going to send a flood. God told Noah to build an ark. An ark is like a boat. Noah and his family would be saved from the flood. (Genesis 6:13-18 NIV) Have you ever been on a boat?

God told Noah to put food on the ark for the animals and for his family. God told Noah to put the animals in the ark. God said, "Two of every kind of animal will come to you." Genesis 6:20 NIV)

Noah was a good family leader. Noah did exactly what God said to do. When the flood came, only Noah, his family, and the animals that got on the ark with Noah were saved. It rained for 40 days, just like God said it would. (Genesis 7:17)

Noah was a family leader who obeyed God. God wants us to obey Him like Noah did.

Do you do what God wants you to do? The Bible tells us what God wants us to do. God sent Jesus to show us how to live. Jesus can help us obey God.

## Prayer Time

1. Take a moment to listen to God.
2. Pray and ask God to help you obey.
3. Thank God for sending Jesus to help us.

**Did you know?** Preschoolers may respond better if you use positive statements. Consider this: Instead of saying, "Don't yell," say, "Please use a quiet voice." Instead of saying, "Don't run," say, "Walk, please."

# Learning Activities

- **Memory verse activity**— Use construction paper to make cut-outs of Noah’s ark and rain clouds. Put the Bible verse on them. Be sure to include the reference. Have the children put the verse in order to practice the verse.
- **Test your memory**— Bring animal plates. Put questions about the story on the back of plates. Ask the children to raise their hands if they know the answer. Be sure to bring enough plates for each child. Make masks by using a hole punch. Tie yarn on each plate to make the mask.
- **Taste activity**— If you are able to collect rain water, bring some to class. Let the children taste the difference between tap water and rain water. You may also bring flavored water, blue Kool-Aid, or Gatorade. Talk about the flood. Tell the children that sin has consequences.

Bring some dried fruit. Allow the children to eat the dried fruit. Tell the children that Noah and his family probably did not cook on the ark.

- **Think about it** — Tell the children that Noah and his sons must have told people that God would send a flood. The people could have chosen to go into the ark. The consequence of not going into the ark was death. Talk about the animals on the ark. God provided food for the animals and for the people on the ark. Talk about the importance of doing exactly what God says. If Noah had chosen not to build the ark exactly the way God said, it could have sunk. The consequence would have been death. If Noah had chosen not to bring food on board for the animals or his family, they could have been hungry. The animals might have eaten them. Noah had to do exactly what God said.

- **Touch activity**— Bring different types of toy animals for the children to play with. Talk about the work Noah and his family had to do to feed the animals.

Bring different types of building material. You may bring soil, rocks, wood, and brick. Tell the children the ark was made of wood. Tell the children that it took Noah about 100 years to build the ark.

Bring a CD of a rainstorm. Cover a table with dark fabric. If they are not afraid of storms, allow a few children at a time to sit under a table for a few seconds while you play the CD. Talk about what it must have been like to be in a storm for 40 days and nights.

- **Run and play**— Ask for permission ahead of time. Bring water balloons that are already filled with water. Have a water balloon toss. You may consider another water activity.

You could also use large boxes to create an ark. Allow one of the children to be Noah. Remind the children that God sent the animals to Noah. Let the children pretend to be the animals going into the ark two by two. Allow them to choose the animal they want to be. Be sure to ask them to enter and exit two at a time depending on the size of your ark.

- **Listen**— Take time for silence. Play a CD of rain falling. Remind the children that the people in Noah’s day had 100 years to choose to go into the ark. God sent Jesus to save us. We have had 2,000 years to respond to Jesus. Ask the children if they have invited Jesus into their hearts.

- **Sing** — “Rise and Shine” (also known as the “Arky, Arky Song”)

Memory Verse

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(NIV)

## Word Art

Trace the letters.

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## Word Puzzle

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# Word Puzzle

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5. YRTDSEO —
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8. AALSMIN—
9. DFLOO—

# Anagram

1. AHTFI— FAITH
2. XCTYELA — EXACTLY
3. ILUTB — BUILT
4. YFLMIA — FAMILY
5. YRTDSEO — DESTROY
6. TTHHSUOG— THOUGHTS
7. YGLDO— GODLY
8. AALSMIN— ANIMALS
9. DFLOO— FLOOD