

Bible Story 4: NOAH AND THE FLOOD

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 6:5-22; 7:1-17,23-24; 8:1-22; 9:12-17

MEMORY VERSE: Luke 11:28

BIBLE STORY:

Noah was a righteous man, which means that he was a good man who obeyed God. He lived in favor with God. But God was very sad with the bad thoughts, evil and violence that everyone else was doing on earth.

God ordered Noah to build a very large boat called an ark. God gave Noah instructions on how to build the boat. Noah obeyed God. When the boat was finished, God told Noah to take inside the boat his family: his wife, their three sons and their three daughters-in-law. Noah was also told to take a pair, male and female, of every kind of creature: animals, birds, etc. Also Noah was to take enough food for his family and all the creatures. Noah obeyed. Then God closed the door.

Noah was 600 years old when the flood-rains came. For 40 days it rained very, very hard, flooding the earth. When the rain stopped, it took a very, very long time for the water to go down and the land to dry. Then God told Noah that everyone could leave. Noah, his family and all the creatures came out of the boat. They had been in the boat for 370 days.

The first thing that Noah and his family did was to worship God. They built an altar and gave thanks to God for giving them protection.

God put a beautiful rainbow in the sky as a sign that never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth.

PART 1: PERSONAL QUESTIONS

1. What did you learn from the story?

2. How can you apply this story to your life?

PART 2: GENERIC QUESTIONS

1. What do you like about the story?
2. What is there in the story that you do not understand?
3. Who are the main people in the story?
4. What problems did the people face?
5. How did the people face their problems?
6. How have you faced similar problems?
7. Is there someone in the story who is similar to you or who is different from you?
8. What does the story tell about God?

PART 3: SPECIFIC QUESTIONS

1. Why did God decide to destroy the earth with a flood?
2. Why did God choose Noah to build the ark?
3. Do you think Noah was courageous to build a boat in the desert? Why? The Bible doesn't say it, but do you think the people ridiculed Noah because he was building a great boat in the desert? How do you think Noah felt?
4. Has anyone ever criticized you because you were going to church? Because you didn't participate with them in doing something wrong? How did you feel? What did you do?
5. What should you do when someone is criticizing you?
6. Do you think Noah and his family had a tough task being in a boat with all the animals for 370 days? Why?
7. Does God ask people to do unpleasant tasks for Him today? Give some examples.
8. What was the first thing that Noah's family did when they left the boat?
9. How can we worship God?
10. What are some things that you can thank the Lord for that He did for you personally?