

# Old Testament Times

## Noah and the Ark

## Genesis 6:5—9:17

**Younger Memory Verse** I am with you always. Matthew 28:19-20

**Older Memory Verse** Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” Matthew 28:19-20

Teachers: This new unit is designed to help your children understand some of the stories in the Old Testament. Each lesson will have both Old Testament passages and New Testament verses.

PLEASE remember to always include the New Testament verses—this helps each child see how God’s ultimate plan was fulfilled in Christ!

### Welcome Time

Take time to sing the “Arkie song” to help the kids learn about Noah. Talk about what it means to keep a promise and examples of people who did.

### Bible Story

*Please note: This portion of the lesson is given to help in teaching the lesson. Please read through the story and read it in the Bible. Do **NOT** read from this piece of paper. Instead, make a note sheet and place it next to the story in the Bible.*

God loved the people of the world, but they began loving things and people first, instead of God. God was so upset that He decided to destroy the world. However, He looked down and saw Noah. Noah was a man who loved God. God decided to let Noah and his family live.

He told Noah to build a big boat called an ark. It was almost as big as 2 football fields put together!

Noah gathered lots of wood and starting building the ark. Many of the people started laughing at him because they thought he was crazy building an ark on dry land. Finally it was finished.

Then God told Noah to find 2 of each animal and put them on the ark.

God said to Noah, “Go into the ark, you and your whole family, because you have followed Me.” Then God shut the door. And everyone waited.

Suddenly, drop, drop, drippity drop, the rain began to fall. The people probably started knocking on the side of the ark. “Let us in, it’s starting to flood!” they might have screamed.

God sent the rain nonstop for 40 days and 40 nights (that’s over a month!) It covered the whole earth. Then God sent a wind over the earth. After 280 days, Noah opened the window and sent a black bird called a raven. The bird flew around, but could not find a place to land, so the bird returned to Noah. Noah tried a white dove next, but it also returned.

Noah waited a week and sent out another dove. This time the dove came back with an olive branch in its beak. Noah knew that trees were growing on the earth. Finally Noah sent out another dove a week later, and it didn’t come back. Now Noah knew it was about time to leave the ark.

### Lesson Goals

Tell what God’s promise is to Noah  
Understand God’s best promise through Jesus  
Share the good news with a friend

God told Noah to come out of the ark. When they opened the ark, the world was beautiful. Everything was pretty and green. The animals must have been so excited to finally get back on land!

When Noah stepped on dry land, he made a special monument to God. He thanked God for saving him and his family.

God made a promise with Noah. He told Noah that he would never destroy the world again with a flood. To make sure all people remembered that promise, God made a beautiful rainbow in the sky. It is a sign from God to promise that He will never flood the world again.

God made another promise to all of us. He sent His only Son, Jesus, for us. What a promise—that's the way that we can be with God forever in Heaven. Would you like to know more about this forever promise? Let's talk about it together.

### **Learning Activities**

There are lots of activities to choose from. Find the ones that will interest the kids and help them learn too!

### **Memory Verse Activities**

Write the word on a white board or piece of paper. Say the verse together and help the children understand it. Then one by one, block out a word (or erase it). See if the kids can remember the whole thing. This is the second week to learn the verse. Really help them know it and do it.

### **Prayer Time**

Pray for courage to ask friends to come to church/Bible study. Schedule a time for some of the older kids to go visiting with you—let them lead you to new people in the complex.

### **Snack Time/CleanUp**

If possible, bring animal crackers as a fun snack to reinforce the lesson. Sort the cookies 2 by 2 if you can. Have fun!!!

Planning for Lesson 5  
The Tower of Babel  
Genesis 11:1-9

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## Preschool Lesson For Noah

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He told Noah to build a big boat called an ark. Noah gathered lots of wood and starting building the ark. (Make hammering sounds and motions)

Then God told Noah to find 2 of each animal and put them on the ark. Can you name some animals that Noah must have found? (wait for answers)

God said to Noah, "Go into the ark, you and your whole family, because you have followed Me." Then God shut the door. And everyone waited.

Suddenly, drop, drop, drippity drop, the rain began to fall. (Make motions of rain falling)

God sent the rain nonstop for 40 days and 40 nights (that's over a month!) It covered the whole earth. Then God sent a wind over the earth. After 280 days, Noah opened the window and sent a black bird called a raven. The bird flew around, but could not find a place to land, so the bird returned to Noah.

(Wrap your thumbs together and make a bird flying in the air)

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Sing several of the preschool songs on the following pages. "Animals Coming" and "Noah in the Ark"

Pray and thank God for keeping His promises.

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## Hands-On Activities For Noah

There are oodles of ideas for today's lesson!

Make a puppet show starring Noah!

Have an ark relay race game where the kids line up and go into the ark in groups of two as an animal. (act out motions for the animal).

Bring paper sacks and decorate them as an ark. Bring animal crackers and let the kids put them in their paper sack "ark."

Make sand art rainbows or pretty decorated rainbows with crayons or markers.

Wiggle and act out different animals and let the kids guess what the animal is.

Talk about how God keeps His promises. Talk about how we can keep our promises this week.

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