

Noah & the Flood

Genesis 6-8

The Story

Parents: Review this lesson with your child.

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Passage

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6:23



Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father, we sin everyday and deserve death. Thank You for sending Jesus.
Amen.

Classroom Activity - Action Poem

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Then read the poem again while doing the motions.

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To dry up all the rain.
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Praise the Lord! Praise the
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Hymn - "Jesus Loves Me This I know"

Jesus loves me this I know
For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong
They are weak, but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me He who died
Heaven's gates to open wide.
He will wash away my sin.
Let His little child come in.
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Color a rainbow in the sky above the ark. There is a hint of one already in the picture.



Classroom Art Activity - Promise Fan

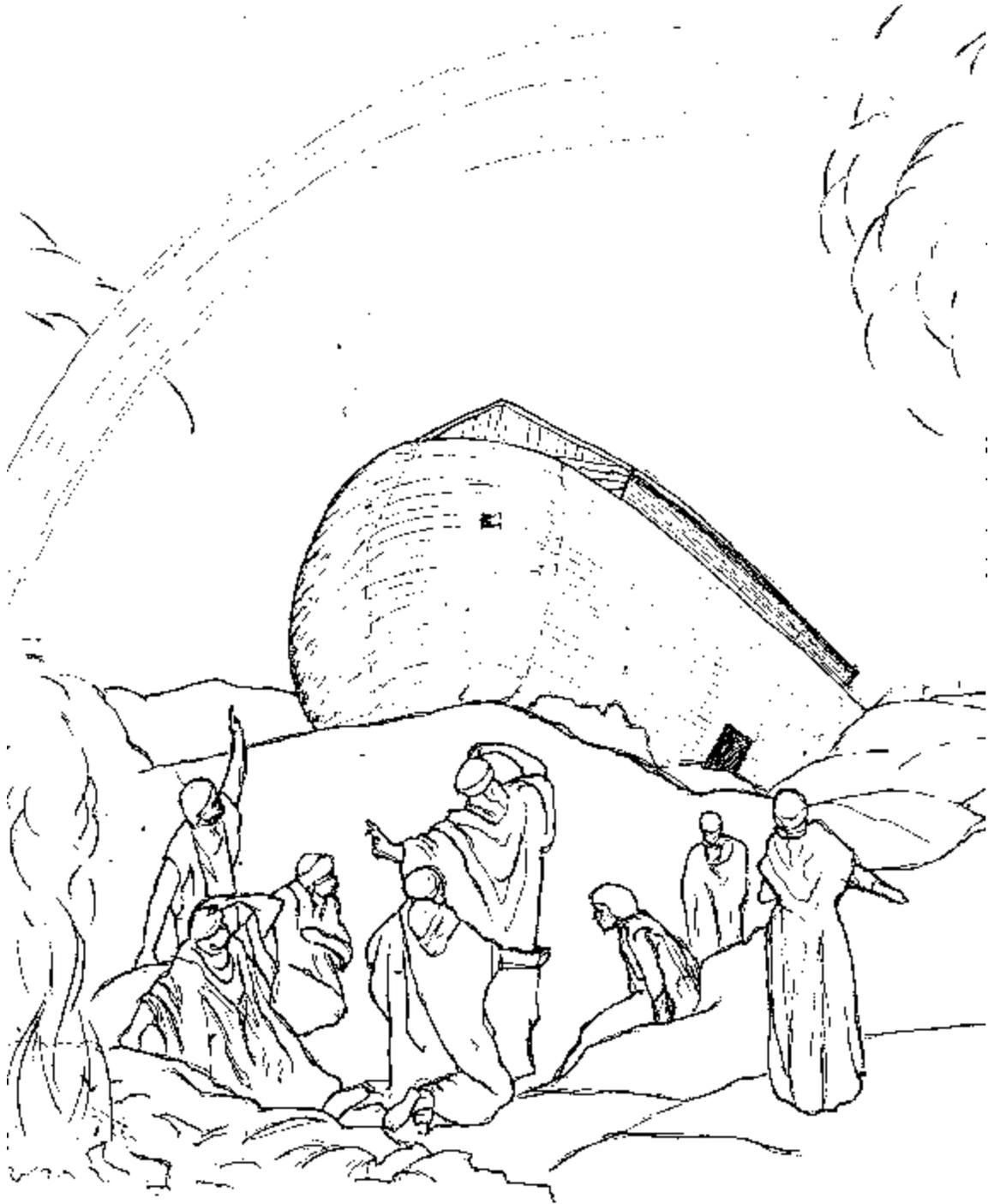
Color a rainbow above the words "God Keeps His Promises." Accordion fold the picture to make a fan. Tape or staple the bottom end that will be held.



God Keeps His Promises

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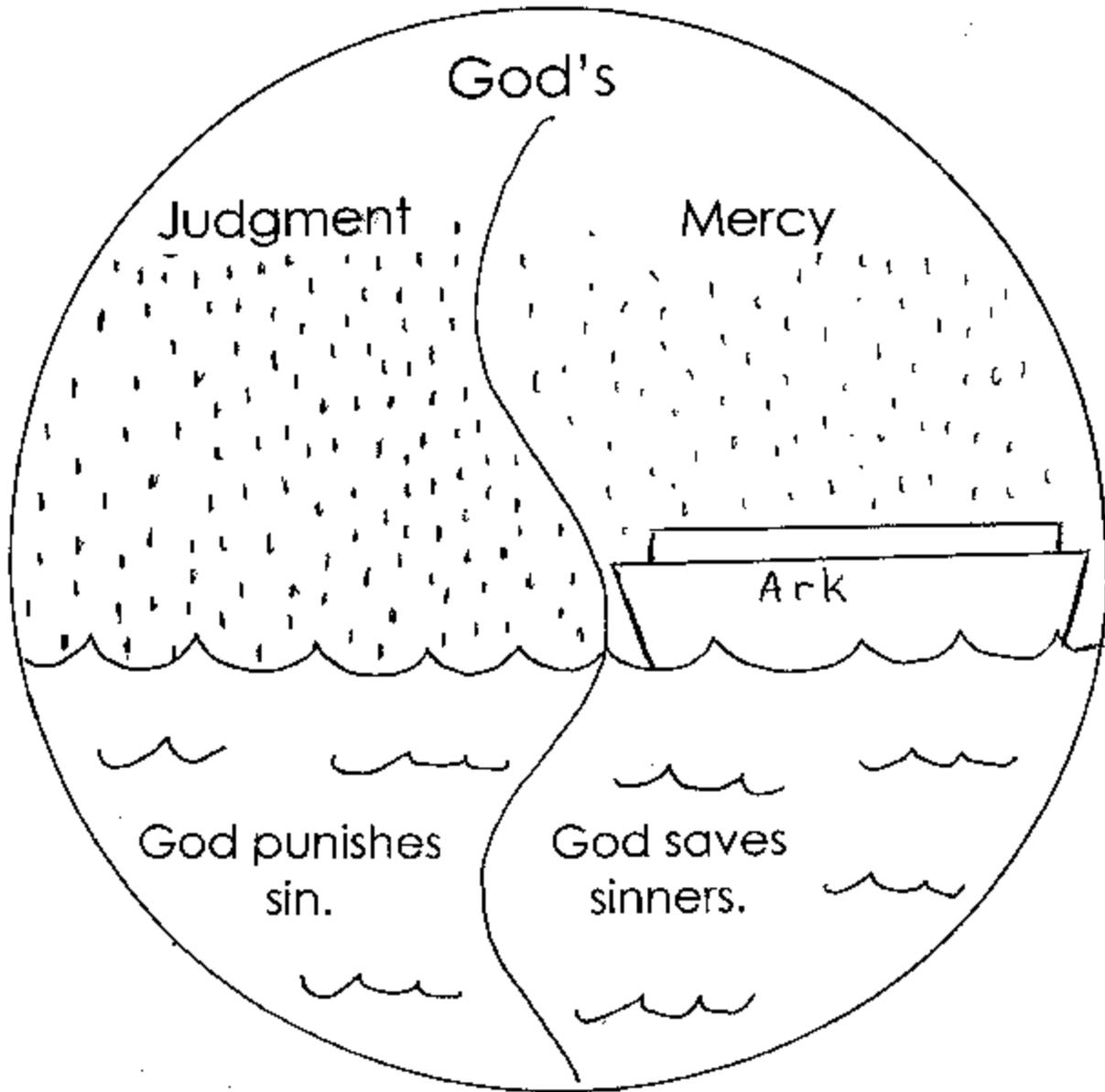
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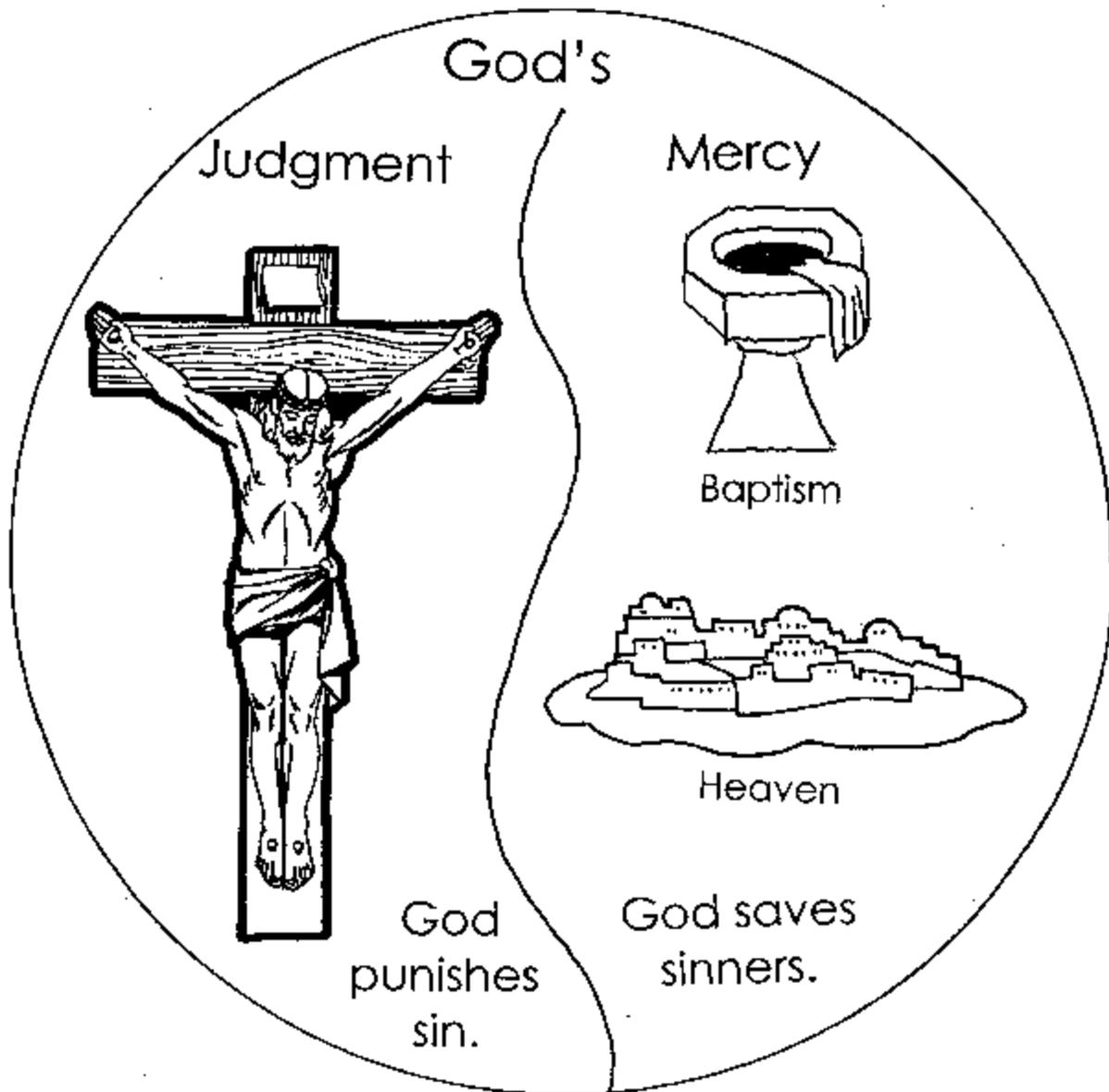
Activity Two - Color the picture below and the picture on page 5. Cut both of them out and glue them to the two sides of a paper plate. Glue a popsicle stick or string yarn to make a hanger (optional).



Passage

Romans 6:23- For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Ephesians 2:8 - For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God.



Hymn - TLH 652 v. 1

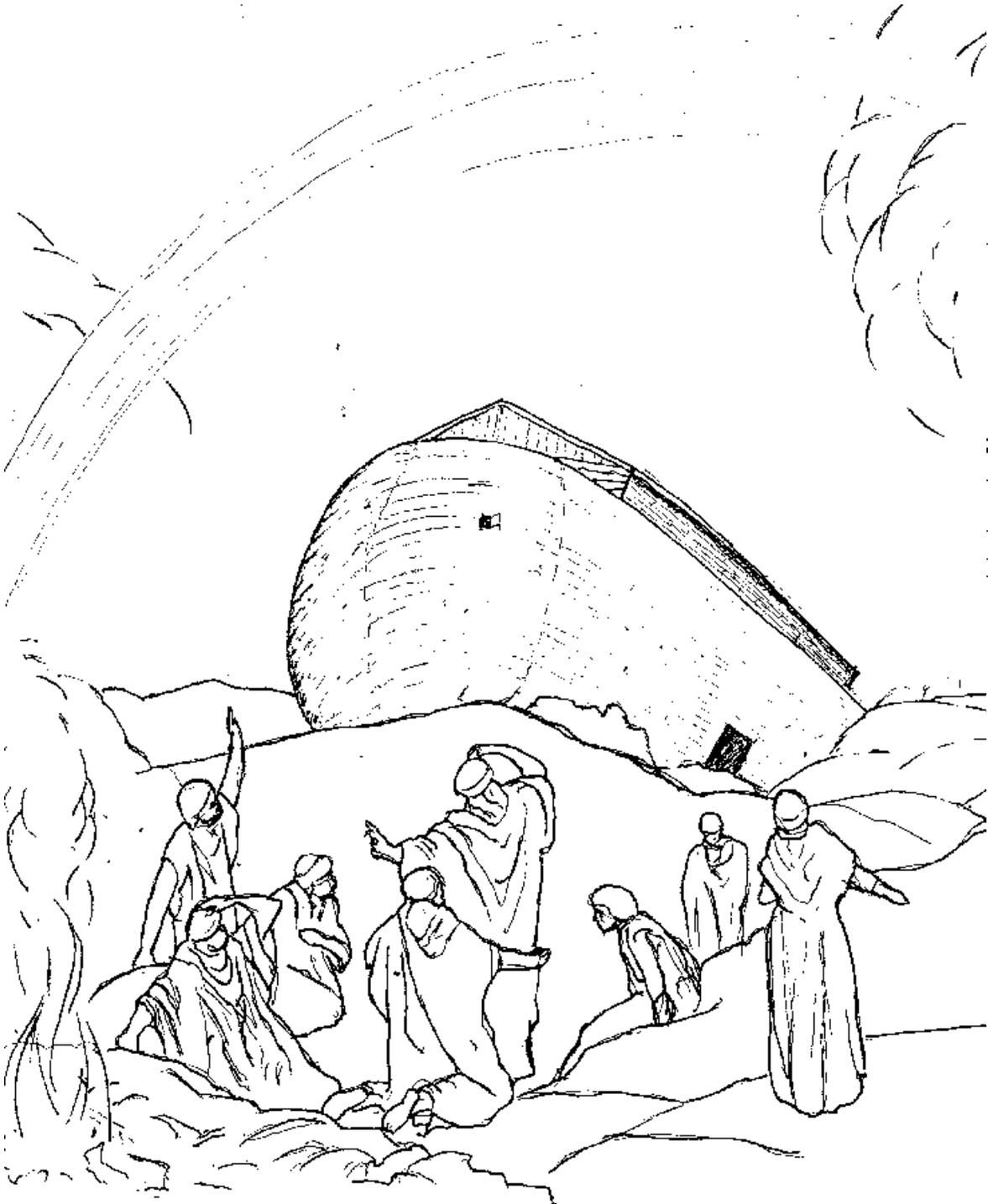
I lay my sins on Jesus, the spotless Lamb of God;
He bears them all and frees us from the accursed load.
I bring my guilt to Jesus to wash my crimson stains
White in His blood most precious till not a spot remains.

Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father, we see that we sin much everyday. We know that we deserve death as a punishment. Thank You for sending Jesus, whom You punished in our place on the cross. Fill our hearts with the Holy Spirit that we may learn to obey You. Thank You for giving us eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

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The Story

Adam and Eve had many children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and so on until the earth was full of people. Unfortunately, as there got to be more people on the earth, the people forgot more and more about God. The Lord saw that the people on earth were very wicked and in their hearts were always thinking only evil. The world was getting more and more wicked in God's sight and was filled with crime.

The Lord was sorry He made people on the earth, and He felt sick at heart. "I will wipe off the ground the people I created," the Lord said, "people, cattle, creeping things, and birds of the air, because I am sorry I made them."

But the Lord was gracious to Noah. Noah believed in God and loved God. Noah walked with God. Noah had three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

So God said to Noah, "I have decided all people must die because they've filled the world with crime, and now I'm going to destroy them and the world. Make yourself an ark (large boat). Make three levels on the ark, full of rooms. Cover it inside and out with pitch. (This would make it waterproof.) The ark should be 450 feet long (1½ times the length of a football field), 75 feet wide, and 45 feet high. Make an opening near the top for light and put a door in the side.

"I'm going to bring a flood on the earth to destroy all things that live and breathe under the sky. Everything on earth must die.

"But I will make a promise to you: You will go into the ark with your wife, and your three sons, and their wives. Take two of every kind of animal, male and female, into the ark with you to keep them alive. And get every kind of food for you and the animals and take it on the ark."

Noah did this. He did just as God

ordered him.

"You and your whole family," God said, "go into the ark, because I have seen how you believe in me and love me. Take with you seven of the clean animals and two of every other kind of animal, and seven of the birds. There will be seven days left and then I will make it rain for forty days."

Noah did just as the Lord ordered him. He and his wife, his three sons and their wives went into the ark to escape the flood. God sent all the animals to Noah and Noah put them on the ark. Then the Lord closed the door behind them.

For forty days the rain poured down on the earth. Water also came up from under the earth. As the waters increased, it raised the ark up so that it floated on the water. The water rose over the whole earth and even the highest mountains were covered.

Every living thing, animals and people, on the earth died. Only Noah and those with him on the ark lived.

God thought of Noah and every wild and tame animal with him in the ark, and so God made a wind blow over the earth, and the water went down. The waters continued to go down until the ark rested on a mountain.

Noah let a dove fly away to find out if the water on the ground had gone down. But the dove came back because she couldn't find a place to set her foot down that wasn't covered with water. A week later he let the dove fly out again. This time she came back with a fresh plucked leaf of an olive tree! Then Noah knew the water had gone down. When he let the dove out a week later, it did not return to the ark.

Then God spoke to Noah, "Come out of the ark, you and your family. Bring out with you the animals. Let them spread

out on the earth, have young and fill the earth." God told Noah's sons, "Have children and become many and fill the earth."

Noah built an altar to the Lord and made a burnt offering to thank God for saving him and his family.

The Lord said, "Never again will

there be a flood to destroy the world. This is the sign of my promise: I will put My rainbow in the clouds. Whenever the rainbow is seen in the clouds, I will remember My promise and never again will the water flood the whole world and destroy every living thing."

God cleansed the earth which had become corrupt and violent.

Activity One - Match the part of the story with the meaning for your life. Write the letter from the column on the right in the correct blank in the column on the left. Your answers should make a word.

_____ The people of Noah's day were wicked and deserved death.

_____ Noah believed in God.

_____ God saved Noah and his family in the ark.

_____ God gave Noah and his family life after the flood.

_____ Noah thanked God for saving him and his family.

R. God saved me by sending Jesus to die for me.

M. I sin every day and deserve death in hell.

Y. I thank God for saving me.

E. I believe in God.

C. God gives me eternal life.

By God's grace we are able to trust in our Savior Jesus Christ for salvation.

Activity Two - Review the story by completing the Crossword Puzzle. The words in the WORD BOX will help you.

PROMISE	DIED	RAINED	BUILD	PEOPLE
RAINBOW		ANIMAL	FAMILY	FLOOD

A
cross (Shows God's Mercy)

1. The ___ reminds us of God's promise.
2. God saved Noah and his ___.
3. God sent 2 of every ___ to the ark.
6. God told Noah to ___ an ark.
7. God made a ___ not to flood the whole world again.

Down (Shows God's Judgment)

1. It ___ for 40 days.
2. God sent a ___ to cover the earth.
4. All living things ___ that were not on the ark.
5. God destroyed all ___ but Noah and his family because of their sin.

Activity Three - Read Ephesians 2:8-9 and think about the questions.

Ephesians 2:8-9 - For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.

Did Noah ever sin?

Then why did God save Noah and his family when all other people died?

Passage

Romans 6:23- For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Look at Romans 6:23 above. Decide which words show God's judgment and which words show God's mercy. Write the words from the passage in the correct blanks.

Judgment – Sin is bad. Because we sin we deserve death.

Mercy – God loves us and makes a way to save us.

Hymn - TLH 652 v. 1, 4

I lay my sins on Jesus, the spotless Lamb of God;
He bears them all and frees us from the accursed load.
I bring my guilt to Jesus to wash my crimson stains
White in His blood most precious till not a spot remains.

I long to be like Jesus, meek, loving, lowly, mild;
I long to be like Jesus, the Father's holy Child.
I long to be with Jesus amid the heav'nly throng
To sing with saints His praises, to learn the angels' song.

Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father, we see that we sin much everyday. We know that we deserve death as a punishment. Thank You for sending Jesus, whom You punished in our place on the cross. Fill our hearts with the Holy Spirit that we may learn to obey You. Thank You for giving us eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

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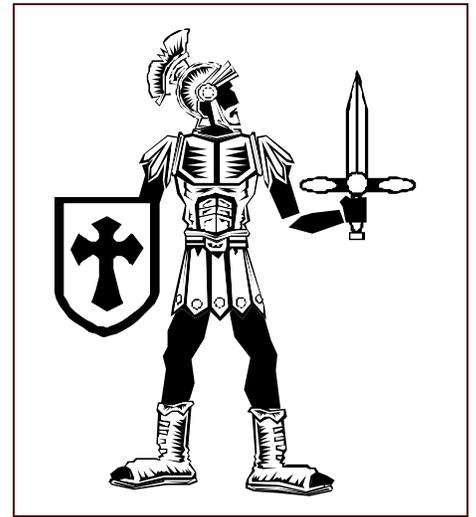
Why might a knight use a shield?

From what do we need protection?

What does God give us to protect us?

Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father, As we prepare to study Your Holy Word, give us Your Holy Spirit so that we may understand and believe the great truths of Your Word. Lead us to know that You will protect us from this wicked world, by giving us faith in our Savior Jesus Christ.



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Now it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them, {2} that the sons of God saw the daughters of men, that they *were* beautiful; and they took wives for themselves of all whom they chose.

{3} And the LORD said, "My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he *is* indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years." {4} There were giants on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men and they bore *children* to them. Those *were* the mighty men who *were* of old, men of renown.

{5} Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man *was* great in the earth, and *that* every intent of the thoughts of his heart *was* only evil continually. {6} And the LORD was sorry that He had made man

on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. {7} So the LORD said, "I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them. {8} But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.

{9} This is the genealogy of Noah. Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God. {10} And Noah begot three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

{11} The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. {12} So God looked upon the earth, and indeed it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth.

{13} And God said to Noah, "The end of all flesh has come before Me, for the earth is filled with violence through them;



and behold, I will destroy them with the earth. {14} " Make yourself an ark of gopherwood; make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and outside with pitch. {15} "And this is how you shall make it: The length of the ark *shall be* three hundred cubits, its width fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits. {16} "You shall make a window for the ark, and you shall finish it to a cubit from above; and set the door of the ark in its side. You shall make it *with* lower, second, and third *decks*. {17} "And behold, I Myself am bringing floodwaters 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 go 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 *sort* into the ark, to keep *them* alive with you; they shall be male and female. {20} "Of the birds after their kind, of animals after their kind, and of every creeping thing of the earth after its kind, two of every *kind* will come to you to keep *them* alive. { 21} "And you shall take for yourself of all food that is eaten, and you shall gather *it* to yourself; and it shall be food for you and for them."

{22} Thus Noah did; according to all that God commanded him, so he did.

Genesis 7:1 Then the LORD said to Noah, "Come into the ark, you and all your household, because I have seen *that* you *are* righteous before Me in this generation. {2} "You shall take with you seven each of every clean animal, a male and his female; two each of animals that *are* unclean, a male and his female; {3} "also seven each of birds of the air, male and female, to keep the species alive on the face of all the earth. {4} "For after seven more days I will cause it to rain on the earth forty days and forty nights, and I will destroy from the face of the earth all living things that I have made." {5} And Noah did

according to all that the LORD commanded him. {6} Noah *was* six hundred years old when the floodwaters were on the earth.

{7} So Noah, with his sons, his wife, and his sons' wives, went into the ark because of the waters of the flood. {8} Of clean animals, of animals that *are* unclean, of birds, and of everything that creeps on the earth, {9} two by two they went into the ark to Noah, male and female, as God had commanded Noah. {10} And it came to pass after seven days that the waters of the flood were on the earth. {11} In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep were broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened. {12} And the rain was on the earth forty days and forty nights.

{13} On the very same day Noah and Noah's sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth, and Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons with them, entered the ark -- {14} they and every beast after its kind, all cattle after their kind, every creeping thing that creeps on the earth after its kind, and every bird after its kind, every bird of every sort. {15} And they went into the ark to Noah, two by two, of all flesh in which *is* the breath of life. {16} So those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him; and the LORD shut him in.

{17} Now the flood was on the earth forty days. The waters increased and lifted up the ark, and it rose high above the earth. {18} The waters prevailed and greatly increased on the earth, and the ark moved about on the surface of the waters. {19} And the waters prevailed exceedingly on the earth, and all the high hills under the whole heaven were covered. {20} The waters prevailed fifteen cubits upward, and the mountains were covered. {21} And all flesh died that

moved on the earth: birds and cattle and beasts and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, and every man. {22} All in whose nostrils *was* the breath of the spirit of life, all that *was* on the dry *land*, died. {23} So He destroyed all living things which were on the face of the ground: both man and cattle, creeping thing and bird of the air. They were destroyed from the earth. Only Noah and those who *were* with him in the ark remained *alive*. {24} And the waters prevailed on the earth one hundred and fifty days.

Genesis 8:1 Then God remembered Noah, and every living thing, and all the animals that *were* with him in the ark. And God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters subsided. {2} The fountains of the deep and the windows of heaven were also stopped, and the rain from heaven was restrained. {3} And the waters receded continually from the earth. At the end of the hundred and fifty days the waters decreased. {4} Then the ark rested in the seventh month, the seventeenth day of the month, on the mountains of Ararat. {5} And the waters decreased continually until the tenth month. In the tenth *month*, on the first *day* of the month, the tops of the mountains were seen.

{6} So it came to pass, at the end of forty days, that Noah opened the window of the ark which he had made. {7} Then he sent out a raven, which kept going to and fro until the waters had dried up from the earth. {8} He also sent out from himself a dove, to see if the waters had receded from the face of the ground. {9} But the dove found no resting place for the sole of her foot, and she returned into the ark to him, for the waters *were* on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took her, and drew her into the ark to himself. {10} And he waited yet another seven days, and again he sent the dove out from the ark. {11} Then the dove came to him in the evening, and behold, a freshly plucked olive leaf *was* in her

mouth; and Noah knew that the waters had receded from the earth. {12} So he waited yet another seven days and sent out the dove, which did not return again to him anymore.

{13} And it came to pass in the six hundred and first year, in the first *month*, the first *day* of the month, that the waters were dried up from the earth; and Noah removed the covering of the ark and looked, and indeed the surface of the ground was dry. {14} And in the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dried.

{15} Then God spoke to Noah, saying, {16} "Go out of the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons' wives with you. {17} "Bring out with you every living thing of all flesh that *is* with you: birds and cattle and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, so that they may abound on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth." {18} So Noah went out, and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives with him. {19} Every animal, every creeping thing, every bird, *and* whatever creeps on the earth, according to their families, went out of the ark.

{20} Then Noah built an altar to the LORD, and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird, and offered burnt offerings on the altar. {21} And the LORD smelled a soothing aroma. Then the LORD said in His heart, "I will never again curse the ground for man's sake, although the imagination of man's heart *is* evil from his youth; nor will I again destroy every living thing as I have done.

{22} "While the earth remains, Seedtime and harvest, Cold and heat, Winter and summer, And day and night Shall not cease."

What the Story Tells Us - Number the following statements in the order in which they occurred in the story.



- _____ Noah thanked God and God promised with the sign of a rainbow to never again flood the whole earth.
- _____ Noah sent a raven, then a dove to see if it was safe to leave the ark. Finally the dove did not return.
- _____ The believers married the unbelievers and man became wicked.
- _____ God commanded Noah and his family to go into the ark along with all the creatures.
- _____ God opened the waters above the heavens and below the earth, and it rained for forty days and nights.
- _____ Noah and his family and all the animals were told by God to leave the ark.
- _____ God told Noah that He would destroy the earth and commanded him to build an ark.
- _____ The flood covered the whole earth up to twenty feet above the highest mountain. Every land creature died.
- _____ God sent a wind and the water began to recede, and the ark came to rest in the mountains of Ararat.

Outer Aim

God cleansed the earth which had become corrupt and violent, but He graciously preserved His children.

What God Tells Us - Mark the following (T) for true and (F) for false.

1. ____ God hates sin.
2. ____ God destroyed all the people in the world because He hated them.
3. ____ God saved Noah from the flood because He loved him.
4. ____ We daily sin much and deserve eternal punishment for our sins.
5. ____ God punishes us everyday for each of our sins.
6. ____ God graciously saves us from the punishment of our sin by sending His Son Jesus to be our Savior.

Passages

Proverbs 1:10 – My son, if sinners entice you, do not consent.

Mark 16:16 – He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.

Ephesians 2:8 – By grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God.

Inner Aim The evil world around us is always ready to help Satan lead believers away from God, but by God's grace we are able to resist those temptations and continue to trust in our Savior Jesus Christ for salvation.

Hymn

Look at Hymn 378 and explain how the verses fit the inner aim of our lesson today.

Your Turn - Use ideas from the story, passages, and the hymn you read today to complete the following activity:

When God promised Noah that He would never send another flood to destroy the whole earth, He gave Noah a reminder of that promise – a rainbow. How might you use that reminder to comfort someone who may be doubting God's promises?

Prayer

Gracious Heavenly Father Who has said, "As I live, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live," keep us from living a wicked life. Help us to do Your will and, when we fail to do so, lead us to repent and look to Your Son, Jesus Christ, for forgiveness. Keep us trusting in Jesus as our Savior so that we may be saved eternally. Amen.

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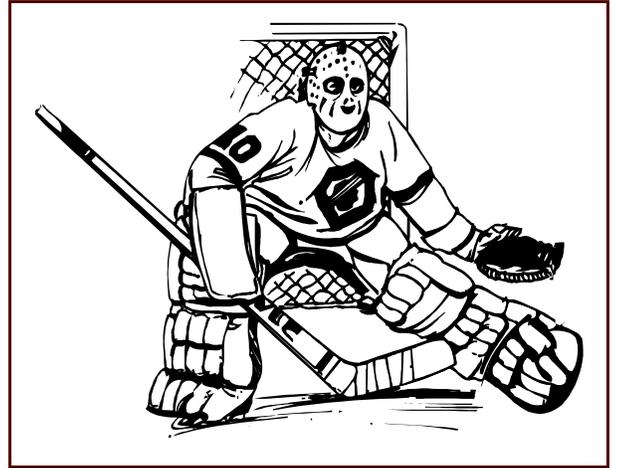
How does a hockey goalie protect himself from the puck, sticks and other players?

What would happen if he didn't have protection?

How does God protect us from evil?

Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father, As we prepare to study Your Holy Word, give us Your Holy Spirit so that we may understand and believe the great truths of Your Word. Lead us to know that You will protect us from this wicked world, by giving us faith in our Savior Jesus Christ.



Noah and the Flood – Genesis 6-8

Now it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them, {2} that the sons of God saw the daughters of men, that they *were* beautiful; and they took wives for themselves of all whom they chose.

{3} And the LORD said, "My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he *is* indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years." {4} There were giants on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men and they bore *children* to them. Those *were* the mighty men who *were* of old, men of renown.

{5} Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man *was* great in the earth, and *that* every intent of the thoughts of his heart *was* only evil continually. {6} And the LORD was sorry that He had made man on

the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. {7} So the LORD said, "I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them. {8} But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.

{9} This is the genealogy of Noah. Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God. {10} And Noah begot three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

{11} The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. {12} So God looked upon the earth, and indeed it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth.

{13} And God said to Noah, "The end of all flesh has come before Me, for the earth is filled with violence through them; and behold, I will destroy them with the



earth. {14} " Make yourself an ark of gopherwood; make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and outside with pitch. {15} "And this is how you shall make it: The length of the ark *shall be* three hundred cubits, its width fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits. {16} "You shall make a window for the ark, and you shall finish it to a cubit from above; and set the door of the ark in its side. You shall make it *with* lower, second, and third *decks*. {17} "And behold, I Myself am bringing floodwaters 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 go 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 *sort* into the ark, to keep *them* alive with you; they shall be male and female. {20} "Of the birds after their kind, of animals after their kind, and of every creeping thing of the earth after its kind, two of every *kind* will come to you to keep *them* alive. { 21} "And you shall take for yourself of all food that is eaten, and you shall gather *it* to yourself; and it shall be food for you and for them."

{22} Thus Noah did; according to all that God commanded him, so he did.

Genesis 7:1 Then the LORD said to Noah, "Come into the ark, you and all your household, because I have seen *that* you *are* righteous before Me in this generation. {2} "You shall take with you seven each of every clean animal, a male and his female; two each of animals that *are* unclean, a male and his female; {3} "also seven each of birds of the air, male and female, to keep the species alive on the face of all the earth. {4} "For after seven more days I will cause it to rain on the earth forty days and forty nights, and I will destroy from the face of the earth all living things that I have made." {5} And Noah did according to all that the LORD

commanded him. {6} Noah *was* six hundred years old when the floodwaters were on the earth.

{7} So Noah, with his sons, his wife, and his sons' wives, went into the ark because of the waters of the flood. {8} Of clean animals, of animals that *are* unclean, of birds, and of everything that creeps on the earth, {9} two by two they went into the ark to Noah, male and female, as God had commanded Noah. {10} And it came to pass after seven days that the waters of the flood were on the earth. {11} In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep were broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened. {12} And the rain was on the earth forty days and forty nights.

{13} On the very same day Noah and Noah's sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth, and Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons with them, entered the ark -- {14} they and every beast after its kind, all cattle after their kind, every creeping thing that creeps on the earth after its kind, and every bird after its kind, every bird of every sort. {15} And they went into the ark to Noah, two by two, of all flesh in which *is* the breath of life. {16} So those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him; and the LORD shut him in.

{17} Now the flood was on the earth forty days. The waters increased and lifted up the ark, and it rose high above the earth. {18} The waters prevailed and greatly increased on the earth, and the ark moved about on the surface of the waters. {19} And the waters prevailed exceedingly on the earth, and all the high hills under the whole heaven were covered. {20} The waters prevailed fifteen cubits upward, and the mountains were covered. {21} And all flesh died that moved on the earth: birds and cattle and beasts and every

creeping thing that creeps on the earth, and every man. {22} All in whose nostrils *was* the breath of the spirit of life, all that *was* on the dry *land*, died. {23} So He destroyed all living things which were on the face of the ground: both man and cattle, creeping thing and bird of the air. They were destroyed from the earth. Only Noah and those who *were* with him in the ark remained *alive*. {24} And the waters prevailed on the earth one hundred and fifty days.

Genesis 8:1 Then God remembered Noah, and every living thing, and all the animals that *were* with him in the ark. And God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters subsided. {2} The fountains of the deep and the windows of heaven were also stopped, and the rain from heaven was restrained. {3} And the waters receded continually from the earth. At the end of the hundred and fifty days the waters decreased. {4} Then the ark rested in the seventh month, the seventeenth day of the month, on the mountains of Ararat. {5} And the waters decreased continually until the tenth month. In the tenth *month*, on the first *day* of the month, the tops of the mountains were seen.

{6} So it came to pass, at the end of forty days, that Noah opened the window of the ark which he had made. {7} Then he sent out a raven, which kept going to and fro until the waters had dried up from the earth. {8} He also sent out from himself a dove, to see if the waters had receded from the face of the ground. {9} But the dove found no resting place for the sole of her foot, and she returned into the ark to him, for the waters *were* on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took her, and drew her into the ark to himself. {10} And he waited yet another seven days, and again he sent the dove out from the ark. {11} Then the dove came to him in the evening, and behold, a freshly plucked olive leaf *was* in her mouth;

and Noah knew that the waters had receded from the earth. {12} So he waited yet another seven days and sent out the dove, which did not return again to him anymore.

{13} And it came to pass in the six hundred and first year, in the first *month*, the first *day* of the month, that the waters were dried up from the earth; and Noah removed the covering of the ark and looked, and indeed the surface of the ground was dry. {14} And in the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dried.

{15} Then God spoke to Noah, saying, {16} "Go out of the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons' wives with you. {17} "Bring out with you every living thing of all flesh that *is* with you: birds and cattle and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, so that they may abound on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth." {18} So Noah went out, and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives with him. {19} Every animal, every creeping thing, every bird, *and* whatever creeps on the earth, according to their families, went out of the ark.

{20} Then Noah built an altar to the LORD, and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird, and offered burnt offerings on the altar. {21} And the LORD smelled a soothing aroma. Then the LORD said in His heart, "I will never again curse the ground for man's sake, although the imagination of man's heart *is* evil from his youth; nor will I again destroy every living thing as I have done.

{22} "While the earth remains, Seedtime and harvest, Cold and heat, Winter and summer, And day and night Shall not cease."

Notes:

What the Story Tells Us - Answer the following questions from the story.

1. What did the sons of God begin to do?
2. How did most men now live their lives?
3. What did God say He would do to the earth and everything on it?
4. What were the dimensions of the ark God told Noah to build?
5. How high did the flood water rise?
6. How long did water cover the earth after the rain stopped?
7. About how many months total were Noah and his family on the ark?
8. What was Noah's first act once he and his family were off the ark?
9. What two promises did God give to Noah?

Outer Aim

God cleansed the earth which had become corrupt and violent, but He graciously preserved His children.

What God Tells Us - Discuss the following questions.

1. Even though the people of the world had become very wicked, what shows that God still loved them and was patient with them?
2. Why did it show great faith on Noah's part to follow God's command to build the ark?
3. Why did God save Noah, his family, and some of each species of animal He created, instead of destroying the whole world?
4. What are some ways that the wicked world today tempts us to sin?
5. Even though God promised never to destroy the world with a flood, God does punish sin. How does He save us from the punishment we deserve?
6. How does God protect us from the wickedness that surrounds us and tempts us everyday?
7. How can God's promise to Noah to never again destroy the world with a flood comfort us regarding all of God's promises?

Inner Aim

The evil world around us is always ready to help Satan lead believers away from God, but by God's grace we are able to resist those temptations and continue to trust in our Savior Jesus Christ for salvation.

Passages

Proverbs 1:10 – *My son, if sinners entice you, do not give in to them.*

Mark 16:16 – *He who does not believe will be condemned.*

Ephesians 2:8 – *By grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God.*

Psalm 5:4 – *For You are not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness, nor shall evil dwell with You.*

Psalm 34:8 – *Oh taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man who trusts in Him.*

2 Cor. 6:14 – *Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers.*

Hymn

Choose two of the verses of Hymn #446 (TLH) and explain how they fit the inner aim of our lesson today.

Prayer

Dear Father in heaven,
Just as You saved Noah and his family from the destruction of the evil world of their day, protect us also from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our flesh with Your gracious gift of faith in our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.



**STORY**

Noah and the Flood - Genesis 6-9:17

TEACHER PRAYER

Dear Father in heaven, guide me as I present this lesson to the young people in my class so that I may bring to them the truths You would have them learn from it. Help them to retain and benefit from this lesson on their journey toward eternal life. Help them to grow in faith in the gracious God Who has sent them forgiveness and salvation through Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

VOCABULARY

gopherwood - apparently a variety of cypress

pitch - a gummy, waterproof substance from a coniferous tree

cubit - approximately a foot and a half, 18 inches

covenant - an agreement, especially one God makes with men

OUTER AIM

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BACKGROUND (Rupprecht *Bible History References*, Vol. 1, pp. 26-35)

As the human population increased, unbelief and sin also increased. When believers married unbelievers, the believers were led away from faith in God. Because of the wickedness of the people, God decided to destroy them. God spared Noah and his family and told him to build an ark. Into this ark Noah was to take his family, a pair of every creature on earth, and food to feed them all. God sent a flood which covered the highest mountains. All land creatures and birds not in the ark died. Just over a year later the earth had dried and all in the ark came out. God promised never to send such a flood again.

Chapter 6

vv. 1-4 Marriages between believers and unbelievers resulted in gifted, but unbelieving children. Their wickedness was so great that God determined not to put up with it for more than 120 years.

vv. 5-7 Because of the great wickedness of the people, God decided to destroy them along with all land creatures and birds.

vv. 8-10 Noah was the exception to the wicked people. He believed in God and tried to do His will. He had three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

vv. 11-13 God revealed to Noah his intention to destroy the earth with its corruption and violence.

vv. 14-16 Noah was instructed to build an ark according to the dimensions God revealed to him.

vv. 17-22 The destruction of every living thing on earth would be by a flood. Noah, his family and pairs of every land creature and bird were to be saved in the ark.

Chapter 7

vv. 1-4 Noah was commanded to enter the ark with his family and the creatures who were to be saved.

vv. 5-10 The designated passengers entered the ark and waited for seven days.

vv. 11-16 Noah was 600 years old when the flood began. Water fell from above and gushed up from below the earth for 40 days and nights. All in the ark remained safe.

vv. 17-24 The water rose until it covered the highest mountains. All the creatures on land died. The flood continued at that level for five months.

Chapter 8

vv. 1-5 God sent a wind and the water began to recede. The ark came to rest on a mountain in Ararat. Later, the tops of the mountains became visible.

vv. 6-12 Noah sent out birds to learn what it was like outside the ark. A raven did not return. A dove was sent out at weekly intervals. It did not return the third time.

vv. 13-14 On the first day of Noah's 601st year, he opened the ark. About a month later, the earth's surface was dry.

vv. 15-19 After receiving permission from God, Noah, his family and all the creatures left the ark.

vv. 20-22 Noah built an altar and offered a thankoffering to God. God promised never to send such a disaster again.

STUDENT PRAYER

Opening

Gracious heavenly Father who has said, "As I live, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live," keep us from living a wicked life. Help us to do Your will and, when we fail to do so, lead us to repent and look to Your Son, Jesus Christ, for forgiveness. Keep us trusting in Jesus as our Savior so that we may be saved eternally. Amen.

Closing

Dear Heavenly Father, we see that we sin much every day. We know that we deserve death as a punishment. Thank you for sending Jesus, whom you punished in our place on the cross. Fill our hearts with the Holy Spirit that we may learn to obey you. Thank you for giving us eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen..

PRESENTATION

Introduction

(Hold up picture of Timothy McVeigh. See last page.) This man killed many people. The angry judge said, "You deserve to die?" This man was put to death as punishment for killing so many people. In our Bible story today we will hear about a world that was filled with bad people such as this man. (Feel free to substitute a more timely picture, but stress here the fact that God is not pleased with any sin, not just mass murder. No one escapes the judgment of God except by God's grace and faith in our Savior Jesus.)

Suggestions for telling the story

1. Use a play boat and animals in a dishpan. Use Play Dough to make mountains. Pour water from a sprinkling can or pitcher for rain. Be sure to cover the Play Dough mountains with water.
2. Act out certain parts of the story. Hammer and saw boards, pint pitch, pretend to be animals. Make rain sounds and wind sounds.
3. Show pictures.
4. Pace off the size of the ark in front of your church. (It was huge. One pace equals about one yard. The ark was about 150 yards long (1 ½ football fields), 25 yards wide and 15 yards tall (45 feet tall.)
5. Make the paper plate visuals form the Level 1 student's page in advance to help explain the story and application.

The Story

This is written out in the Level 1 and Level 2 children's pages.

Review

- We are going to learn two important words today. The first one is "judgment." It reminds us of an angry judge who says, "you are guilty. You have done wrong. You must be punished?" (Show picture of judge here. See last page)
- What was wrong with the people of Noah's day? (They were very wicked . [bad])
- What did god decide He would have to do because of their sin? (Destroy them with a flood.)
- Did God love all these people? (Yes!)
- Why didn't God save their lives instead of killing them? (Jesus died fro their sins also, but these wicked people didn't want to have anything to do with God or His forgiveness through Jesus.)
- God, in His Love, knew He could not let their wickedness grow and grow. It had to be stopped! (Think of what a scary place to live that would be with all those murders and beatings.)
- Why did God decide to save Noah and his family? (Noah believed in God. Galatians 3:6)
- Did Noah ever sin? (Yes)
- Then why didn't god let Noah and his family die in the flood? (By God's grace, Noah was sorry for his sins. Noah believed in God's forgiveness through the promised Savior, and so was saved. Don't let believing in Jesus sound like a good work. Even our faith is a gift of God. Ephesians 2:8-9)
- This bring us to our second new word, "mercy." Mercy means God loves us and makes a way to save us.
- How did God save Noah and his family? (He saved them in the ark.)

Inner Aim

Here's something for us to remember: *Along with God's judgment always comes God's mercy.* God punishes sin, but He also saves. (Ezekiel 33:11 As I live, says the Lord, I don't want the wicked man to die; I want him to repent and live. Turn, turn form your wicked ways!)

APPLICATION

Do we sin? (Yes, every day.)

What do we deserve because of our sin? (The wages of sin is death.)

God is the judge who said our sins have to be punished.

Does God punish us for our sins? (No)

who did God punish for four sins in our place? (He punished Jesus; Jesus died on the cross.)

(Show a picture of Jesus dying on the cross.)

There is Jesus being punished for all of your sins and mine. But first Jesus had to live a perfect life in our place.

Did Jesus ever sin? (No)

Since Jesus never sinned, He always did everything right. We call this His righteousness. All those right things Jesus did become ours when we believe in Him as our Savior.

Just like Noah was saved in the ark, we are saved through Jesus. This saving work of Jesus becomes ours through our baptism. "Baptism now saves you." 1 Peter 3:21. When we are baptized, the Holy Spirit gives us the power to live a New Life by obeying God and His Word. He also gives us eternal life. What will our life be like after we die? (Briefly discuss out resurrection and life with Jesus in heaven.)

PASSAGES

These passages can be assigned as memory work or simply discussed in class as to how they fit the lesson.

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (A possible illustration: Show one sealed envelope that says "Your paycheck (wages)" on the outside. Open it up and take out a 3x5 card. On one side it says, "For the sins you do, you deserve..." and on the other side write, "death (hell)." Now take out a wrapped present that is sealed and says, "gift" on the outside. Open it and take out a 3x5 card that says on one side, "I was punished for you. Instead of death, I give you..." On the other side write, "eternal life with Me in heaven. Love, Jesus.")

Ps. 5:4 For You are not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness, nor shall evil dwell with You.

Ps. 34:8 Oh taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man who trusts in Him.

Prov. 1:10 My son, if sinners entice you, do not consent.

Mark 16:16 He who does not believe will be condemned.

Eph. 2:8 By grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God.

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HYMN CHOICES

I Lay My Sins on Jesus TLH #652:1 and 4
God Loved the World So That He Gave TLH #245
All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall TLH #369
All That I Was, My Sin, My Guilt - TLH #378
Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray - TLH #446:1-5

