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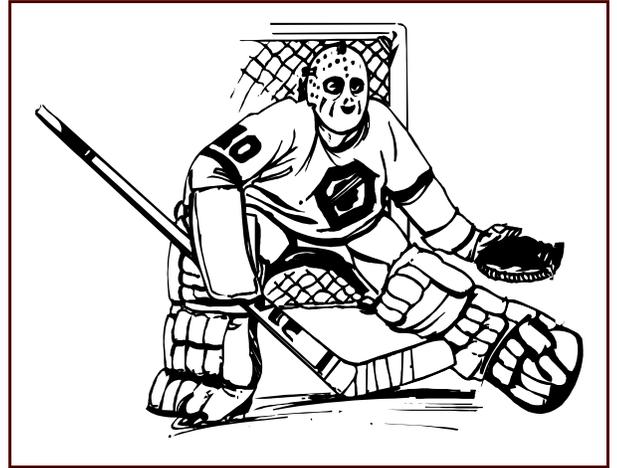
How does a hockey goalie protect himself from the puck, sticks and other players?

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.



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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."

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.

