



M. J.

Lesson 3: *Noah and the Flood*

Objectives: To explain that:

- People had rejected God as king and ruled themselves in evil ways. God's heart was grieved as he watched this.
- God's judgment against wickedness came through the flood.
- Noah's obedience to God's word led to rescue and promise of blessing (rainbow).

"I Wonder" Questions:

What do you see in this picture? (A man, a boat, animals, a rainbow....)

I wonder who this man is.

I wonder why the boat is not on water.

I wonder why there is a rainbow there.

Let's listen to how this story unfolds.....

Lesson Summary:

Today we learn about a time on earth after Adam and Eve sinned and left the Garden of Eden. People's hearts had become dark, hateful and violent. Everyone was disobeying God's word, hurting each other and doing evil. God's heart was sad as He watched this. However, there was one man, Noah, who obeyed and loved the Lord God. God saw Noah's love and obedience and instructed Noah to build an ark. The ark, a very large boat, was to be big enough to carry two of every animal *and* Noah's family. God was going to send a flood that would destroy the wickedness on earth. Noah was obedient and did all that God asked him to do, and God rescued Noah, his family, and the animal. After the great flood, God placed a rainbow in the sky. The rainbow is a sign of God's covenant, which means His promise, to never again destroy all living things on the earth with a flood.

Suggested Questions: What did God see when he looked on the earth? (corruption and sin everywhere)

What does this story tell us about God? (When people do evil, his heart is grieved, he judges evil because he loves his creation, evidenced by the saving of Noah and his family, the animals and cleansing the earth of evil. He is a God who makes and keeps promises, covenants.)

- What were the people like in the days of Noah? (hateful, violent) Did they stop doing evil? (no)
- How did God feel about this? (sad, his heart was grieved)
- Who still loved and obeyed God? (Noah) What did God tell Noah and his family to do? (to build an ark and bring in the animals)
- Why did God have to flood the earth with water? (to cleanse the earth of all the corruption, violence and evil)
- What was the promise (covenant) that God gave to Noah? (to never flood the earth again)
- What was God's sign of his covenant (promise)? (the rainbow)

Bible Memory Verse:

"So God said to Noah, The rainbow is the sign of my covenant." (Genesis 9:17a -NIRV)