



Lesson 3: *Noah and the Flood* (Condensed Version)

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).
- Noah and his family were saved from the destruction of the flood by being **in** the ark. This was a foreshadow of how we are saved from the destruction of sin by being **"in"** Jesus. That means we trust that Jesus died and rose again for our sins and are baptized in his name.

"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 animals. 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. This story points forward to how God rescues us from sin. Just like Noah and his family were saved from the destruction of the flood when they were **in** the ark, so **we** are saved from the destruction of **sin** when we are **"in"** Jesus. That means we trust that Jesus died and rose again for our sins and are baptized in his name.

Suggested Questions: What does this story tell us about God? (When people do evil his heart is grieved. God will judge evil, however he still loves his creation. His love is shown by the saving of Noah, his family, and the animals. He is a God who makes and keeps promises. God rescues us from sin.)

- What were the people like in the days of Noah? (evil) How did God feel about this? (his heart was grieved, he was very sad)
- 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 world of evil, to judge against wickedness.)
- 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)
- This story points forward to how God rescues us from sin. How does God rescue us from sin? (We are saved from sin when we are "in" Jesus (just like Noah was in the ark). That means we trust that Jesus died and rose again for our sins and are baptized in his name.)

Bible Memory Verse:

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