

Journal Page



- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- Why did God rescue Noah from the flood? Did Noah do something to deserve being rescued?
- Do we need to do anything to be rescued by Jesus from our sin? Why or why not?
- If Jesus saves us from the punishment our sin deserves, why do we still experience pain and suffering?

Noah and the Ark

Genesis 6–9

STORY POINT: GOD PUNISHED SIN BUT CHOSE TO RESCUE NOAH AND HIS FAMILY.

Adam and Eve had many children and grandchildren. One day, God looked at all the people on earth and saw that they were choosing to sin. God decided to send a flood to destroy all the creatures on the earth and to clean up the world.

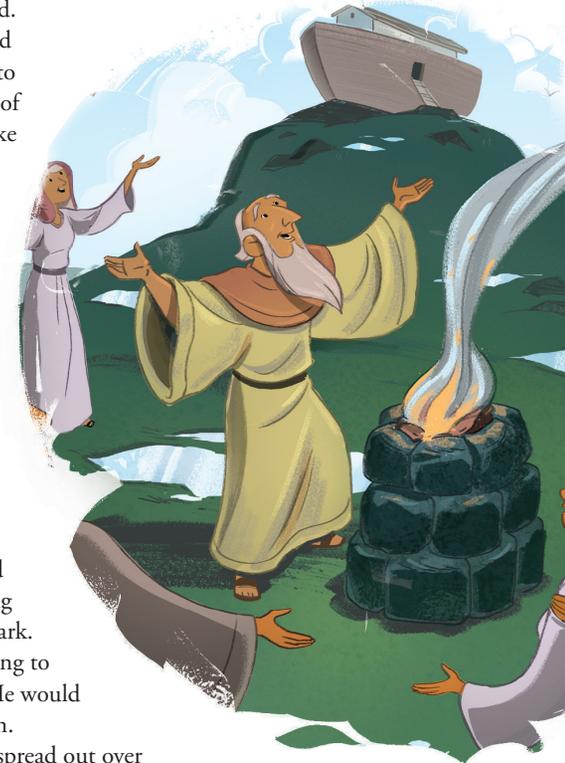
God showed favor to a man named Noah. He told Noah to make an ark to save himself, his family, and all kinds of animals. God said that He would make a *covenant*, or agreement, with Noah and his family. Noah did everything that God commanded.

When the ark was finished, Noah went inside with his family and the animals, and God shut the door. Rain came and water rose from the ground until all of the mountains were covered. Every living thing on the earth died; only Noah and those with him survived.

Finally, the rain stopped. Noah waited inside the ark until the ground was dry. Then God told Noah to bring all the people and animals out of the ark. Noah built an altar and gave an offering to the Lord. God promised Noah that He would never completely flood the earth again.

God told Noah and his family to spread out over the earth and fill it with people. God placed a rainbow in the sky as a special sign of the covenant He made with Noah.

Christ Connection: God rescued Noah and his family from the flood. The story of Noah points ahead to a greater rescue. God's Son, Jesus—the only perfectly righteous One—came to take the punishment for our sin. By trusting in Him, we are saved from the punishment our sin deserves.



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