

LARGE GROUP



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God Spared Noah

Bible Passage: Genesis 6-10

Big Picture Question: What does it mean to sin?
To sin is to think, say, or behave in any way that goes against God and His commands.

1. **Countdown Video** as kids enter (3 minutes)
2. Worship Leader **briefly** **introduces self, welcomes kids, leads 1st worship song, and prays for the time** (4 minutes)
3. Large Group Leader **tell kids what to expect to happen** (1 minute)
 - Watch the lesson video
 - Retell the story.
 - Read the story from scripture
4. WATCH LESSON VIDEO (4 minutes)
5. Large Group Leader **retells the story**. Be sure to make this time fun, interactive, and engaging. Feel free to use props, costumes, and perhaps let the kids act out parts of the story.

Here are some resources to help you formulate this time.

Review what we learned:

Sin started in the garden with Adam and Eve. Sin spread to their sons, Cain and Abel. Sin continued to spread to every generation in every corner of the earth. God looked at His creation and was so disappointed. The Bible says that God was sad that He had made people. God decided to destroy the entire earth and start over.

But even in God's judgement of sin, there was still salvation. Today we're going to read a familiar Bible story about Noah and the flood. Sometimes the focus of this story is the destruction of the flood. But I want us to focus on God's salvation of one man and his family in the midst of the flood. Let's see how God's salvation of Noah points to our salvation through Jesus.

Today's Lesson

Now, most of the time when people tell the story of Noah and the Ark, they sing cute little songs about animals. But this story is not about cute little animals, two-by-two. This story is about sin—God's punishment of sin and God's mercy toward Noah.

Many, many people had filled the earth through Adam and Eve's family. But there was a big problem on earth. The people who filled the earth were sinful and wicked. Even their every thoughts were wicked. The Bible says that God was sad that He had created people. God decided to destroy the earth with a flood and start over.

God punished sin, but He also showed mercy to Noah and his family. Noah had faith in God, but he wasn't perfect. Noah didn't earn God's love by obeying; Noah obeyed God because he loved and trusted him. God's mercy and love to us isn't something we must earn. We can't earn salvation even if we try because we are sinners, just as Noah was.

Noah, his family, and all the animals stayed on the ark until the ground was dry. Noah built an altar and gave an offering to God. God told Noah and his family to scatter around the earth and fill it with people. God made a promise to Noah that He would never destroy the earth with a flood. The rainbow is a symbol of that promise even to us today.

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.

6. Large Group Leader **reads the story from scripture** (4 minutes)

Genesis 6:11-14; 7:1-5, 11-12, 17-21; 8:1-4, 15-17; 9:8-17

7. Large Group Leader **explain what will happen when they go back to class : 4 Questions**

8. Worship Leader **closes in last song and prayer** (4 minutes)