

Family Devotion –Week One

Noah Builds the Ark

Read Genesis 6:5-22

*****For preschoolers, read "Noah's Ark" in the Beginner's Bible by Zonderkidz. For this week, only read pages 26-28.***

Do you like to build things with Legos? Maybe you have built towers, buildings, cars, spaceships, planes, or maybe even a boat. How did you know how to build these things? Did you have instructions? Did your parents help you? Or did you just use your own imagination and creativity?

Noah was a man who was asked by God to build something. God asked Noah to build a really big boat called an ark. God asked Noah to build the ark because He was not very happy with how the people on the earth were acting. They kept doing bad things and did not once think about God. And that made God sad. All the people, except for Noah, had forgotten about God.

God told Noah that He was going to save him, along with his family, from the flood that was going to come upon the earth. But first, Noah had to build the ark. Now, I wonder what Noah was thinking when God asked him to build an ark. Did he wonder how he was going to do it? What supplies would he use? How big did it need to be? Would there be enough room for everyone in his family? These may have been the questions going through his mind at the time.

But Noah need not worry about any of that. God gave Noah specific directions on how to build the ark. He told him what type of wood to use, how many rooms to put in it, what to coat the rooms with, how long, wide, and tall it should be, how to finish the roof, and even where to put the doors of the ark. And then God told Noah to bring in two of every animal on the earth, as well as every kind of food to be eaten and stored away. Noah didn't have to try to come up with his own plan because God had already given him a plan.

Did you know that God gives us instructions on how to live? We don't have to try and figure out on our own how to live our lives. The Bible is our guide and God tells us exactly how to live our lives in it. Make sure to spend time reading your Bible in order to learn all about God and how to be a faithful follower of Him. And then listen, trust, and obey God, just like Noah did.

Holy God, thank You for saving Noah, his family, and the animals. Help me to listen to your instructions just as Noah did. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Family Game - Week One

Animal Charades

Supplies Needed: animal charades list, basket

Cut apart each animal name from the animal charades list. Fold and place in a basket.

Divide your family into teams. On your team's turn, draw an animal name out. Have one team member act out the animal without speaking. Other team members will try and guess the animal. If your team guesses correct, give your team a point. Repeat until all animal names have been drawn. Add up the points for each team to see who wins!

Elephant

Lion

Flamingo

Monkey

Bat

Giraffe

Rhinoceros

Mosquito

Dog

Snake

Donkey

Cheetah

Horse

Pig

Family Craft -Week One

Build an Ark

Supplies Needed: Legos or blocks (or cardboard boxes and duct tape)

Build your own ark using Legos or blocks. See how big you can make it with the supplies you have. If you have small toy animals, fit them inside your ark.

If you want to make a bigger ark, use cardboard boxes and duct tape. Pull apart boxes and duct tape multiple boxes together to make one large boat. This would be fun to do so kids could have something they could sit in and feel like they are inside the story of Noah's Ark.

Family Snack - Week One

Noah's Ark Snack Mix

Animals Crackers

Goldfish

Popcorn

M&Ms

Mix all the ingredients together in a large bowl and serve.