

Family Devotion - Week Two

The Flood

Read Genesis 7

*****For preschoolers, read "Noah's Ark" in the Beginner's Bible by Zonderkidz. For this week read pages 26-31.***

After a very long time, the ark was finally finished. It is believed that it took Noah around 120 years to build the ark. God was patient and He waited until Noah had finished the ark before He sent the rain to flood the earth.

Here comes the flood!

That's what I envision Noah shouting to his family and to all the animals as the rain began to pour down. His wife, children, and their families entered the ark and made their way inside to their safety. They were so very thankful to be saved from the rain and flood that would come over the earth.

God told Noah to collect two of every animal, which included birds and creatures that moved on the ground. When you hear the story, you might think Noah had to go out and round up all the animals and get them onto the ark. But in Genesis 7:8-9, it says that the animals "came to Noah and entered the ark." It's almost like the pairs of each animal Noah was to collect knew they were to get on the ark. They knew where to go and what to do. And they went. Isn't that pretty amazing?

What animals do you think entered the ark? Take a few minutes to shout out the names of animals that were on the ark...

When the rains came, it poured for forty days and forty nights. I am not a fan of rainy days. I love the sun. So I can't imagine being on an ark with animals for forty days and nights (talk about a bad smell). Nowhere to go but inside the ark. No sun shining either.

The flood wiped out everyone on the earth and all the animals on the earth. The only ones that were saved were Noah, his family, and two of every animal that entered the ark. It would have been hard to be Noah and his family, but I know they were very grateful to God to have been saved. God was with Noah and his family as the rain continued to pour and the water began to rise. And I bet Noah was so thankful he listened to God and built the ark (even though other people thought he was crazy for doing it).

Father God, thank You for saving Noah and his family. Remind us to trust in You at all times. Amen.

Family Game - Week Two

Animal Matching Game

Supplies Needed: animal matching cards

It's time for the animals to get on the ark, but first they have to be paired up with their partner! In this game, you will match the animals together.

Cut apart each square. Mix the cards up and lay them face down. Take turns uncovering two cards at a time. If you find a match, you can keep it and then go again. If you don't find a match, turn the two cards back over and then move on to the next player. When you find a match, you must then shout out the noise that the animal makes! Play until all cards have been matched. The player with the most matched cards wins!

Family Craft - Week Two

Rain Stick

Supplies Needed: empty paper towel roll, duct tape, uncooked rice or beans, aluminum foil, markers, crayons or stickers

It rained and poured for forty days! Can you imagine hearing it rain for that long? In this activity, you will be creating your own rain stick so that you can hear the sound of rain.

Take an empty paper towel roll and duct tape one end of it. Next, tear off a piece of aluminum foil. Twist it then slide it inside the roll. Add in rice or beans. Duct tape the other end of the paper towel roll. Decorate the outside of your rain stick any way you like using markers, crayons, or stickers. Then flip your rain stick to hear the cool rain sounds!

Family Snack - Week Two

Animal Crackers & Yogurt

Box of animal crackers

Vanilla yogurt

Blue food coloring

Tint your vanilla yogurt by putting in a few drops of blue food coloring. Stir until completely blue. Then dip your animal crackers in the blue yogurt and enjoy a sweet treat.