



God Spared Noah | Oct 17, 2021 | 3rd - 5th grade

God created everything and everything He created was good. Sin entered the world through Adam and Eve and spread to impact everyone. God shows His goodness that despite our sin He desires a relationship with us.

BIBLE PASSAGE: Genesis 6-10

BIG PICTURE QUESTION: Why do we need a rescuer? God created everything and it was good, but sin wrecked the world and separated us from God.

CHRIST'S 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.

THE WIN FOR SUNDAY GROUPS: Give kids a first look at The Bible, Jesus and our need for a Savior by embracing their physical needs or engaging their interests. Use The Code when necessary to help redirect kids and build relationships.

BIBLE PASSAGE CONTEXT

The Bible is full of promises. As early as the first few chapters of Genesis, we begin to see God make, and even fulfill, His promises: promises for punishment and for blessing, for death and for life, for separation and for salvation. In Noah's journey to build an ark, survive the flood, and begin to repopulate the earth, we find multiple reminders that the Lord is faithful to fulfill His promises.

When God destroyed the entire population of the earth except for Noah and his family, we are reminded that God keeps His promise to preserve a remnant of His people always. When Noah sent a dove to find dry land and it returned with an olive leaf, we are reminded of God's promise to show His people the way at just the right time. And when God painted His bow in the sky, we are reminded of God's promise that He will always keep His Word.

In a world filled with fake news and false prophets, we are often skeptical of the stories and promises that we hear and read about. When it comes to the promises and claims of the world, we should be discerning. But when it comes to the promises of God, we should be trusting.

As you survey Genesis 6-10, may it stir a great reminder in your heart and mind that God is always faithful and true. God is no liar, and He will not turn back from His word. May these chapters of Genesis also give you hope that though everything around you may fail, God's Word never will.

God is a God of great and magnificent promises. And every single one of them we can trust completely. When in doubt of this truth, look to the cross of Christ and His empty grave.

God will fulfill His promises. This week, pray that God would stir in you many reminders of how He keeps His word.

Terms to Know:

Favor- Undeserved blessing given by a powerful being to one who is less powerful. Noah did not earn his salvation, but his life did demonstrate that he possessed saving faith. Hebrews 11:7

TAKEAWAYS

- Sin started in the garden with Adam and Eve and it spread throughout the whole earth.
- This made God sad that He had made people and He decided to destroy the entire earth with a flood and start over.
- But even in God's judgement of sin, there was still salvation.
- God saved Noah and his family from the flood by instructing Noah to build an ark.
- God saved Noah from the destruction of the flood, and God sent Jesus to save us from the destruction of our sin.
- **Bottom Line:** God punishes sin, but He also shows mercy.

Small Group Prayer: "God, thank You for saving Noah from the destruction of the flood. Noah's salvation gives us hope and points us to the salvation that comes through Jesus Christ's death and resurrection. Help us to trust in Him. Amen."

SOCIAL ACTIVITY: Lego Challenge

What You Need: Lego sets and Lego Challenge Cards

What You Do

Lay out the legos and pull a challenge card.

Ask kids to work together or independently to create the best thing they can create to represent the challenge on the card you shared with them.

Read the card.

Ask this question: "Have you ever been in a terrible storm? Tell us about it. Were you scared in the storm? Did you pray and ask God to protect you?"

What You Say: As kids are coming in, set up the game and ask kids to join you as you play the game. Games are a great way for kids to engage with each other and you as you get to know each other. Use this time to ask them questions about their week and any other important follow up questions to things you have talked about in the past.

Play a Worship Song or 2 from your Worship DVD/Roku
Play the Bible teaching DVD/Roku

APPLICATION ACTIVITY: Rainbow Experiment

What You Need: absorbent paper towels, small cups or jars (2 per group), water, washable markers

What You Do:

- Form groups of 2-4 kids.
- Provide each group with a paper towel, washable markers, and 2 small cups half full of water.
- Give the following instructions:
 - Fold the paper towel in half lengthwise.
 - Color each end of the paper towel with the colors of the rainbow. Make a thick line for each color.
 - Place the ends of the paper towel in the cups, one end in each cup. (Do not fully submerge the colors)
 - Watch the water make its way up the paper towel, carrying the color to the center.

What You Say "Why did God put a rainbow in the sky after the flood? God placed a rainbow in the sky as a special sign of the covenant He made with Noah - to never flood the earth again. Every time we see a rainbow, we can remember God's promise. God always keeps His promises. Let's spend a few minutes talking about our discussion questions as we clean up."

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- **Was Noah perfect? Why did God choose to save him and his family?**
- **How do you feel, knowing God saves sinners?**
- **Why would God want to destroy His own creation?** Guide kids to consider why God wanted to destroy the very people He had created. Help them to understand that God saw the spread of sin throughout the world. God saw that men were wicked, even every thought was evil. Help them understand that sin deeply grieves God. It's not just that God must punish sin, it's also that God is sad when His people choose to sin.
- **Why did God choose to save Noah?** Help the kids understand that God chose to save Noah because God is merciful. Noah loved and trusted God, but was a sinner like everyone else. Help the kids to understand that God chose to save Noah to point others to Jesus. Every story in the Bible points us to Jesus. Help kids consider how the story of Noah foreshadows the story of Jesus saving us from the punishment of sin: death.
- **How can we trust God to keep His promises?** Help the kids to discuss the promise God made to Noah. God promised Noah that He would never destroy the world through a flood again. Help the kids to consider other promises God made throughout the Bible. Help them understand that God always keeps His promises. We can trust God to keep His promises because God is perfect and all-powerful. He can never fail. He does not lie. Help kids understand that we can trust God just as the people in the Bible, like Noah, did.
- **What has God saved you from? How should you respond?** Remind kids that Noah was not spared God's judgment against sin because of anything he had done but because of God's grace alone. Noah's right response was to completely surrender to God. God wants us to totally surrender to Him. He is our loving and all-powerful God. God has saved us from death and separation from Him. In Jesus, we have forgiveness and life with God forever. We are right to respond with obedience and worship, living for Him and His glory. Read Romans 12:1.

TRANSITION TO HOME: Prepare kids to talk with their family about what they learned today.

- As family members arrive to pick up their kid, greet them and tell them one thing you noticed about their kid that day or something you talked to each kid about remembering this week.
- If there is time to chat with the family, ask how you can pray for them this week.
- Say bye to the kid and call them by name.