



God Spared Noah | Oct 17, 2021 | 3 year olds and 4 year olds

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: Bean Bag Toss

What You Need: Toss Fold Up, Bean Bags, painter's tape for floor

What You Do:

Set up the Toss game. Put a taped line on the floor to mark where kids will stand to toss. Younger kids might need to stand closer. Give each kid 3 tries to toss a bean bag in the holes. Celebrate any victory.

Say: That was a fun game to get us ready to watch our Bible video. Let's pray and listen to our story today."

Introduce the Story

"All people after Adam and Eve disobeyed God too. God was very sad. One day, God told Noah to make a big boat. Noah obeyed God. Then Noah, his family, and some of every animal got in the boat. Rain came and the earth was covered with water. The boat floated, and God kept Noah and his family safe. When the water went back down and everyone came out of the boat, Noah thanked God. God promised to never again flood the whole earth, and He put a rainbow in the sky to remind us of His promise."

Play a Worship Song or 2 from DVD or Roku
Play the Teaching Video on DVD or Roku

APPLICATION ACTIVITY: Build a Box Boat

What You Need: Large Cardboard box kids can sit in, washable markers, crayons, stickers

What You Do:

- Place a cardboard box in a large open area on the floor.
- Lay washable markers, crayons and stickers next to the box.
- Ask the preschoolers to help make a boat like Noah's.
- Invite the children to take turns getting in and out of the box.
- Help them as needed.
- Direct preschoolers to use the markers, crayons, and stickers to decorate the box. Write the words: "Everyone makes wrong choices" Romans 3:23 on the side of the box.

What You Say "God showed kindness to Noah. God told Noah to build a big boat to keep Noah's family and animals safe from the flood. Do you think our boat is as big as Noah's? God rescued Noah and his family from the flood. Later, there was an even greater rescue when Jesus came to save people from sin."

TRANSITION ACTIVITY: Make a Rainstorm with our Bodies

What You Need: no supplies needed

What You Do:

- Ask the children to help create a rainstorm using their bodies.
- Invite them to think of ways to make stormy sounds such as stomping feet to create thunder, patting knees to create rain, and clapping hands to create lightning.

What You Say: “In our Bible story, we heard rain fell and covered the whole earth with water. God sent a great flood because people chose to disobey God. God told Noah to build an ark. He obeyed God. Do you think it was hard for Noah to obey God? God kept Noah, his family, and the animals safe. How do you think Noah and his family felt while they were on the ark? What are some ways we can obey God?”

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.