

## Lesson 32: God Floods the Earth

[Genesis 7-8; 9:8-16](#)

**Youtube Link for Teachers:** <https://youtu.be/HKxowsFgRFQ>

**Children's Bible Story Video:** <https://youtu.be/MeHDbLbN-jg>

**Worship Theme:** We can always depend on God.

**Memory Verse:** "We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield." (Psalm 33:20)

Songs (Youtube links):

1. Grandfather Noah <https://youtu.be/97I8ePxrQ7s>
2. Your Time <https://youtu.be/uOmu3Qm5pr0>
1. My Peace I Give Unto You <https://youtu.be/N9mBBb9zljw>

### Pray

**Song:** Select songs from the list above.

### Icebreaker: "Back and Forth Three-Legged Race"

Materials Needed: strings

1. Have each child find a partner and stand together.
2. One child will face the front and the other child will face the back. Then they will tie their legs together with a string given by the teacher.
3. When the teacher says "ready, set, go," everyone will walk to the finish line and come back.
4. The first group to return with the strings still tied wins the game.
5. After the game, explain to the children that we cannot live in this world alone and that we need to work together to make lives better for everyone.



### Introduction:

Who likes to play in the rain? What was the deepest flood you have ever experienced during the rainy season? Can you imagine there being a flood that goes higher than the mountain? Today, we will learn about a family who trusted God to take care of them during the big flood!

### Bible Story:

Last week, we learned that people kept on sinning and stopped listening to God which made God very sad. God told Noah to build an ark because he wanted to get rid of all the sinful people. Noah knew that he could always trust and depend on God, so Noah followed all of God's instructions and built an ark that would hold his family and all the animals. Noah and his family, along with all the animals, got into the ark and closed the door. Even when the people saw all the animals walk into the ark, people did not repent and did not believe in God. But Noah and his family knew they could always trust God, so they obeyed.

The Bible says that after Noah and his family entered the ark, it started to rain. It rained, and it poured. For 40 days and 40 nights, it rained and it poured. The flood waters started to rise, and the ark started to float. Noah and his family were depending on God to keep them safe. As the water rose higher and higher, it lifted the ark high above the earth. The water rose higher and higher, and the ark floated on the water. The water eventually covered even the mountains. Still Noah and his family were safe. They were not scared because they knew they could depend on God.

After 40 days and 40 nights, the rain stopped. Noah, his family, and all the animals were safe in the ark. The ark was floating on a huge ocean. All the towns and cities and mountains and fields were covered with water. After many days, God sent a wind to blow over the earth and dry up all the water. As the water went down, the ark eventually came to rest on the top of a mountain called Ararat.

Noah sent out a dove. But the dove couldn't find any place to land, so it returned. A week later Noah tried again. This time the dove came back with an olive branch in its mouth. This told Noah that the trees weren't covered by water anymore. Soon the ground would be dry, too.

After another week, Noah sent the dove out, and this time it didn't come back because the land was dry and there were many trees. When it was finally safe and the land was livable, God told Noah to come out. God promised Noah that he would never destroy the world with a flood again. As a reminder of his promise, God put a rainbow in the sky. Whenever we see a rainbow, we are reminded that we can depend on God to always keep his promises.

God is dependable. We can always trust God to love us, to guide us, and to be available to us. God keeps his promises all the time. God does his best for us all the time. There's never any reason to wonder if God is there or to wonder if God has forgotten about us. God shines his light for us all the time because God is always dependable!

### Questions to discuss:

1. How long did it rain after Noah, his family, and the animals went inside the ark? (40 days and nights)
2. Who promised to keep Noah, his family, and the animals safe? (God)
3. Why were Noah and his family not scared even during the flood? (because they knew they could always depend on God)
4. What are some things in your life that you need to depend on God for help? (Let the children share)

### Game: "Locked Knees Relay"

Materials Needed: plates

1. Divide the children into 2 groups and give them one plate each.
2. Have the groups line up and the first child will put the plate in between their legs and walk over to the next child (about 2 meters apart) . Then they have to pass the plate to that child without using hands.
3. The first group to pass the plate to the last child wins the game.
4. Then the two winnings groups will compete with each other to determine the final winner.
5. After the game, explain to the children that it is not easy to carry and pass the plates in our knees without using hands. It was not easy for Noah to gather all the animals and foods for more than 40 days into the ark. But he obeyed because he trusted God.



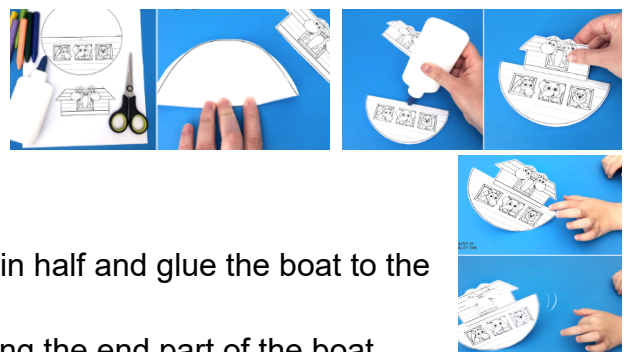
### Memory Verse:

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### Craft: "Noah Depends on God"

Materials Needed: Printed craft sheet, crayon, scissors, glue

1. Give the printed craft sheet to each child and have them color the rainbow, boat, and the animals.
2. Cut out the circle and the boat. Fold the circle in half and glue the boat to the top of the circle.
3. You can let it stand and make it move by tapping the end part of the boat.



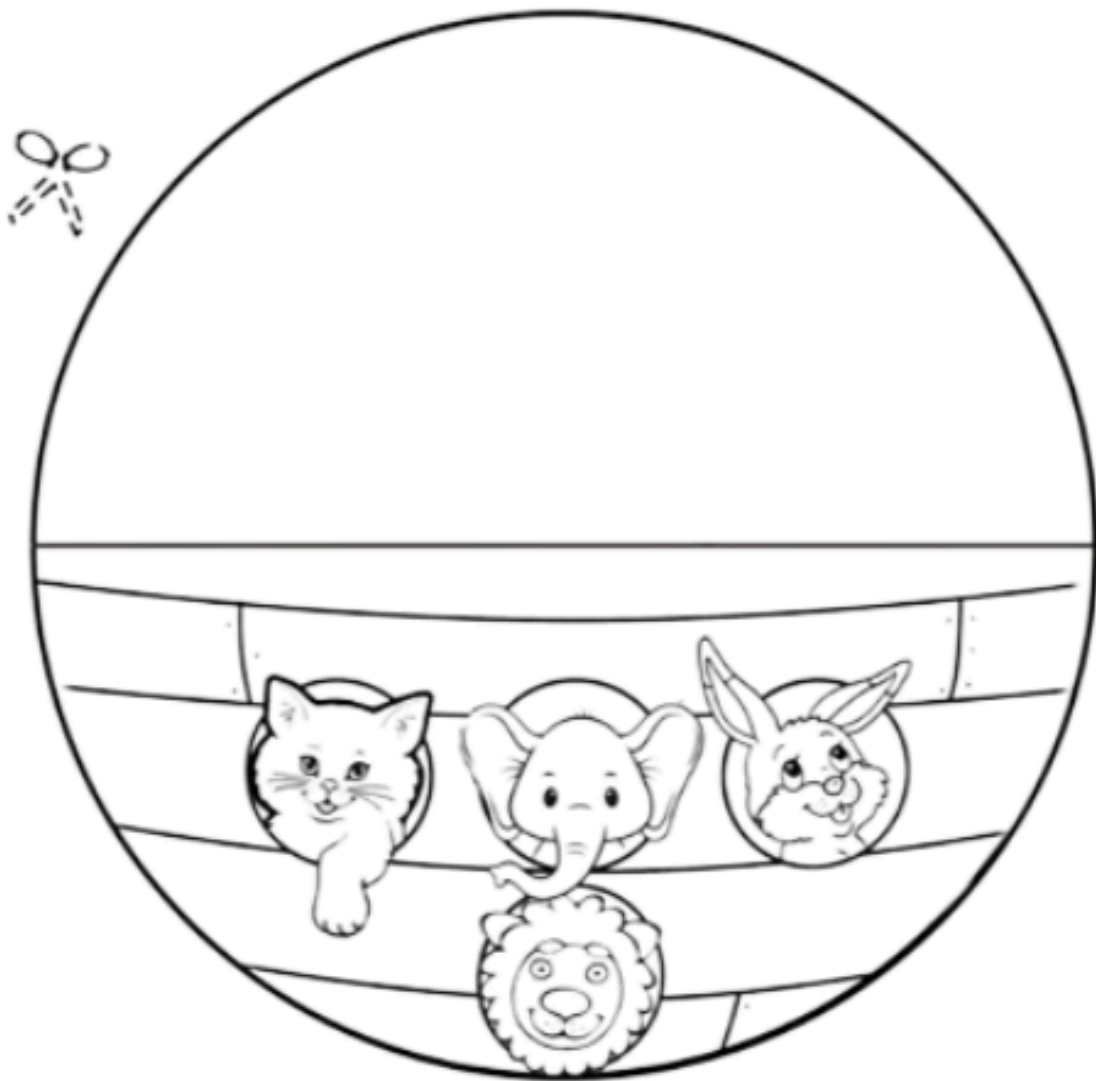
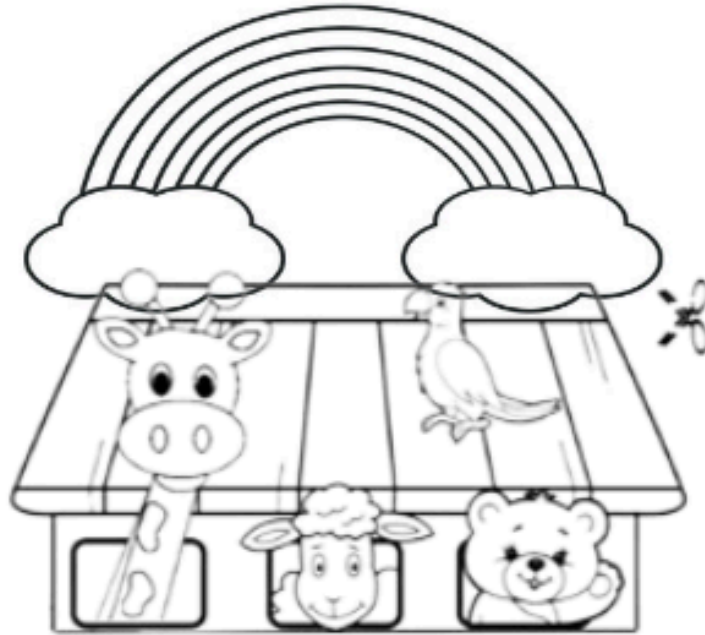
**Song:** Select songs from the list above

### Pray

#### Teacher's Devotion (Please read before you get ready to teach the students.)

How do you feel about promises? Can you keep a promise? Can you trust a friend who makes a promise to you? When God makes a promise, you can trust that nothing in this world can stop God from keeping his promise. God's promises bring comfort, hope, and peace. Think about all the promises God kept in the Bible. Thank God for his unbroken promises!

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