



Lesson Two

God Saves Noah and His Family

Heart Preparation & Bible Background



Bible Truth

God saved Noah and his family from the flood, and Noah responded to God's covenant grace with faith, obedience and worship.

Scripture

Genesis 6:5–9:17



Lesson Focus

Learn to trust and obey God because he faithfully cares for his children.

Goals for the Children

- Name promises God made.
- Recognize the rainbow as a sign of God's promise.
- Tell what Noah did when God saved him.
- Ask for a heart that trusts and obeys God.
- Praise God for his faithful care.



Memory Minute

*Review Psalm 145:13b:
The LORD is faithful to all his promises.*

As time passed and the earth became populated, the sin that entered the world with Adam and Eve's disobedience escalated. Instead of serving God, the people God made filled the earth with their mounting wickedness. God was so grieved by what he saw that he resolved to destroy what he had made, and thus wipe out the sin that prevailed.

How could God do this and still keep his promise to one day send a Savior from Eve's family to redeem his people? God had established a covenant with his people and he could be counted on to keep his promise; he would not abandon his own or completely destroy the earth.

God chose to save Noah—a descendant of Seth—and called him to prepare an ark for the salvation of himself, his family and some animals from the coming flood. It took Noah 120 years to build the ark. Hebrews 11:7 indicates that the judgment was set and irreversible from the beginning, and that Noah condemned the world by his faith:

By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

Through it all, Noah clung to God and his Word. The Lord had extended his grace to Noah and his family, and this enabled Noah to respond with faith and obedience. He did what God commanded because he believed that the Lord would do exactly what he had said.

As you tell the story of Noah and the great flood, focus on God and his covenant promises. Emphasize that when God sent the flood of judgment, he kept the earth and some people alive so he could work out his great plan of salvation.

Teach the children that God kept his promise to send a Savior by saving Noah and his family. In response, Noah showed that he believed God by obeying God and worshiping him.

Pray that the children will respond to their loving heavenly Father and his promises to them with hearts that trust and obey him, and respond in praise for his faithful care for them.