

Noah Builds the Ark

Bible Lesson: Genesis 6 – 8

Books of the Bible

HISTORY

Ezra
Nehemiah
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Many, many years went by after Adam and Eve lived on this earth. Many people were born and many people died. As the years went by, the people who lived on the earth forgot about God. They didn't talk to God or listen to Him. They thought only about sinful things and did sinful things.

God saw that people were very wicked. The Bible tells us God was grieved in His heart, and He said, "I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land." God decided to destroy the people on earth with a flood!

But as God looked over the earth, He found one man who had not forgotten about God. His name was Noah. The Bible tells us that Noah walked with God, listened to God, and obeyed God.

God remembered Noah and his family. God told Noah about His plan. He said, "Noah, I want you and your family to be safe when the flood comes. Build an ark out of gopher wood. Make it three stories high. Put in one window near the top and one door on the side. Take your family into the ark. Bring every living thing, two by two, into the ark to keep them alive."

Noah did everything God told him to do. It took 120 years to build the ark! Noah made the ark even when the land was dry. Noah knew it was right to obey God even though he didn't understand God's plan.

After the ark was complete, Noah, his family, and the animals entered the ark. Then God shut the door. Seven days later, the rain began to fall. The Bible says, "The fountains of the great deep burst open, and the floodgates of the sky were opened." The rains fell and fell for forty days and forty nights! The whole earth was covered with water! Every living thing that was on the face of the land died.

Because Noah believed and obeyed God, all that were on the ark were safe. God provided the ark as a refuge for Noah and his family. God does not want people to die because of their sins. God wants people to ask Him to forgive their sins. God promises to bless and keep all people who take refuge in Him.

Memory Verse

It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in man. *Psalms 118:8*

