



Family devotions

SUNDAY

Isaiah 42:5-7

MONDAY

Psalm 47:1-9

TUESDAY

Psalm 95:1-7a

WEDNESDAY

Genesis 8:1-7, 15-17

THURSDAY

Hebrews II:1-3, 7

FRIDAY

Psalm 31:1-5

SATURDAY

Exodus 13:18; 14:9-10, 13-16, 21-31

Genesis 6:5 – 9:19

Prayer

Dear God, thank You for Your Word, the Bible, that teaches us about who You are and what You have done for us. Thank You for being the one true God who created the whole world. Thank You for providing the way of salvation by sending Your Son, Jesus, to die on the cross for our sins. Forgive us our sins, and help us to walk with You by faith each day. Amen.

Family activity

- * Visit a zoo to see different kinds of animals God put on the ark. Talk about why God sent a flood and why God saved Noah and his family.
- * Explore ships, ancient to modern. Look at books about ships or use the internet. Talk about what different ships are used for, what they transport, and how much they carry. Then look at books about the ark and compare to the other ships.
- ** Mark out the dimensions of the ark in your yard or at a park. Talk about how God provided salvation from the flood for Noah and his family.

Did you know?

- * Noah was 600 years old when the flood came and 950 years old when he died.
- * The ark was about 450 feet long, 75 feet wide, and 45 feet high.
- * Noah, his family, and all the animals were in the ark for over a year about five months floating and seven months on the mountains of Ararat.
- * Mount Ararat is in eastern Turkey, near the Iranian border.

What's it all about?

Why did God have to destroy the wicked people living on the earth? Was He so angry He couldn't tolerate one more evil deed? On the contrary, Genesis 6:6 says that the Lord was grieved in His heart. God felt great sorrow because the people He had created were so evil, like a parent hurting for a wayward child.

But because God is a just God, He had to destroy the wicked people. When God gives a judgment, He is not retaliating pain for pain. He is so purely just, He has to do what is right. Psalm 89:14a says, "Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Thy throne." But God is also a God of grace. Genesis 6:8 says, "Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD." Because Noah walked with God, God found a way for Noah, his family, and the animals to be saved. Praise God for His justice, His grace, and His compassion.

Songs to sing

"Noah Was Safe in the Ark"

"God Loves Me Dearly"

"I Am Trusting You, Lord Jesus"

Memory verse

o not fear! Stand by and see the salvation of the LORD which He will accomplish for you today." Exodus 14:13

Where's Noah's Ark?

Connect the dots and color the picture



Big flood

Genesis 6:5 - 9:19

any years after Adam and Eve left the Garden of Eden, people started to forget about God. There were many people living on the earth, but most of them did not love or obey God. God said, "I am sorry I made people. I will destroy man and other living creatures." But there was one man who believed in God's promise of a Savior. His name was Noah. God decided to save Noah and his family.

God told Noah to build an ark, which is a very big boat. God told Noah exactly how to build the ark. Noah did just what God wanted. It took I20 years to build the ark!

When the ark was done, God sent two of every kind of animal into the ark — two

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Exodus 14:13

bears, two cows, two rabbits, and even two skunks! Then Noah and his family went into the ark. Once everyone was inside, God shut the big door.

Soon rain began to fall. The rain poured and poured for forty days and forty nights until the highest mountain was covered with water. God covered the whole earth with water, and everyone drowned. But Noah and his family and the animals were safe and dry inside the ark.

Finally, the rain stopped. After many days, the ark came to rest on a mountain. Noah sent a dove out the window to see if there was any dry land. The dove came back. She was tired of flying. She couldn't find any dry place to rest.

A week later Noah sent the dove out again. This time she came back with a freshly picked olive leaf in her beak. The water was going away!

The last time the dove went out, she didn't come back at all. God told Noah it was time to leave the ark.

All the people and animals came out of the ark. Noah and his family worshiped God and thanked Him for keeping them safe. Then God put a beautiful rainbow in the sky. This was God's promise that He would never again flood the whole earth with water.