

## Digging Deeper

### Lessons From Noah & The Flood?

- **We can grieve the heart of God with our sin.**

God was grieved by sin then and He's grieved by our sin now. He can't just ignore it because He is a holy and righteous God.

- **God always provides a way for us to begin again with Him.**

God must judge sin, but he is also merciful, loving, and full of grace. He will never leave us without a way to come back to Him.

- **We will not always understand God and His ways, but we can trust Him.**

- **We can obey God even if the world thinks we are crazy.**

Sometimes obeying God means believing and doing things that the world won't understand, but we know that God honors our obedience to him.

- **All things are possible with God.**

## Family Activity

Find a shoebox, wood scraps, or sticks and fashion an ark. Decorate the ark. Cut out animal pictures to glue onto the ark, or use play-dough to make animals. As you work together, talk about how in Noah's day people made decisions about how to live. Noah's family was the only family that decided to love and trust God. God took care of them. God takes care of us today.

# Devotional Guide

*For Individuals and Families (Issue #4)*

## THE JOURNEY INTO DARKNESS

Our story begins many years after Adam and Eve left the garden of Eden. There were many people living on the earth at this time. Sadly, they did not love God or love each other. This made God very sad. In fact, people were so disobedient to God that God decided to destroy life on the earth. God found only one man who was good. His name was Noah. Noah loved God and did what was right. God talked to Noah and said, "Noah, I am sad people do not love me or follow my ways. I am going to destroy the whole earth with a flood. All the people and all the animals will be gone, but because you love Me and follow my ways, I am going to keep you and your family safe."

God explained to Noah exactly how He would protect his family. He gave Noah instructions to build a big ark. An ark is a boat or a ship. The boat would keep Noah and his family safe when the rain came, and the waters rose. God also told Noah that He would send two of every kind of animal into the boat. He asked Noah to bring enough food for his family and for all the animals. Can you imagine all that food—and all those hungry animals? Noah obeyed God and got to work building the ark. Picture in your mind Noah and his three sons getting out their saws and cutting down trees to make the boat. Back and forth went their saws! Chop, chop, chop went the chisels! Bang, bang, bang went their axes and hammers! Noah and his sons worked long and hard to finish the boat, just as God had instructed. Noah did everything God told him to do.

Following the flood, the human race resumed its expansion. Genesis tells about the founding of Babylon and other cities and nations of the ancient world. But soon these nations slipped into arrogance and immorality, just like the people destroyed by the flood. The flood stands as powerful testimony that sin is serious.

**Journey Through the Bible  
Journey to a Better Family**

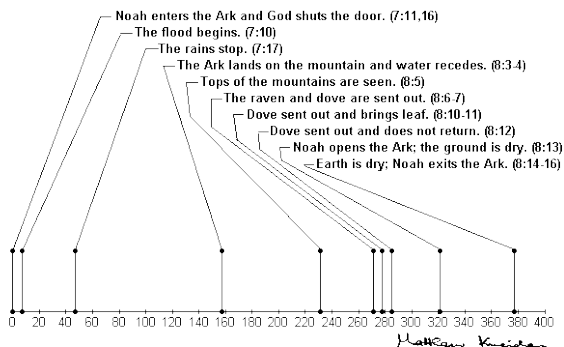
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Genesis 6-8**

## DISCUSSION

Noah's life can be seen as a model of patience, persistence, and unwavering faithfulness to God in the face of a faithless society. Surely it wasn't easy for Noah, but he found favor in God's eyes because of his remarkable obedience.

Just as God blessed and saved Noah, he will faithfully bless and protect those who follow and obey him today. The call to obedience is not a short-term, one-time call. Like Noah, obedience must be lived out over a lifetime of faithful commitment. Those who persevere will finish the race.

Timeline of Noah and the Flood



Read Genesis chapters 6-8.

Ask: Why did God flood the earth? (People did not love God or each other.)

Ask: Why did God take care of Noah? And his family? (Noah loved God and did what was right.)

Talk about some things Noah needed for the ark. (i.e. Wood, food for family and animals.)

Pray thanking God He took care of Noah and the animals.

*Look up these other verses that refer to Noah –*

**Isaiah 54:9**

**Ezekiel 14:14**

**Matthew 24:37–38**

**Luke 3:36; 17:26**

**Hebrews 11:7**

**1 Peter 3:20**

**2 Peter 2:5**

## GOALS THIS WEEK

### SUNDAY

- Review/Discuss notes from Bible class.

### MONDAY

- Read THE BIG STORY from page #1
- Look up the additional verses listed on page #2 that refer to Noah.

### TUESDAY

- Read Genesis chapters 6-8. Complete “DISCUSSION” from page #2

### WEDNESDAY

- Review/Discuss notes from Bible class.

### THURSDAY

- Read and work on MEMORY VERSES

### FRIDAY

- Use DIGGING DEEPER from page #4 as a guide for discussion.

### SATURDAY

- Complete FAMILY ACTIVITY from pg #4

## MEMORY VERSES

- Genesis 7:5, “And Noah did according to all that the Lord commanded him.”
- Genesis 7:6, “Noah was six hundred years old when the floodwaters were on the earth.”
- Genesis 7:7, “So Noah, with his sons, his wife, and his sons’ wives, went into the ark because of the waters of the flood.”