

Genesis Lesson 4: The Flood

Kids' Bible Study Lesson

Older and Younger Kids

Mandatory Items: Please do not omit these first five items, although you can change them to suit your taste/style, etc., as long as you read from God's Word during your lesson.

Lesson from God's Word:

Materials, rectangular cardboard box, popsicle sticks, glue, paper with facts about Noah, the ark and flood, lists of scripture to read, and a list of animals to use (although you could really use any animal you want).

Divide the class into two teams. Teams will take turns drawing out Popsicle sticks and doing what comes along with it. For example, if they get a Popsicle stick with "Read" on it they get to read the next passage of scripture about Noah, if they get a popsicle stick with "fact" on it, they get to read the fact for the class and if they get a Popsicle stick with the name of an animal on it they must act like that animal.

The different types of sticks are worth different points—reading the Bible is worth 20 points, reading a fact is worth 10 and doing an animal impression is worth 5.

The way you keep track of points is this: with more Popsicle sticks. They are awarded one Popsicle stick per point. At the end of the game, the teams will use their Popsicle sticks to build their ark.

Scripture to Read:

Genesis 6:5-9

Genesis 6:13-16

Genesis 6:17-19 & Genesis 6:22

Genesis 7:11-16

Genesis 7:17-22

Genesis 8:1-4

Genesis 8:6 & Genesis 8:8-9 and Genesis 8:10

Genesis 8:15-21

Genesis 9:11-15

Facts about the Ark, Noah and the Flood:

*The Ark was 450 feet long, 75 feet long and 45 feet tall. That's about 10 school buses long, 2 school buses long and one school bus tall.

*It rained for 40 days and 40 nights, but Noah and his family were on the ark for a total of 379 days—that's over a year!

*The water of the flood covered the whole earth until it was 20 feet higher than the highest mountain on earth—That would be 29,049 feet of water (Mount Everest is 29,029 feet tall), but we don't know if that was the tallest mountain before the flood or if another mountain was.

*When it began to rain that was the very first time it had ever rained on Earth. God made His promise clear not to flood the Earth, partly so people wouldn't totally freak out every time it rained from then on.

*The Grand Canyon was probably formed when layers of mud settled and dried after the flood.

*The world was completely different before and after the flood. The land, oceans, weather, everything changed!

*There were more than just 2 of every kind of animal. He brought 2 of every kind of unclean animal and 7 pairs of clean animals and 7 pairs of all birds in the sky. (See Genesis 1:2-3)

*When it was time, God sent the animals to Noah. God also shut the door (Genesis 7:16)

*God commands Noah to make the ark out of gopher wood, but scientists aren't sure exactly what gopher wood was.

*It probably took Noah over 100 years to build the ark. He was 600 years old the year the flood began!

Animals:

Elephant	Dog	Cat	Gorilla	Alligator	Mouse
Flamingo	squirrel	Bear	Tyrannosaurus Rex		
Cheetah	Snake	Gecko	Duck	Hippopotamus	

When the game is done, have the kids hold on to their Popsicle sticks for a moment as you give the Connection to Christ and Gospel Presentation.

Connection to Christ & Gospel Presentation:

It took Noah over 100 years to build the ark and all that time, people saw what he was doing and he probably warned them of what was going to happen, but they did not believe him or they did not care. They kept living evil lives.

Today, we know that Jesus has promised us to come back to earth a second time—this time to remove take all the Christians home, get rid of satan once and for all and to be the ruler of the earth. Even though people have heard this and have been warned, they either don't believe or they don't care. That is very sad, because God has made it very easy for us to come to Him and be forgiven and be saved. We can be saved from something far more dangerous than a flood—we can be saved from death itself if we just ask Jesus to forgive our sin and make Him the Lord of our lives.

We probably all know people who need to know the Lord, but maybe we are the ones who need to know Him. If that is you today, you can ask Jesus to forgive you right now. All you have to do is pray. Let's pray together.

Dear Jesus, I thank You that You are loving and good and that You have chosen to warn people that You are coming back so they can have an chance to turn away from their sin and turn to You. I want to do that today, Lord. Please forgive my sin and take it completely away. I want to give You complete control of my life. Thank You for saving me. Amen

Building the Arks:

Materials: small boxes, glue, tape, paper, drawings of what the ark likely looked like

Have each team work together to build their arks, using the popsicle sticks they won during the game. (You can let them count them up and celebrate the winning team now, if you want.)

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