

Opening prayer (example)

“Dear God,
We thank You for the chance to spend time with You. Please help us to learn more about Noah’s faith and Your promises, and to understand how we can grow closer to You. Amen”

Talk about promises

Use the following as discussion topics:

- Describe the worst storm you can remember. Have you ever seen anything flood before?
- Describe a promise that a friend or family member made to you, and then describe when they followed through with this promise.
- Describe a promise you made to someone else. Was it hard to keep?
- God is **steadfast**, which means He keeps His promises and He does not change. We will learn more about one of the promises God made His people that still remains today.

Bible story

Read the story of Noah’s Ark in the Bible (Genesis 6-9, or Genesis 6:5 - 8:22, 9:8-17 for a shorter reading).

Questions:

1. Why was Noah chosen to build the ark? What do we know about Noah from the text? (*Noah found favor with God, he was a righteous man, he walked with God*)
2. What was Noah’s response to God’s instructions? (*He did all that God commanded*)
3. How would you feel if you were Noah?
4. What does Noah’s response reveal about his character? (*He is faith-filled and loyal to God; he puts God first in his life and trusts God with the circumstances*)
5. What can we think of when we see a rainbow? (*God’s unchanging promise to us that He will never send a flood again and more broadly, God’s steadfastness*)

A closer look

1. How does God show His grace and mercy in the story of Noah?
2. How does God remind His people how much He loves them in the story of Noah?
3. How do you think the story of Noah points to Jesus?
4. What do we learn about God’s character in this story?
5. We learn that God is ultimately in control of everything on this earth. How does that make you feel?

Closing prayer

“Dear God,
Thank You for the story of Noah and the life that You gave him and his family. We know that we often turn away from You when we sin, but we thank You that our story does not end. Thank You for the gift of forgiveness You give to us each day through your Son, Jesus Christ. It is in His name we pray, Amen.”

Game/Activity

Ark Dimensions - Ark Size (see arkencounter.com, or below, for answers)

1. How big is a cubit?
2. How tall was the ark?
3. How long was the ark?
4. How many sheep would be able to fit into an ark of this size?

Word Scramble (attached to the email)

Answers to "Ark Dimensions":

1. *Cubit size = 17.5 - 20.6 inches*
2. *50 feet tall*
3. *510 feet long*
4. *120,000 sheep*

Note that the above lesson integrated material from <http://www.youthsource.com/2013/08/22/bible-study-noah-gods-crazy-request/>.