

Lesson 3 # Noah and the Flood - Faith in Action - Genesis 6-9

After a while God looked at the world He had made, and saw there was great wickedness. The thoughts of people were evil all the time.

God was sad and angry. He was even sorry He had made people because they were so mean to one another. God decided to send a flood to destroy the world.

God did see but one good man on the earth. Noah loved God and always did as God wanted. God planned to save Noah and his good family from the flood. He told Noah to build an ark so that his family would be safe. God asked Noah to take in two of each kind of unclean animal - one male and one female. The clean animals would go in by sevens. These could be used as sacrifices to God.

Noah did all God asked. He made the ark of gopher wood. It had 3 floors, one window, and one door. He put tar over the outside and inside so it would not leak. Noah had to gather food for his family and the animals also. What a big job!

Finally, all was ready. Noah, his family, and the animals went into the ark. God closed the door. It began to rain. It rained for 40 days and nights. Noah and his wife, his 3 sons (Shem, Ham, and Japheth) and their wives were safe as the waters rose higher and higher. Even the highest mountain was covered.

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What happened to the people who did not obey God? They died because they did not believe God. Noah and his family were saved because they trusted and obeyed.

Finally, the rain stopped. The ark rested on Mt. Ararat, but they had to wait until the water went down. Noah sent out a raven and then a dove to see if the water was gone. The third time the dove did not return so Noah knew they could leave the ark.

Don't you know they were happy to come out! Noah built an altar and worshipped God. God put a rainbow in the sky as a sign that He would not destroy the earth by water again.

Noah was faithful. He did all God asked. We, too, should trust and obey God. God will help us if we do what God says in His Word, the Bible.

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True & False Questions

- T F 1. The people on earth were wicked.
- T F 2. God did not care if they did evil.
- T. F 3. Noah was just and faithful.
- T F 4. God decided to send a flood.
- T F 5. God wanted Noah to build an Ark.
- T F 6. Noah would not build the Ark.
- T F 7. All the animals died.
- T F 8. Two of each kind of unclean animal went into the Ark.
- T F 9. It rained for 10 days and nights.
- T F 10. The Ark rested on Mt. Ararat.
- T F 11. God put the rainbow in the sky..
- T F 12. Noah did all God commanded.