

## THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

### **"A VERY WILD RIDE"**

<b>Scripture:</b>	<b>Gen. 7:17-24; 8:1-4, 6-11</b>	
<b>Bible Truths:</b>	God kept Noah safe in the ark. After the great flood, God <b>remembered</b> Noah. Noah waited patiently and God did not forget his faithful obedience to His commands.	
<b>Life Response Aims:</b>	To learn to wait for God's help and answer to our prayers.  To be patient.	
<b>Time Schedule</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>What to do</b>
<b>9:00 – 9:20 AM</b>	<b>Pre-session</b>	<b>"Recreate the story of Noah"</b>  Opening Prayer and Review of Memory Verses
<b>9:20 – 9:50 AM</b>	<b>Video Presentation</b>  <b>Bible Discussion</b>	  *see Bible insights
<b>9:50 – 10:05 AM</b>	<b>Activity</b>	Math sheet and crossword puzzle (younger kids)  Character Web (older kids)

10:05 – 10:30 AM	SNACKS	Distribute snacks
10:30 – 11:30 AM	<b>Activity</b>  <b>Memory Verse</b>  <b>Psalm 145:20a</b> <b>NIV</b>  <b>"The LORD</b> <b>watches over all</b> <b>who love Him."</b>	<b>Science Experiment on things that float</b>  <b>Noah Obeys (Skit)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Involve the children in the skit</li> <li>□ Music bg: "Raindrops Keep Fallin' on My Boat"</li> </ul>
11:30 – 11:45 AM	<b>Wrap-Up &amp; Dismissal</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Closing Prayer</li> </ul>

### Recreate the Story of Noah (Pre-Session)

Recreate the story of Noah by using chairs turned seat-side out to get the hull of the boat. Have small plastic animals/animal masks/finger puppets and give one to each child. Let them go two by two on board. When it has rained forty days and no land is in sight, **ask them to pray. Listen to each one's prayer.** This gives incredible insight for the teacher on how to work with prayer in later lessons. Praise them for their honest and frank prayers. Encourage them to say more as the seas get rougher. **Explain to the children how God watches over us all the time. Sometimes, He gives us a way to keep us safe from harm, like what He did for Noah during the flood.**

### Memory Verse Review

Genesis 6:8 "Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD."

Psalm 37:39 "The salvation of the righteous is from the LORD."

Review previous verses. Remind the children that Noah was a good man who walked with God. He also listened to God. Because he obeyed God and built the ark, God watched over him and his family. God protected Noah from the flood.

### **Science Experiment on things that float**

Provide water table and various items to sink and float. Children make predictions about which will sink and which will float, then try them out.

Next, provide various materials to construct boats, i.e., wood, styrofoam, paper, model magic, foil, milk cartons, etc. Can they make a boat that floats? Which of these materials floats the best and makes the best boat? Can you make a boat out of duplos (big lego blocks) that float? How many little plastic animals can you get on your boat before it sinks?

# Obeying God

## Noah Obeys God

—Genesis 6, 7

God told Noah to build a very big boat for his family and two each of all the animals. Noah obeyed God. What happened next? Fill in the letter missing from each animal pictured. Copy the missing letters in order onto the lines at the bottom of the page. These letters will spell the answer.



P I



M  O S E



O L P H I N



N A K E



B E  R



A A R D  A R K



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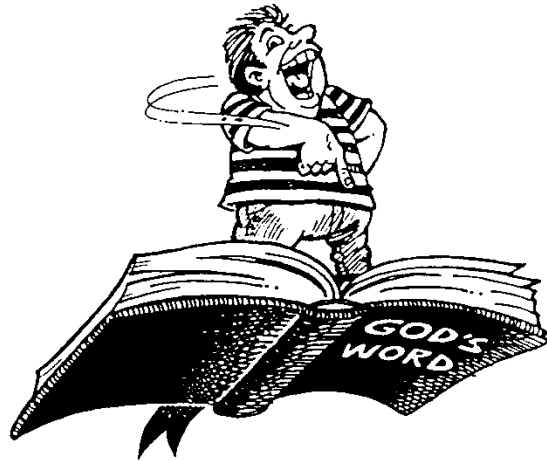
## BIBLE INSIGHTS DISCUSSION

IN GENESIS 8:1 WE READ  
"THEN GOD REMEMBERED NOAH..."  
COULD GOD HAVE ACTUALLY FORGOTTEN NOAH?  
**NO WAY!**

HOW OFTEN DOES GOD THINK ABOUT US?  
**THE BIBLE SAYS...**

*"Your thoughts which are toward us cannot be recounted to You in order; if I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered."* PSALM 40:5

**GOD IS ALWAYS THINKING ABOUT US!**



WHAT KIND OF THOUGHTS DOES GOD HAVE TOWARDS US?

**THE BIBLE SAYS...**

*"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope."*  
JEREMIAH 29:11

BUT HOW DO WE KNOW GOD IS THINKING ABOUT US?

**THE BIBLE SAYS...**

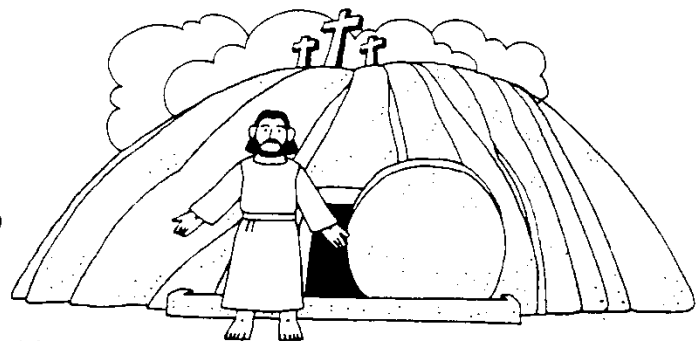
THE LORD SAID,  
*"You will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart. I will be found by you, says the LORD."*  
JEREMIAH 29:12-14

WHY IS GOD ALWAYS THINKING ABOUT US?  
**BECAUSE HE LOVES US!**

HE LOVES US SO MUCH THAT HE MADE A WAY  
FOR US TO BE WITH HIM FOREVER!

*"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."* JOHN 3:16

*"For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved."*  
JOHN 3:17



REMEMBER- GOD'S THOUGHTS TOWARD YOU ARE MORE THAN THE GRAINS OF SAND COVERING THE WHOLE EARTH! PSALM 139:18

## CHARACTER WEB

### Physical Appearance

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Race: \_\_\_\_\_

Distinguishing marks:

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### Character's Attributes/Qualities

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### Family Background

Hometown: \_\_\_\_\_

Sons: (Gen. 6:10)

- \_\_\_\_\_
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### Character's Big Job/Task

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# NOAH OBEYS

**A skit that teaches children it is important to obey God**  
(Skit for two, Noah Puppet and person acting the part of God)

## **MATERIALS:**

A Noah puppet  
A older volunteer to play the part of God (*Out of sight - Off stage*).  
Skit handout

**\*\*Animal masks or pictures**

*Before starting the play, give every child in the class (audience) an **animal mask** or a **picture of an animal**.*

**God:** Of all the people in the world only you and your family continue to love and obey me.

**Noah:** Yes Lord, the people have become very wicked and do evil things all day long!

**God:** I am going to send a flood that will cover the entire earth.

**Noah:** (*Swallows hard and stutters*) The entire earth Lord?

**God:** Yes, but don't worry I have a plan to save you, your family and all the animals. I want you to build a giant boat - which is called an ark.

**Noah:** Yes Lord I will obey.

*(Noah goes off stage and you hear a lot of sawing and hammering. After a couple of minutes, Noah comes back on stage.)*

**Noah:** Man, that was a big job and it took a long time to complete the ark. But I stayed faithful to God and completed it, even when others made fun of me for following God. Now to get those animals on board the ark!

*(Noah points at the audience and calls out to the animals one by one to come into the ark. As the children's animal is called they will come and sit in front of the stage. Ensure that all the kids are "In the ark" before proceeding. If need be, God can help Noah remember which animals still have to be called to come into the ark.)*

**Noah:** (*Wiping forehead and whistling*) Phew, what a big job, but I did it! All the animals and my family are in the ark!" (*Then looking up into the sky*) Was that a raindrop I felt? (*Noah goes off stage as you hear him saying*) Hang on everyone a big storm is on its way, but don't worry, God will take care of us!

**(Play the song "Raindrops Keep Fallin' on My Boat" by Mark Bradford)**