

Noah's Ark



Introduction

One of the most popular stories in the Bible is the story of Noah and his ark. While this story is taught in many children's bible classes, there are some elements of Noah's story that can be helpful to adults as we try to live our lives in a way that pleases God.

Noah's story shows us how our sin impacts God and it also demonstrates God's power and how He can use His power to deal sin. Let us learn from Noah's experience with God...

Thinking about your mortality...

- Genesis 6: 1-3
 - The Lord indicates that man's days are numbered
 - It appears that the Lord has decided that man's existence will be temporary
- James 4: 14
- Psalm 90:10
- Life Lesson: Whatever you want to accomplish or experience in this life, you should do it soon because your life on Earth is fading away...

God Grieves Man's Wickedness

- Genesis 6: 5-8
 - Man's wickedness on Earth becomes great
 - The Lord was grieved that he had made man
 - The Lord's heart was filled with pain
 - In grief, He decides to wipe mankind off the face of the Earth
 - The Lord found favor with Noah
 - Life Lesson: The Bible tells us that the Lord has a heart and that He can feel emotional pain. We should all think about how our sin could be causing our God to feel pain.

Noah Finds Favor with the Lord

- Genesis 6: 8-13, Genesis 7: 1
 - Noah is found to be righteous and blameless
 - Noah “walked with God”
 - God saw how corrupt the Earth was...*but in Noah, He found favor*
 - God gives Noah instructions
 - Noah did everything just as God commanded him
 - Noah was chosen to be saved from the floodwaters because the Lord found him to be righteous
- Genesis 9: 20-21
 - Noah was found to be righteous though he was imperfect
 - Life Lesson: Though we are imperfect, we also, through the cleansing power of the blood of Christ, can be righteous

The Great Flood



Noah leaves the ark and worships the Lord

- Genesis 8: 18-21, Genesis 9: 1, 3
 - The first thing Noah does upon leaving the ark is to worship the Lord
 - The Lord is pleased with Noah's act of worship
 - Worship is a "pleasing aroma" for the Lord

Our acts of worship are important to the Lord...

Question for Thought: How do you honor and worship God?

The Lord's Covenant

...a covenant is an agreement

- Genesis 9: 1-17
 - Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the earth
 - Everything that lives and moves will be food for you
 - You must not eat meat that has lifeblood in it
 - Do not shed the blood of your fellow man
 - Never again will all life be cut off by the waters of a flood. Never again will a flood destroy the earth

This is the Sign of my Covenant
Genesis 9: 16-17



God has made an agreement with His people to never destroy the Earth by flood again. Every time you see a rainbow, it is God reminding himself of the agreement He has made with man. What a wonderful God we serve.