

LESSON 1

NOAH

LESSON AT A GLANCE

WONDER TRUTH: God Honors Right Living

SCRIPTURE: [Genesis 6–9](#)

GOD’S BIG STORY: Sin in the world increases so greatly God chooses to destroy the world in a flood. Still, He remains faithful and honors righteousness by saving Noah and his family and establishing a covenant promise with them.

MEMORY VERSE: Know that the Lord your God is God. He is the faithful God. —from [Deuteronomy 7:9](#)

CURIOSITY

Interactive hands-on activities to help kids begin thinking about the wonder of God.

- Free Play
- Declaring God’s Wonder
- Curiosity Activity: Rain in the Room



BELIEF

A deep and interactive dive into Scripture that guides kids into knowing God more deeply, exploring His big story, and marveling at His wonder.

- Prayer of Invitation and Worship
- God’s Big Story
- Connecting the Wonder Truth
- Memory Verse: [Deuteronomy 7:9](#)

FAITH

An intentional interactive discussion that helps kids discover the wonder of God’s story and how it connects to their own.

- Circle Time Discussion
- Prayer

EXTRA TIME ACTIVITY

An interactive activity that keeps kids engaged during pick up and reinforces the lesson.

- Closing Game: Animals Two by Two
- Prayer and Blessing

INVITATION

We invite you to pause, listen, and shift your gaze toward the Father ...

Do you ever have moments where you realize that unless you step up, no one else will? Sometimes it's simple—in my home with my three kids, I often realize the sock on the floor will stay there forever unless I decide to take care of it. Or there are bigger things—a parent needs care, and you are the one available to help. Or it's Saturday night, and you get called to fill in for kids' ministry on Sunday.

I wonder if this is how Noah felt when he received God's instructions to build the ark. Out of all people on earth, God chose him for a monumental task that probably felt confusing and undesirable. But Noah was righteous, so he obeyed. God had seen in him the desire to do what is right—and because of this, Noah and his family were saved from the flood.

Living righteously isn't always fun, and it may not even seem rewarding at the time. The tasks God gives us often involve serving and giving of ourselves. And yet, as we do what God asks us to do, He honors us. He allows us to become more like Him, to grow in faith and good works.

So, whatever task God has called you to today, do it with a joyful heart, grateful that God honors righteousness.

DID YOU KNOW?**FOUNDATION BUILDING BLOCKS****WHO?**

“[Noah] was without blame among the people of his time. He walked faithfully with God” ([Genesis 6:9](#)). Noah’s righteousness is evident in his trust of God throughout the flood story, and God honors him for it. Noah sounds like the Hebrew word for comfort or rest.

WHAT?

The world was full of violence and evil. God regretted making human beings and decided to destroy with a flood all life except for Noah’s family and the animals in his care. God faithfully delivered creation by keeping them all safe on the ark and establishing a covenant with Noah after the flood.

WHERE?

Noah and his family most likely lived somewhere in Mesopotamia, which comes from the Greek word meaning “in the midst of the rivers.” This usually implies the Tigris and Euphrates river valley. They landed on Mount Ararat ([Genesis 8:4](#)), which is in modern-day Turkey.

WHEN?

[Genesis 6–9](#) comes shortly after the story of the first murder in [Genesis 4](#). By [Genesis 6](#), sin has corrupted the earth and filled it with violence. God has seen the worst of what humanity can be living under the reign of sin and has become greatly distressed by it.

CONNECTING TO GOD’S BIG STORY

Noah walked with God, and God honored his righteousness by delivering creation from total destruction. In much the same way, Abraham walked with God. God honored his righteousness with the promise that would lead to Jesus, who delivers us from the power of death and makes all things new.



Curiosity

LESSON 1 **EARLY CHILDHOOD**

Spark curiosity, encourage exploration, and get kids thinking about the wonder of God.

Free Play

As kids arrive...

Greet kids warmly as they arrive and invite them to play at any of the play stations.

Welcome to church! While we're getting ready to start, you can play at any of these stations.

Worship Playlist

During free play...

Play a spotify playlist as background music while kids play.

Clean Up

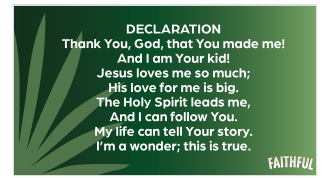
At the end of free play...

Play the clean up video to signify time to clean up toys and activities. Gather kids on sit spots, chairs, or benches to begin the lesson.

Declaring God's Wonder

SUPPLIES: Early Childhood Declaration [Slide](#)

Display the Declaration [Slide](#) and encourage the kids to say the statements and do the motions with you.



Hello friends! I am so glad to be here at church with you today. Let's get started with our declaration. We say these words together each week to remind us of what God says is TRUE. Repeat after me!

Thank You, God, that You made me! (*Kids repeat.*)

Make prayer hands, then point up to God and to yourself.

And I am Your kid! (*Kids repeat.*)

Put your hands on your hips.

Jesus loves me so much; (*Kids repeat.*)

Spread your arms out wide to your side one at a time, then pull them in for a hug around your chest.

His love for me is big. (*Kids repeat.*)

Hold your arms up high and wide above your head.

The Holy Spirit leads me, (*Kids repeat.*)

Bring your arms down from the sky, making a path in front of you.

And I can follow You. (*Kids repeat.*)

March like you're following the leader.

My life can tell Your story, (*Kids repeat.*)

Hold your hands in front of you like an open book.

I'm a wonder; this is true. (*Kids repeat.*)

Put your hands up, shaking your fingers, celebrating ("praise hands").

Curiosity Activity: Rain in the Room

Have you ever been outside when it started to rain? Allow the kids to respond. **In God's big story today, we'll learn about a time in the Bible when it started to rain and kept raining for 40 days and 40 nights! Let's pretend the rain is coming down here in our classroom! Let's check it out!**

Invite kids to press their ear against a table. Have a leader gently tap the tabletop with their fingertips to imitate raindrops. Kids will hear a sound much like that of rain falling on a roof. Be sure to tap very gently since the sound will resonate quite loudly.

Wow! Isn't that amazing? It sounds just like rain! In God's big story, God made it rain so much that it flooded the whole earth. During that time, God saved a man named Noah and his family because he loved and obeyed God. We'll learn today that God honors right living.

Let's take a moment and think: how do we know what is right? Allow the kids to respond. **Why does God want us to do what is right?** Allow the kids to respond.

Today's Wonder Truth is GOD HONORS RIGHT LIVING. The word honor means to give great respect and value to someone. It's very special to God when we live for Him. Today we'll discover that God honors right living!



Belief

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Guide kids into knowing God, exploring His big story, and marveling at His wonder.

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MEMORY VERSE: From Deuteronomy 7:9

Worship

SUPPLIES: Worship music videos

Today we're learning that God honors right living.

We'll learn in God's big story how God is faithful as He protects and blesses a man and his family who live right! Let's sing and worship God together now!

Play songs and encourage the kids to sing and dance as they praise God.

Prayer of Invitation

Before entering into God's big story, lead kids in a prayer of invitation. Use the prayer here or your own words: **God, thank You for this time to learn about You from Your Word. We pray that Your Spirit will guide our hearts and minds to understand Your great love for us. Help us see that You know what's best for us and You honor right living. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

God's Big Story

SUPPLIES: Bible

Hold up a Bible and show the kids. Tell them today's story comes from the book of Genesis in the Bible. Open a Bible and show them where the story is found.

God's Big **STORY SCRIPT:** **NOAH**

SUPPLIES: Bible, toy person figure, toy boat, toy animals, spray water bottle, printed rainbow, [God's Big Story Video](#)

Before beginning God's Big Story, gather the toy Noah figure, toy boat, spray water bottle, and toy animals to show during the story. Use the printed rainbow to show at the end of today's story.

In the beginning, God created everything that exists. He created day and night, water and land, plants and animals. Everything! And God made people in His own image—to reflect what God is like when we love each other and care for His creation. The first people God made were Adam and Eve, and when they disobeyed God, sin entered the world. Sin is the wrong things we do that separate us from God. Sin became part of all people and all things. Creation had gotten a little messed up.

Adam and Eve's family grew, and all the people who were born sinned. Many years passed and the earth was filled with people who sinned and sinned. God saw how sinful and mean people had become, and He was very sad and decided to wipe out the people.

However, God's love for us is unending, and He remained faithful to humans. God saw one person who was not sinning. He was living right and loved God. His name was Noah. Show toy person figure. Noah was a good man who made right choices and showed through his actions that he trusted God. God was happy with Noah because he was living right! God was going to save Noah and his family.

God told Noah to build a giant boat called an ark. Show toy boat. God gave Noah specific instructions for building the ark and told him He was going to make it rain for 40 days and 40 nights. God also told Noah to gather every kind of animal onto the ark—one male and one female of some kinds and seven pairs of others. Show toy animals. If the boat is big enough, put all the animals on the boat (or let the kids help put the animals on the boat). Noah was faithful to God and did "everything the LORD commanded him to do" ([Genesis 7:5](#)).

Then it started raining. Hard! Spray water (or sprinkle shredded paper) on and around the toy boat. You can also hold up the umbrella and let a kid spray water toward you. The skies began to pour like giant waterfalls. It got very dangerous outside. On that day, Noah, his wife, and his sons' families boarded the ark. All the animals and birds got in their places. Then, like a parent tucking in their kids for bed, "the Lord shut [Noah] in" the ark to keep him safe ([Genesis 7:16](#)).

And it kept on raining. The waters reached higher than any mountain top, and everything that wasn't in the ark was destroyed. The waters flooded the earth for 150 days while Noah and his family (and all of the animals) were on the ark. But God remembered Noah's family and the animals on the ark. After many days of being on the ark, God "sent a wind to sweep over the earth. And the waters began to go down" ([Genesis 8:1](#)).

The ark eventually came to rest on dry land, and Noah, his family, and all the animals came out of the ark. Take the toy person figure (and animals) off the boat. Noah built an altar, which is a special place to worship God. Noah stacked up some stones, and worshiped God.

God was pleased to see Noah worshipping Him and blessed Noah and his sons and told them to have lots of kids and fill the earth. God gave them the job of taking care of the earth and all the animals.

Then God made an unbreakable promise—a covenant—with them that He would never again destroy the earth with a flood, and He put a rainbow in the sky as a reminder of His promise.

Show drawing of a rainbow (or invite a kid to hold it up, pretending it's in the sky above the toy person and the boat).

Every time we see a rainbow, we can remember God's promise that He would never flood the earth again and that God honors right living.

Noah showed his right living when He obeyed and trusted God by building the ark, believed God would take care of them in the flood, and worshiped Him once they rested on dry land. And God honored Noah and his family by saving them and blessing them. God honors right living.

Watch God's Big Story

Watch the [Noah God's Big Story!](#)



Connecting the Wonder Truth

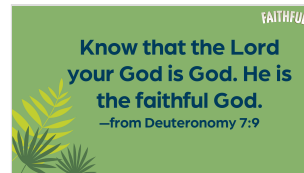
Our Wonder Truth today is **GOD HONORS RIGHT LIVING**.

The Bible tells us “[Noah] walked faithfully with God” ([Genesis 6:9](#)), and we know God honored his right living. Yet even Noah sinned, which means he did wrong things. Many years later, God sent His Son, Jesus, to earth. Jesus lived a perfect life. He never sinned, and He was completely righteous. Jesus took on the punishment of our sin, dying on the cross, and then rising from the grave so our sins can be forgiven! Now, through Jesus, we too can be considered righteous!

Memory Verse

SUPPLIES: Memory Verse Slide

Display the Memory Verse slide.



Our memory verse today reminds us that God is God and He is faithful!

Let's say it together. Lead everyone in saying the verse, phrase by phrase starting with "Know that," . Continue this by saying each phrase of the memory verse and inviting kids to repeat after you.

Encourage the kids to do the motions as you say the verse together.

- **KNOW THAT**—*Point to your head.*
- **THE LORD YOUR GOD IS GOD.**—*Point up and then bring that hand to your heart.*
- **HE IS THE FAITHFUL GOD.**—*Give two thumbs-up.*
- **DEUTERONOMY 7:9**—*Hold your hands together in front, palms together, as if opening a book.*

Help kids see the wonder of God's story and how it connects to their own story.

Divide kids into smaller groups for discussion and prayer.

Circle Time: Animal Sounds

Let's all sit together in a circle. Allow time for the kids to gather. **What did God tell Noah to bring on the ark with his family?** Allow time for responses. **That's right! God told Noah to bring animals on the ark. I'm going to make the sound of an animal, and you can guess which animal I am pretending to be. The person who guesses correctly can answer one of our discussion questions.**

Make an animal noise like a pig, cow, horse, lion, or elephant for each discussion question, and then give kids the opportunity to answer a question.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- **Who was the one man who loved and obeyed God in our story today?** *(Noah)*
- **How did God protect Noah and his family?** *(by telling Noah to build an ark)*
- **What is the promise that God made with Noah?** *(that He would never flood the whole earth again)*
- **Is it easy or hard to do the right thing? Why?**
- **How does it make you feel to know that God sees when you do what is right and honors you?**
- **Have you ever done the right thing even when others weren't? How do you think God feels when you do that?**

Noah loved, obeyed, and trusted God. God honored Noah by protecting and blessing him and his family because God honors right living. Let's talk to God now in prayer!

Invite kids to share prayer requests and praises and to pray for each other. Some kids may not be comfortable praying out loud. That's OK! Encourage them to pray silently and to thank God for helping them and honoring them when they live rightly.

Create space for God to remind kids they are known, loved, led, and their lives can tell of God's wonder.

Closing Game: Animals Two by Two

SUPPLIES: toy animals (5 matching pairs), toy boat

Before this activity begins, place toy animals (two of each kind) around the room. Make sure the matching pairs are not right next to each other. Set out a toy boat and point out the boat to the kids.

Noah's family was on the ark along with lots of animals! God told Noah to put two of every kind of animal (and seven of some!) on the ark to protect them. We're going to gather pairs of animals from around the room. When I say, "Go," walk around the room and find an animal. Once you find one, keep looking for the other animal that matches the one you have. You might have to look to see what other people find because your match may have already been found by another kid! Once you have found a pair or you and a friend have a match, take your animals to the ark so they will be safe from the flood! If there are many kids, divide into smaller groups and play multiple rounds so everyone has a chance to play and find a pair of animals.

Prayer and Blessing

After the kids finish their activity, pray aloud with them, thanking God for forgiving us when we are wrong and for helping us do what is right.

God, thank You for showing us when we are wrong and for forgiving us. We are grateful that when we follow You, You give us Your Holy Spirit to help us do what is right. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Encourage the kids to hold their hands out in front of them, with palms up, as if their hands were open to receive something. Tell them to listen and receive the blessing as you speak it over them.

Blessing: May you be strengthened by the Holy Spirit each day to make right choices. May you remember that God honors right living. May you remain faithful to God because His love for you never fails.