

Noah and the Flood - Genesis 6-9

I wonder what Noah thought when God told him to build a boat when there wasn't any water around?

I wonder what it was like to be on the boat with so many animals?

I wonder how it felt to be in the ark with all that rain?

I wonder how God felt about the animals and people in the ark?

I wonder what Noah thought when he saw the rainbow?

I wonder what God was thinking as he remembered Noah during the flood?

I wonder why this story is important for us to know?

PRESCHOOL RESPONSE ACTIVITIES

The Ark

Preschoolers enjoy retelling and acting out this story. Make a boat out of large blocks, pillows, boxes, or even a large laundry basket. Have your preschooler bring all their toy animals into the ark. Can they fill up the ark? Talk about each animal and how it would be to ride on a boat with that animal. Make the animal sounds together and imagine how noisy it was on the ark! If possible, climb into the boat with the animals and imagine the rain coming down for forty days and nights. What was it like on the ark with all the animals and day after day of rain? When the rain ends and the boat rests on land again, joyfully come out of the ark, along with all the animals. Ask your child to show you what each animal would do as they finally came out onto dry land again. Celebrate God's goodness together!

God's Promise

Encourage your neighbors by drawing a rainbow on your driveway with sidewalk chalk. As you work together, talk about this story and the ways God took care of all the people and animals on the ark. Wonder together what they thought when they saw the rainbow and heard God's promise. What do God's promise and the rainbow mean for us today? Every time you look at your rainbow, remember that promise and God's care for us.

ELEMENTARY RESPONSE ACTIVITY

Have Faith!

Noah was a righteous man who walked with God. He and his great-grandfather, Enoch, are listed in the great cloud of witnesses listed in Hebrews. Noah was named as the only righteous man of his time, and he was gathered as a family and read Hebrews 11 together. Concentrate on verses 5-7:

By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death; he could not be found, because God had taken him away. For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God. And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

What catches your attention in this chapter about faith?

Create an art project that illustrates the kind of faith described in Hebrews 11:1.