

Lesson 2

Review Questions:

1. Who did John say Jesus was? *the Lamb of God*
2. What did Jesus change Levi's name to? *Matthew*
3. How many disciples did Jesus have? *twelve*

Lesson 2

Noah Obeys God—Part 1

Genesis 6:5-7:5

Card GM 16

From Adam to Noah

Who were the first man and woman God created? Yes, Adam and Eve were the first people. They lived in the Garden of Eden and talked with God every day. But one day Adam and Eve did something they had never done before. They disobeyed God. God had said,



"You may eat the fruit of all the trees in the garden but one. If you disobey and eat that fruit, you will die." And what do you suppose Adam and Eve did? They disobeyed God and ate the one thing God told them not to eat. Because they disobeyed,

God had to punish them. Adam and Eve had to leave the beautiful garden, and one day they would die.

Adam and Eve had many, many children. These children grew up and had families, and their children grew up and had families. After a long time, there were many people living on the earth, and all the people were like Adam and Eve. They all had hearts that did not want to obey God. They all did bad things. Only a few of the people came to God and told Him they were sorry for the bad things they did and asked Him to give them clean, new hearts.

Most of the people in the world had forgotten about God. They did not think about

pleasing God; they thought only about pleasing themselves. God had created people to love Him and obey Him, but most people did not care about God.

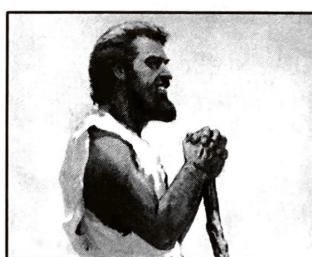
Finally, God knew that He would have to punish the people for the bad things they did. God planned to send a huge flood. A flood is water that is so deep that it not only covers the ground, but it covers shrubs, trees, and other things. This special flood was going to cover the mountains and even the whole earth.

Card GM 17

God Speaks to Noah

Only one man on earth trusted God. His name was Noah. Noah trusted and obeyed God.

One day God told Noah, "I am going to punish the wicked people of the earth. I want you to make an ark, or a big, big boat, of



gopher wood, with many rooms inside it." God told Noah exactly how big to make the ark and how to cover it with sticky tar to keep water out of the ark.

God told Noah, "I will protect you and your family. When the flood waters cover the earth, you will be safe in the ark. I want you to put

animals in the ark, too. I will send two of every kind of animal into the ark—a boy and girl of every animal. You must also bring lots of food into the ark for you and for all the animals."

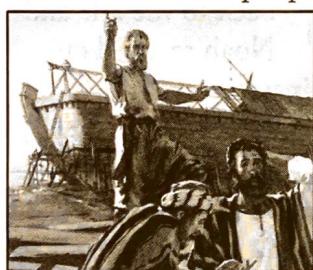
Card GM 18

An Ark for Noah

What a big job this was! Noah believed God and obeyed Him. Noah's whole family probably helped Noah build the ark. The ark was like a big boat but was shaped like a long, long box. It was so big that there was enough room for two of every kind of animal. God told Noah to bring seven of some special animals that could be used for food and for special gifts to God.

The ark was so big and took so long to build that many people must have seen it being built. They asked Noah what he was building, and Noah told them it was an ark, or boat. The people thought Noah was crazy, because there was no ocean or lake nearby large enough for such a huge boat to float on. "Where is he going to sail that boat?" they must have wondered.

Noah told the people about God and what



God was going to do. Noah explained to the people that they needed to be sorry for the bad things that they had done

and trust in God to save them. None of the people believed Noah.

Card GM 19

The Ark Is Finished

Finally, Noah and his family finished the ark. They gathered all the food and other items they would need and stored them inside the ark. Then God sent two of every kind of animal to go into the ark. How strange it must have looked to see pairs of all the animals going toward the ark! Two of every kind of bird, every kind of insect, and every reptile, like lizards and snakes, two of *every* kind of animal—all were sent by God to the ark.

Noah and his family brought the animals



into the ark. Can you imagine how noisy it must have been with the elephants trumpeting, the horses neighing, the dogs barking, and the cats meowing? That must have been a noisy time!

God spoke to Noah again. "Take your family with you into the ark. Because you have obeyed Me, I will save you. In seven days it will begin to rain water upon the earth and will continue for 40 days and 40 nights."

What will happen to Noah and his family? We'll learn more about them in the next Bible story.

Review Questions:

1. Why did God decide to send a flood? *because of the sin in the world*
2. Who built the ark? *Noah*
3. Did the people believe Noah's message and tell God they were sorry for doing bad things? *no*

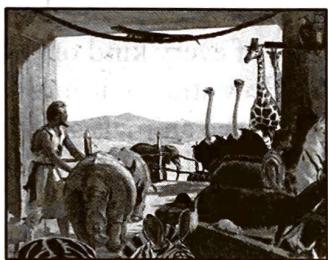
Lesson 3

Noah Obeys God—Part 2

Genesis 7:5–9:17

Introduction (Use card 19 again.)

Where were Noah and his family at the end of our last Bible story? Yes, they were in the ark God told Noah to build. Noah had



told the people that God would punish them for their sin if they did not stop doing wrong and begin obeying God,

but no one had believed him. Only Noah and his family believed God. Two of every bird, every reptile, every insect—two of *every* animal—were in the ark. After Noah and his family and all the animals were inside, God closed the door of the ark.

Card GM 20 God Sends the Flood

God told Noah that He would bring rain on the earth. Rain was something new. It had never rained on the earth before.



But now, for the first time, it began to rain. God opened up a huge cloud of water, and it rained and it rained. It poured down rain.

At the same time

God released the waters in the ground so that they came up. Soon the water was so deep that the ark began to float on top of the water.

The rain kept coming down—day, after day, after day. The water on the ground got higher and higher until even the mountaintops were covered. Everyone inside the ark was safe.

After 40 days, the rain finally stopped. Could Noah and his family get out of the ark then? No, the waters were still so deep that even the highest mountain was covered. There was no place to go. Noah and his family and all the animals waited, and waited, and waited.

Every day Noah felt the ark rocking back and forth on the water, but one day the rocking stopped. The ark sat on a mountain! There still was too much water for anyone to get out of the ark, though.

Each day the flood of water went down a little. After a long time, Noah and his family could see the tops of mountains when they looked out the window of the ark. Noah waited a while longer; then he let a big, black bird called a raven fly out the ark window. The raven flew off and did not come back.

Card GM 21 The Dove Finds a Home



Noah sent out another bird, a dove. The dove flew out but could not find a place to build its nest. The dove flew back to the ark, and Noah reached out

his hand and brought it inside.

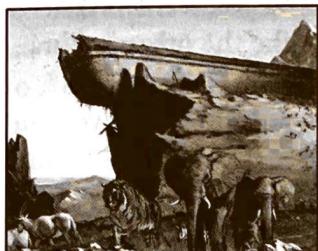
After a few more days, Noah let the dove fly out of the ark again. This time it came back with a leaf from an olive tree in its beak. Noah knew that once again the plants and trees were growing leaves.

Noah waited a while longer; then he sent out the dove once again. This time the bird did not come back. It had found food to eat and a place to build its nest. Noah knew that it soon would be time for his family to leave the ark, too.

Card GM 22 Noah and His Family Leave the Ark

God spoke to Noah. “Come out of the ark with your family. Let the animals out, too, and they can begin to have families.”

How different the world must have looked to Noah and his family as they came out of the



ark! There were no houses or people or animals except for the ones that had been in the ark. Noah and his family must have felt very sad that the world they had known was gone. At the same time, they must have been very happy and thankful that God had saved them from the Flood.

God Makes a Promise

Noah built an altar out of stones to thank God for saving them. God promised, "I will never again send a flood that covers the whole earth."

God gave Noah and his family something special to remind them of His promise. God put a beautiful rainbow in the clouds above them. Each time they saw a rainbow, they would remember that God has promised never again to send a flood to cover the whole earth. And every time we see a rainbow in the sky, we can think of God's promise and thank Him that He takes care of us.

Review Questions:

1. Where did Noah's family and the animals stay during the Flood? *in the ark*
2. Name two birds Noah sent out of the ark. *a raven and a dove*
3. What did God put in the sky to remind us of His promise never to cover the whole earth with water again? *a rainbow*

Lesson 4

Abraham and Lot

Genesis 13:5-17

Introduction

If your mother cut some pieces of cake for your family and let you be the first to pick which piece you wanted, would you choose the very best piece for yourself or let someone else have it? When we let someone else have the best, we are sharing. Sharing makes God happy.

Card GM 23

Abraham and His Family

The Bible tells us about a man named Abraham who lived long ago. (Point to Abraham on card.) Abraham loved God. Abraham was a very rich man. He had many servants and sheep and camels. Abraham's nephew, Lot,



lived with Abraham. Lot was a grown man with a family, and he had his own sheep, camels, and servants. When Abraham's servants and Lot's servants took the sheep and camels out to get food and water, sometimes the servants got into fights.

The servants fought over where each one could take their sheep and camels. The servants did not want to share the land.