



LESSON 5

REFERENCES: GENESIS 6:5–18; PATRIARCHS AND PROPHETS, PP. 90–97.

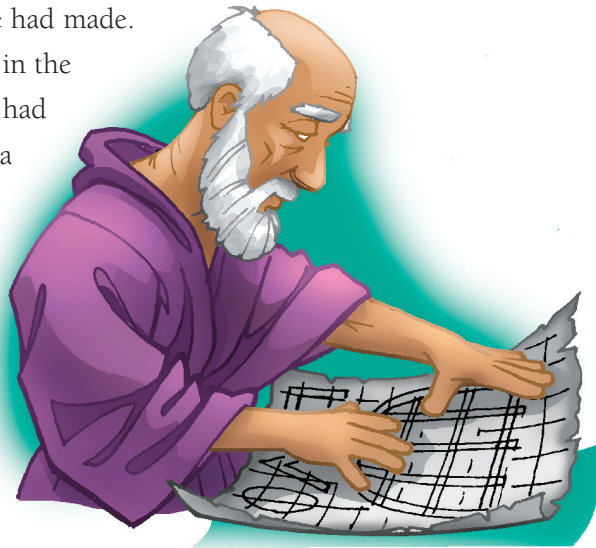
Noah Builds a Boat

Do you know how to make a wooden boat? A long time ago God told Noah to build a big boat. But Noah didn't know how. Who do you think showed him what to do?

God looked at the world He had made. It had been very beautiful in the beginning, but the people had become very wicked. Just a few people still loved and worshiped God. Most people did every bad thing they could think of. It made God very sad to see so much sin and wickedness and suffering on the earth.

God decided He would have to destroy the earth and start over.

God went to talk to His friend Noah, a good man, and one of the few people who still loved and worshiped God. God told Noah, "I have decided to destroy the earth because it is so wicked. I am going to send a big flood of deep water to cover all the earth. But I want to save those people who love Me. Make a big boat so



Memory Verse

"We will obey
the voice
of the LORD."

JEREMIAH 42:6, NKJV.

The Message

We worship God
when we obey Him.

you and your family will be safe. Make it big enough so more people and many animals can go into the boat with you.”

God told Noah how to make the boat. “Use wood cut from a cypress tree,” He said, “long pieces of wood. Cover the inside and outside of the boat with pitch, so water can’t get in. Make the boat very, very long, and very wide, and very tall.”

The boat was to be three stories tall, with a downstairs, an upstairs, and another upstairs. It was to be a big boat!

Noah listened carefully to everything God told him to do. Then he obeyed and started building the boat that we call an ark today.

Building such a big boat was a big job, and it would take a long, long time. Noah needed help. His three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth, helped him. Others helped too. They went into the forest and chopped down cypress trees. They cut the trees into boards

and made them smooth. Then they began to fasten the boards together. Slowly, slowly, they put the boat together. Just as God told them, they covered the boat with pitch, a kind of tar, so it would float safely.

Noah followed God’s instructions very carefully. The Bible says he did everything as God commanded. God was with Noah and his helpers and watched over them. God wants us to follow His instructions too. Our Bibles tell us what God wants us to do. When we obey God, we are worshipping Him.



Do and Say

SABBATH

Read Genesis 6:5-8 and verse 18 together. Talk about God's reasons for the Flood.* Say: God had a plan to take care of those who loved Him and He takes care of us too. Help your child think of ways God takes care of your family. Together, use the memory verse puzzle made in Sabbath School. (See page 61.)

SUNDAY

From the Bible (Genesis 6:14-16), read together the instructions God gave Noah. Where do we learn about God's instructions for us today? Emphasize that obeying God is a part of worshiping Him. Ask: How do you obey? (Have the child give specific examples.) Say the memory verse together. Ask God to help your family follow His instructions as faithfully as Noah did.

MONDAY

Review Genesis 6:15, 16 together. If possible, point out to your child a building or structure of a similar size. Discuss the different kinds of people who work/travel often on boats/ships. Pray for their safety. Say the memory verse together.

TUESDAY

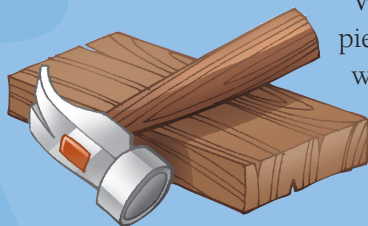
Use wood or a toy boat and let your child float it in

water. Emphasize that, if built right, a boat will always float. Noah's family was safe in the ark because they followed God's instructions.

Review the memory verse. Thank God for keeping your family safe.

WEDNESDAY

With pots and pans, or toy tools and a piece of wood, make the sounds heard while the ark was being built. If possible, visit a home construction site and see the wooden framework. Thank God for your home.



THURSDAY

Make an ark by gluing sticks or pretzels onto the ark pattern you brought home from Sabbath School. Or draw a simple boat outline on paper. Review the memory verse. Thank God for the instructions He gives us in the Bible.

FRIDAY

Read together parts of the Bible story from Genesis 6:5-18. Ask: If you were Noah's child, how would you feel about building a big boat? Sing a song about the ark. Say the memory verse together and thank God for all you have learned this week.



*You might enjoy reading the first half of chapter 7 in *Patriarchs and Prophets*.