WEEK 7

Noah Builds an Ark

Big Idea: God is loving. I will be faithful to Him.

Memory Verse

***"Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things"* (Matthew 25:21).**

Word of the Week

"Faithful" - When you are faithful, you are a promise keeper. You can be trusted to do what you say you will do. God is faithful. He always keeps His promises.

This week's lesson is based on **Genesis 5:18–6:22** and *Patriarchs and Prophets*, pp. 80-116.

Sunday

A World of Sin

The warm flames flickered in the darkness. Adam's big family huddled close to listen to Adam talk. Both Adam and Eve were now really old, and their family was really big. They were old enough to have great-great-great-great-great-grandchildren!

Adam was the best storyteller. He told his big family about happy times in the beautiful Garden of Eden, and the sad day they disobeyed God and ate the fruit. He reminded them to always trust and obey God.

Adam and Eve's son Seth also talked to the people. He and his children loved God too. They were known as "the sons of God" (Genesis 6:2). They lived simple lives in tents in the country and were God's faithful followers.

But not everyone loved and followed God's ways. When angry Cain had been sent far away, he had had children too.His family built big cities and became very wicked and selfish. They stopped following God and instead did things their own way.

One day the "sons of God" began mixing with Cain's family in the cities. They began marrying each other. The "sons of God" stopped living God's way.

Sin had now spread everywhere! Every little thought, every single thing that people did, was always evil. What a horrible place the world had become. How did this make God feel? Read **Genesis 6:6**.



I Wonder

» Would you have wanted to be alive at this time? Why/Why not?

» What are things that we do that make God's heart sad or happy?

Prayer Idea

Ask God to help you choose His way.

Do

Cover your hand in glitter. Shake hands with your mommy or daddy, and watch the glitter spread. Sin can be a little like this.



Parent Faith Talk

Share something God has spoken to you about during your quiet time alone with Him this week.

Monday

God's Faithful Friend

As the world became more and more evil, there was one man who stayed faithful to God. His name was Enoch. Enoch and God were best friends. Enoch loved God with all his heart, with all his soul, and with all his strength.

Enoch's favorite time of the day was his quiet time alone with God. He would go somewhere peaceful and talk to God about everything.

When Enoch returned to town, his face would glow with a holy light. Others could see that Enoch had been with God. They felt his love and kindness. They heard him speak God's words.

Every day Enoch kept close to God. He didn't just talk to God in his quiet time—he talked to God all day! The Bible says, "Enoch walked with God" (Genesis 5:24, ICB).

Wherever Enoch was, God was in his thoughts. Enoch would talk to God in the quiet fields and at the noisy market. He thought of God as he worked. He thanked God as he sat down with his family at night.

Oh, how different Enoch was from the evil world around him! Enoch knew that God is loving, and he was faithful to Him.

How can we be faithful like Enoch? Read **Psalm 1:1, 2**.

I Wonder

» What do you think God and Enoch talked about?

» What do you want to talk to God about?

Prayer Idea

Set up a cozy space for quiet time with Jesus. Sit in this spot alone and talk to God as you would a best friend. Tell Him all about your day, your ideas, your hurts, and your happy moments.

Memory Verse

Tuesday

Friends Forever!

For 300 years "Enoch walked with God" (Genesis 5:24, ICB). Enoch thought about God, talked about God, and showed God's love to others. What a faithful friend!

Then one day something truly amazing happened. God did something special for His friend. What was it? Read **Genesis 5:24**.

He might have been plowing a field or cleaning dishes at home. Maybe he was praying alone, as he did every day. Wherever Enoch was, it must have been a wonderful surprise. Just like that, God took Enoch to heaven! (Hebrews 11:5, ICB).

Imagine Enoch's excitement! How different from earth his home in heaven looked. Heaven has glittering golden streets, singing angel choirs, friendly animals, and flowers that never die. Best of all, it's where God lives. Enoch could be with his Best Friend Jesus forever!

Jesus can't wait to take you to heaven too. He is such a faithful friend! One day soon "the Lord himself will come down from heaven. There will be a loud command with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God. . . . We will be taken up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And we will be with the Lord forever" (1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17).

What a wonderful day that will be!

I Wonder

» What is your favorite way to spend time with Jesus?

» What is the first thing you would like to do when you see Jesus in heaven?

Prayer Idea

Go on a walking prayer (eyes open!) with God. Walk in or around your home and tell Him your thoughts and thanks.

Do

Write a little song together as a family to sing to your Best Friend Jesus.

Memory Verse





Wednesday

Big Plans

As God looked at the earth, His heart was filled with pain. "Violence was everywhere. And God saw this evil. All people on the earth did only evil" (Genesis 6:11, 12, ICB).

But God still had one true friend in the world. His name was Noah. The Bible says, "Noah was a good man. He was the most innocent man of his time. He walked with God" (Genesis 6:9, ICB).

Like Enoch, Noah made God his best friend. Noah loved God with all his heart, with all his soul, and with all his strength. Noah knew that God is loving, and Noah was faithful to Him.

God talked with Noah and told him about His plan to rescue the world from sin. God had already promised Adam and Eve that He would send Jesus to die for our sins. But the world was so evil that there would soon be no God followers left.

So God needed to make the world clean and new. "People have made the earth full of violence . . ." God explained to Noah sadly. "I will bring a flood of water on the earth. I will destroy all living things" (Genesis 6:13-17, ICB)

He asked His friend Noah to help Him. Noah listened closely as God told him what he must make. What were the instructions? Read **Genesis 6:14-16**.

This big boat would be called an ark. Even though the people in the world didn't love God, God still loved them. He was still faithful. He would invite everyone into the ark to be safe from the coming flood.

I Wonder

» How do you think God's plan made Noah feel?

Prayer Idea

Thank God that He is always a faithful friend who wants to protect us.

Do

Ask a parent/caregiver to show you the following website about an incredible model of the ark: https://arkencounter.com

Memory Verse

Thursday

Building the Boat

Bang, bang, bang! Saw, saw, saw! Noah and his three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth, began to build God's huge boat. It would be the biggest boat they had ever seen! It would be a boat big enough to carry lots of people *and* lots of animals.

Every day, except for Sabbath, Noah and his sons faithfully chopped, measured, sawed, and hammered. The sound of their axes, hammers, and saws shared a message: "A flood is coming! A flood is coming! Be ready! Be ready!"

It was a *big* job! The cedar wood for the ark had to be covered with gooey pitch to make sure water didn't get inside. The length and width of the ark had to be just right too. "Noah did everything that God commanded him" (Genesis 6:22, ICB).

Slowly the ark took shape. It was three stories high, with one door that opened on the side. Inside the boat were lots of little rooms. God had planned perfect spaces for people as well as animals. The giraffes with tall necks, heavy buffalo, big pandas, small meerkats, and little birds and beetles all needed a home in the ark.

Even though Noah and his sons had never seen a raindrop fall from the sky or seen a river flood, they built God's big boat. Why? Read **Hebrews 11:7**.

God had said a flood would come, so they believed a flood would come. God had told them to build the ark, so Noah and his sons faithfully obeyed.

I Wonder

» Have you ever had to do something that has taken a lot of hard work and time? How did you feel when it was finished?

Prayer Idea

Ask God to help you faithfully do what He asks every day, even when it is hard work.

Do

Choose a helpful job to do every day for a week, to practice doing something faithfully (e.g., water the plants, make your bed, set the table). You may like to mark a calendar square every day you do this.

Memory Verse





Friday

A Message for Everyone

The people couldn't believe what they were hearing. It seemed crazy! Noah, the big boat builder, was telling them that God was going to send a flood. They had never even seen rain. *Water falling in big drops from the sky? Water covering all the land in the whole world? No way!* The people shook their heads and laughed.

For 120 years Noah and his family built the ark. And for 120 years Noah preached to the people. He warned them of the coming flood, and told them about the safe place on the boat. But nobody believed Noah. Not a single one.

Finally the ark was ready. One last time Noah begged the people to come inside the ark and be safe. God loved His people "with a love that will last forever" (Jeremiah 31:3, ICB). But the people didn't love God. They refused to listen. Instead they just teased Noah and joked about the Flood. They had made their choice. It made God and Noah so sad.

Then God said something to Noah. What was it? Read **Genesis 7:1**.

The big door on the side of the boat was wide open. It was time to go into the ark. God would save Noah and his family, just as He had promised. Jesus promises to save us too when He comes back to take us to heaven from this sinful world.

I Wonder

» Noah trusted in God's faithfulness, even when everyone else didn't. How can you show that you trust God, as Noah did?

Prayer Idea

Thank God for His faithfulness and love that lasts forever.

Do

Build your own big boat out of chairs and sheets. Pretend to be Noah preaching. What might you say?

Memory Verse

Family Journal

Have your child draw the outline of a big boat in your journal. Inside the boat, have an adult write the things that Adam, Seth, Enoch, and Noah did to be God's faithful followers. Pray for God to help you be a faithful follower too.

For You, Parents

In these last days God is calling you to build an "ark of faith" and to work for the salvation of your family. Spend time with Jesus in His Word daily. Pray over your children. "If parents have the love of God in their hearts, they will be able to bind their children to them by the tender ties of affection. It is in this way that you may be missionaries for God, you may be home missionaries" (Ellen G. White, in *Signs of the Times*, July 22, 1889).

Bruno, the Bright Light for Jesus

Bruno is a 7-year-old boy from Angola, in Africa. Bruno has the biggest, happiest smile you could ever imagine!

He is happy because He loves Jesus. Wherever Bruno goes, he loves to talk to others about God.

While riding the bumpy bus to school one day, Bruno began chatting to his bus driver about Jesus and how he goes to church on Sabbath.

"Sounds as though you really enjoy it," said the bus driver. "I don't go to church."

"Well," Bruno said bravely, "why don't you come visit my church?"

"Maybe I will one day," the bus driver said. He smiled and nodded.

Another time Bruno was at home, watching a carpenter hammering and fixing some things. "Would you like to visit our church on Saturday?" Bruno asked bravely. "I'm sure you'd like it!" The builder agreed.

A few weeks later Bruno's church had some special programs. As Bruno sat in his seat, he couldn't hold in his big, happy smile. Both his bus driver friend and his carpenter friend had come to the program! At the end of the meetings both men gave their lives to God.

Bruno was so happy for his new friends. God had done a miracle in their hearts.

God wants to use you as His faithful helper, just like Bruno. What can you do this weekend to share the good news of God's love? You might invite a neighbor to church or to your home for closing Sabbath worship. You could send a drawing or card to someone. Or you might ask God to help you make a new friend.

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