

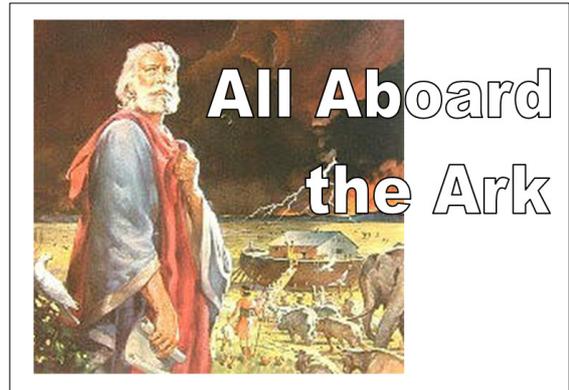
All Aboard the Ark!**Lesson 5****Key Word: Few****Main Memory Verse:**

Genesis 7:5 “And Noah did according unto all that the LORD commanded him.”

Lesson Verses:

Acts 16:31 “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved, and thine house.”

2Corinthians 6:2 “Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.”

**Lesson Goal:**

To help children understand just how few are following God. Who gets on the Ark? Only those who fear God and WANT to get on it. Those who “miss the boat” will not be saved!

Summary - The door shut - God wants everyone saved

- The preaching and warning of Noah - coming judgment
- The disregard of the people - getting your family saved
- God brings in Animals – they obey God’s call, but mankind won’t obey
- Time runs out! Don’t wait!
- Anyone could have gotten on the Ark if they would only believe God’s word
- The message of judgment to come (Heb 9:27)
- There is a way to be saved (Rom 10:9,10, 13)

Bible Club Lesson – Lesson 5**All Aboard the Ark****I. Review**

A. What was the whole world like when Noah lived (Gen 6:11,12)?

“The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth.”

1. Very sinful – very disobedient of God
2. No one cared about God, and everyone just did their own thing
3. Everybody was violent – very hateful and hurtful
4. They were murdering each other
5. They were stealing, and robbing people
6. People lived in fear of each other instead of fearing God!



B. What made Noah different? Gen 6:8 *“But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.”*

1. He loved God
2. He feared God – he knew God was in charge and was angry at the sin in the world
3. And, he OBEYED God!

C. What was about to happen, all over the world?
Rain – lots of it! It was the judgment of God against all the sin in the world

D. What did God tell Noah to do to save his family and the animals? Build a big boat called an Ark that would protect them from the coming storm!

Why Was Noah Different?

**Loved God
Feared God
Obeyed God**



II. Lesson

A. Noah Finishes Building the Ark

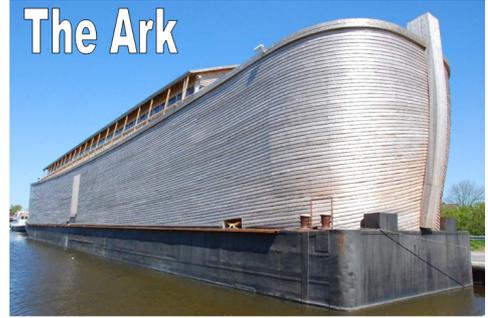
1. The Size of the Ark
 - a. Bigger than a soccer pitch in length
 - b. Higher than a 3 storey building
 - c. 75 feet wide
2. So many Animals (Gen 7:1-3, 13-15)

And the LORD said unto Noah, Come thou and all thy house into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation. Of every clean beast thou shalt take to thee by sevens, the male and his female: and of beasts that are not clean by two, the male and his female. Of fowls also of the air by sevens, the male and the female; to keep seed alive upon the face of all the earth.

In the selfsame day entered Noah, and Shem, and Ham, and Japheth, the sons of Noah, and Noah's wife, and the three wives of his sons with them, into the ark; They, and every beast after his kind, and all the cattle after their kind, and every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind, and every fowl after his kind, every bird of every sort. And they went in unto Noah into the ark, two and two of all flesh, wherein is the breath of life.

- a. Two of every KIND
- b. Seven of all the CLEAN animals
 - 1) Two Cats, Two Dogs
 - 2) Seven Lambs
 - 3) Two Black birds
 - 4) Seven Doves
 - 5) Two Worms – yuk!
 - 6) Two Lions, and two Tigers
 - 7) Seven Chickens
 - 8) Two Snails
 - 9) Two Ladybirds (Ladybugs)
 - 10) And seven Grasshoppers
 - 11) And that was just the beginning!

The Ark



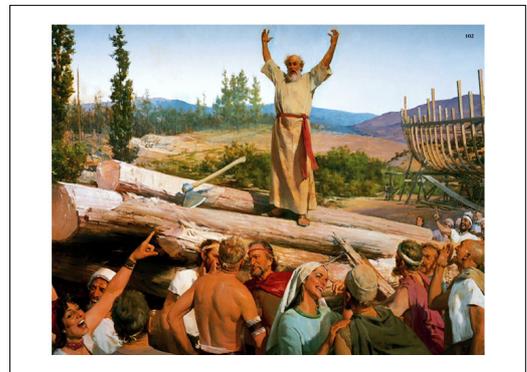
Animals obey and get on the Ark



- c. They came to Noah and up into the Ark (Gen 6:20). Noah did not have to go out and catch all the animals and bring them in himself!
 - d. It must have been amazing to watch as thousands of animals just came up to Noah, sniffed him, and then walked into the Ark!
3. Food
- a. Noah and his family did gather up and pack loads of foods
 - b. Hay, and Straw, and Carrots, and Berries, and Nuts, and Corn
 - c. Noah did not know how long they would need to be on the Ark, so he prepared for a long ride
4. Room to Spare
- a. Even though there were about 50,000 animals and insects, there was plenty of room for more people
 - b. Surely many people would want to get onto the ark... Wouldn't they?

B. Noah's Preaching

- 1. Warning – Noah warned everyone of the coming judgment
- 2. Begging – Noah begged people to believe God, repent, and flee from the wrath to come
- 3. There was only ONE door into the Ark (Mt 7:13,14) – only one way in!
“Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.”
- 4. And only an short opportunity to get onto the Ark – judgment was coming, and people needed to obey before it was too late!



C. God Tells Noah to Get Into the Ark (Gen 7:16, 6,7)

“And they that went in, went in male and female of all flesh, as God had commanded him: and the LORD shut him in. And Noah was six hundred years old when the flood of waters was upon the earth. And Noah went in, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him, into the ark, because of the waters of the flood.”

- 1. They go in – only eight people
- 2. GOD, closed the door!
 - a. Noah didn't want to close the door
 - b. Noah wanted more people to come – but no one else came up the ramp
 - c. The big, massive door, slammed shut, and sealed Noah and his family inside the massive Ark
- 3. They waited. They sat there, waiting – for seven long, hot days
- 4. No rain, no thunder – just obeying God



D. And then the rain came (Gen 7:10-12, 17-24) – LISTEN TO THE BIBLE!

“And it came to pass after seven days, that the waters of the flood were upon the earth. In the

six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened. And the rain was upon the earth forty days and forty nights.

And the flood was forty days upon the earth; and the waters increased, and bare up the ark, and it was lift up above the earth. And the waters prevailed, and were increased greatly upon the earth; and the ark went upon the face of the waters. And the waters prevailed exceedingly upon the earth; and all the high hills, that were under the whole heaven, were covered.

Fifteen cubits upward did the waters prevail; and the mountains were covered. And all flesh died that moved upon the earth, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of beast, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth, and every man: All in whose nostrils was the breath of life, of all that was in the dry land, died. And every living substance was destroyed which was upon the face of the ground, both man, and cattle, and the creeping things, and the fowl of the heaven; and they were destroyed from the earth: and Noah only remained alive, and they that were with him in the ark.”

1. Buckets and Buckets of rain
2. The thunder roared and the lightning flashed
3. No one had ever seen anything like it ever – it was terrifying

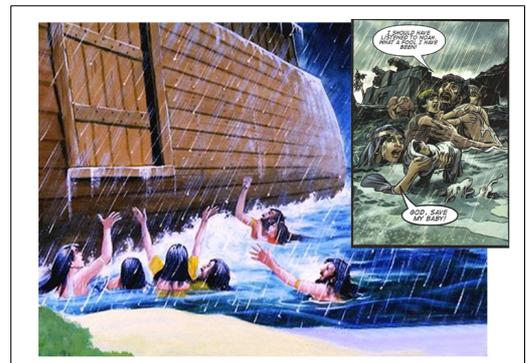
E. And the ground shook violently (Gen 7:11)

“the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up”

1. Way far away, the ground split open, and fell as water rushed up to the sky like a rocket
2. Earthquakes, and water from deep inside the ground gushed up into the sky!
3. The air was “filled” with water
4. No one could breath
5. The waters began to rise, and people, and animals scrambled to get to higher ground

F. The worst part...

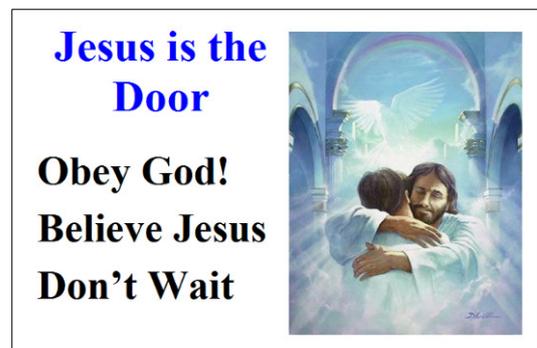
1. Hundreds of people banged on the closed door, yelling, screaming, begging to get in
2. But it was too late – God had closed the door



III. Application

A. The One Door

1. There is only ONE way to be saved (Rom 10:9,10, 13)
“That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved!”
2. Jesus says HE is the ONLY way to heaven (John 14:6) *“Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.”*
3. He says that HE is the only door
4. People try to get to God through other “doors” like praying through Mary, or to saints
5. There is no other door to salvation than Jesus!



B. Obeying God is how to live by faith

1. If the people outside of the Ark said that they believed in God and worshipped God, would you believe it if they didn't obey God?
2. If you do love God, and have asked Jesus to save you, then it will show by your obedience of the Bible
3. Noah teaches us that even though we may not be able to see some things like rain, that we still obey God, and do what He says for us to do in the Bible!

C. God gave Noah and his family a way to escape – the Ark

1. What has God given to US? JESUS!
2. Jesus is the only Saviour – they only way to be saved from the judgment of our sins
3. Acts 16:31 *“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved, and thine house.”*
4. 2Corinthians 6:2 *“Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.”*

D. Someday soon it will be too late

1. Your Mom or Dad rush out to get to the shop before it closes, and they get there to see the lights off, and no one inside – they got there too late!
2. Your teacher tells you to finish your homework, and you keep putting it off, and playing. Then, when you go to school the next day and your teacher starts collecting everyone's homework, you ask him to let you have some more time... what do you think he will say? *“It's too late!”*
3. Judgment is coming (Heb 9:27)
“as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment”
4. If you don't ask Jesus to forgive YOU of all your sin, and give you the gift of eternal life, then one day, you may remember Bible Club, and decide, Okay, I want to believe on Jesus, but it may be too late!

**Next Week –
Living in the Ark
for a *WHOLE* year!**

E. God gave them 120 years to build the Ark – that was plenty of time for people to fear God and believe that rain was coming and obey God too!

F. God is giving all of us a lot of time to learn about heaven and hell so that we believe

G. But there will come a day when there will be no more chances – no more opportunities to be saved! You need to be born again before it is too late for YOU!

IV. Next Week - Living in the Ark for a WHOLE year! What would it be like to live with all those animals and feed them, while the rain and storm blew outside?!