

Elementary Class Day #3

**Do Not Add to God's Word
or Take Away from It**

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Wednesday

Noah building the ark

Scriptures: Genesis 6:9 – 7:24, Deuteronomy 4:2, Proverbs 30:6, 1 John 2:3-6

Memory verse: Do not add to what I have commanded you and do not subtract from it, but keep the commands of the Lord your God that I give you.

Deuteronomy 4:2.

Key people: God, Noah, Noah's family

Background information:

1. Genesis 6:9 tells us that Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time and he walked with God.
2. Genesis 6:10 tells us that the earth was corrupt in God's sight and was full of violence.

The story: God saw how corrupt the people on the earth had become. In Genesis 6:6, the Bible says that the Lord was grieved that he had made man on the earth, and his heart was filled with pain. Because of man's wickedness God had decided to wipe out mankind from the face of the earth.

Noah found favor in God's eyes and God told Noah his plan to wipe out all of mankind. God told Noah he was going to bring floodwaters on the earth to destroy all life under the heavens, including every creature that had a breath of life in it. God told Noah to make yourself an ark.

1. The ark was to be made out of cypress or perhaps gopher wood.
2. Noah was to put rooms in the ark and coat it with pitch inside and out.
3. Noah was to build the ark 450 feet long.
4. The ark was to be 75 feet wide and 45 feet high.
5. Noah was to make a roof for the ark and finish it within 18 inches of the top.
6. Noah was to put a door in the side of the ark.
7. Noah was to put a lower, middle and upper deck in the ark.

8. Noah was to enter the ark with his wife, 3 sons (Shem, Ham and Japheth) and their wives.
9. Noah was to bring two of all living creatures, male and female to keep them alive with him. Two of every bird, every animal, and every creature that moved along the ground would come with Noah into the ark.
10. Noah was to bring every kind of food and store it for his family and the animals.

Noah did everything just as God commanded him. The ark was built exactly as God had commanded. Deuteronomy 4, verse 2, says "Do not add to what I command you and do not subtract from it, but keep the commands of the Lord your God that I give you."

What could have happened if Noah had decided to only put two decks in the ark? Not enough room for all the animals. Maybe, nowhere to safely store the food. Remember God told Noah to build a lower, middle and upper deck.

What if Noah felt the ark was too tall at 45 feet high? What if at 40 feet high, Noah became tired of building the ark? God knew exactly the measurements, how high, how wide and how long the ark needed to be to fit Noah, his family and all the animals in the ark!

What if Noah had only covered the inside of the ark with pitch and left the outside uncovered? Would the ark leak? Could the ark have sunk? Pitch is like a tar. The pitch seals the boards to keep them from leaking!

What if in the time it took to build the ark, Noah had found a friend that Noah wanted to take with him on the ark? God had specifically told Noah that he could take his 3 sons, their wives and his wife with him on the ark. That's a total of 8 people! Remember what our memory verse says about not adding or subtracting from God's commands.

Read 1 John 2, verses 3-6. Verse 3, "We know that we have come to know him if we obey his commands. Verse 4, "The man who says, "I know him", but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in him. Verse 5, But if anyone obeys his word, God's love is truly made complete in him. This is how we know we are in him. Verse 6, Whoever claims to live in him must walk as Jesus did." When God chose Noah to take on the job of building the ark, God knew what kind

of person Noah was and that Noah would follow God's instructions for building the ark. He knew Noah would not add to or subtract from his instructions.

How often do we pick and choose what instructions or rules we want to follow?

If Mom says you can have 1 cookie after cleaning your room, do we only hear the part about 1 cookie? Do we think we can have two cookies? In the Bible God gives us very specific commands on how to live, how to treat people and what kind of person God wants us to be. God gave us the Bible to teach or instruct us on what he expects from us. Just as God expected Noah to follow all of his instructions, God expects us to follow his commands and examples he has set for us. Do you think it is O.K. to let him down? Is it O.K. to only do the part of his commands you like or agree with?

Awesome Facts About Noah and the Ark

- *Noah was 600-years old when he built the ark.
- *It rained for 40 days and nights.
- *It was a year and 10 days before Noah's family was able to leave the ark.
- *The ark could hold as much cargo (stuff) as 330 railroad cars.
- *The Lord shut the door of the ark.
- *After the flood, God gave Noah the sign of a rainbow as his promise to never flood the whole earth again.

Activities:

God's Plan crossword puzzle.

About Noah activity sheet.

How Big Was the Ark? activity sheet.

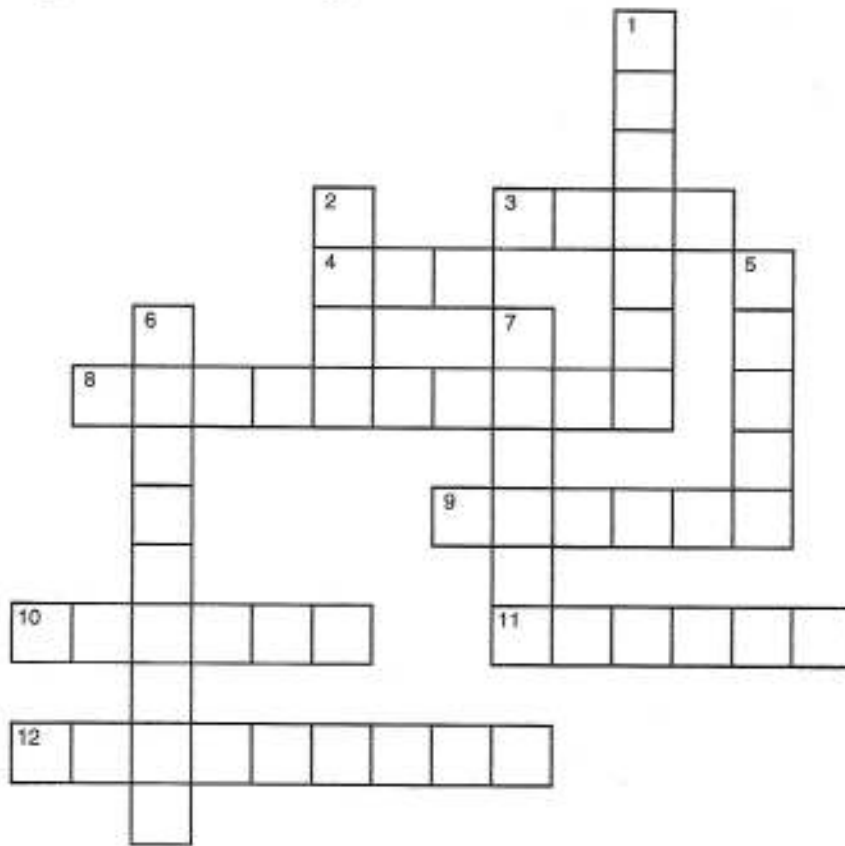
He had Faith seek and find.

Building a Boat song.

Craft projects – Hobby Lobby and Oriental Trading, both have craft kits to make a craft of a rainbow or an Ark.

God's Plan

Directions: Use the clues to complete the crossword puzzle. Look up the Bible verses if you need help. **A** words go across; **D** words go down.



God decided to flood the earth because of man's **8-A**. (Genesis 6:5)

He promised to save Noah and his family because Noah was **6-D**. (Genesis 7:1)

God told Noah to build the ark out of **1-D** wood. (Genesis 6:14)

The only people who would escape the flood were Noah and his **9-A**. (Genesis 7:1)

God told Noah to also take two of every kind of animal—a **2-D** and a **7-D**—into the ark. (Genesis 6:19)

God was going to make it rain for **5-D** days and nights. (Genesis 7:4)

Noah did **4-A** that the Lord commanded him. (Genesis 7:5)

When everyone was inside the ark, the **3-A** shut the door. (Genesis 7:16)

It began to rain, and soon the water was so deep it covered the highest **12-A**. (Genesis 7:20)

Everything on dry land that had the **10-A** of life in its nostrils died. (Genesis 7:22)

Only Noah and his wife, their sons and daughters-in-law, and the animals on the ark were able to **11-A** the flood. (Genesis 7:7)



About Noah



Directions: What do you know about Noah? Was he a good man? Was he a hard worker? If he applied for a job, would he get it? Imagine that Noah is applying for a job at your company. Decode the words and numbers to complete his job application. Look up the Bible verses to check your answers. Would you hire him? On the back of this page, draw a picture of how you think Noah looked.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25

1. Name: 13 14 0 7 2. Age: 6 14 14 (Genesis 7:6)

3. Description: 17 8 6 7 19 4 14 20 18,
1 11 0 12 4 11 4 18 18, 22 0 11 10 4 3,
22 8 19 7 6 14 3 (Genesis 6:9)

4. Family: B 22 8 5 4, D 18 14 13 18,
D 3 0 20 6 7 19 4 17 18, 8 13 11 0 22,
 (Genesis 6:10; 7:7)

5. Work History:
3 8 3 4 21 4 17 24 19 7 8 13 6,
9 20 18 19 0 18 6 14 3,
2 14 12 12 0 13 3 4 3 7 8 12 (Genesis 6:22)

God chose Noah for a very hard, important job. How would you rate his job performance?



How Big Was the Ark?



Directions: Solve the math problems to discover the size and style of Noah's ark. Look up the Bible verses if you need help.

1. The ark was $9 \times 50 =$ _____ feet long. (Genesis 6:15)
2. It was $10 \times 6 + 15 =$ _____ feet wide and $20 + 25 =$ _____ feet high. (Genesis 6:15)
3. Can you imagine how big that is? It is about as long as $7 + 5 =$ _____ big school buses lined up end to end and as high as a building with $19 - 15 =$ _____ stories.
4. The ark had $4 - 3 =$ _____ big door in the side, and $9 - 6 =$ _____ decks. (Genesis 6:16)
5. God told Noah to waterproof the ark by covering it with pitch (tar) so it could resist $8 \times 5 =$ _____ days and nights of constant rain and float on rough water for almost a year!

Directions: That is a pretty big boat, isn't it? Why did it need to be so big? Draw a picture in the box of how you think the ark looked.

Name _____

He Had Faith

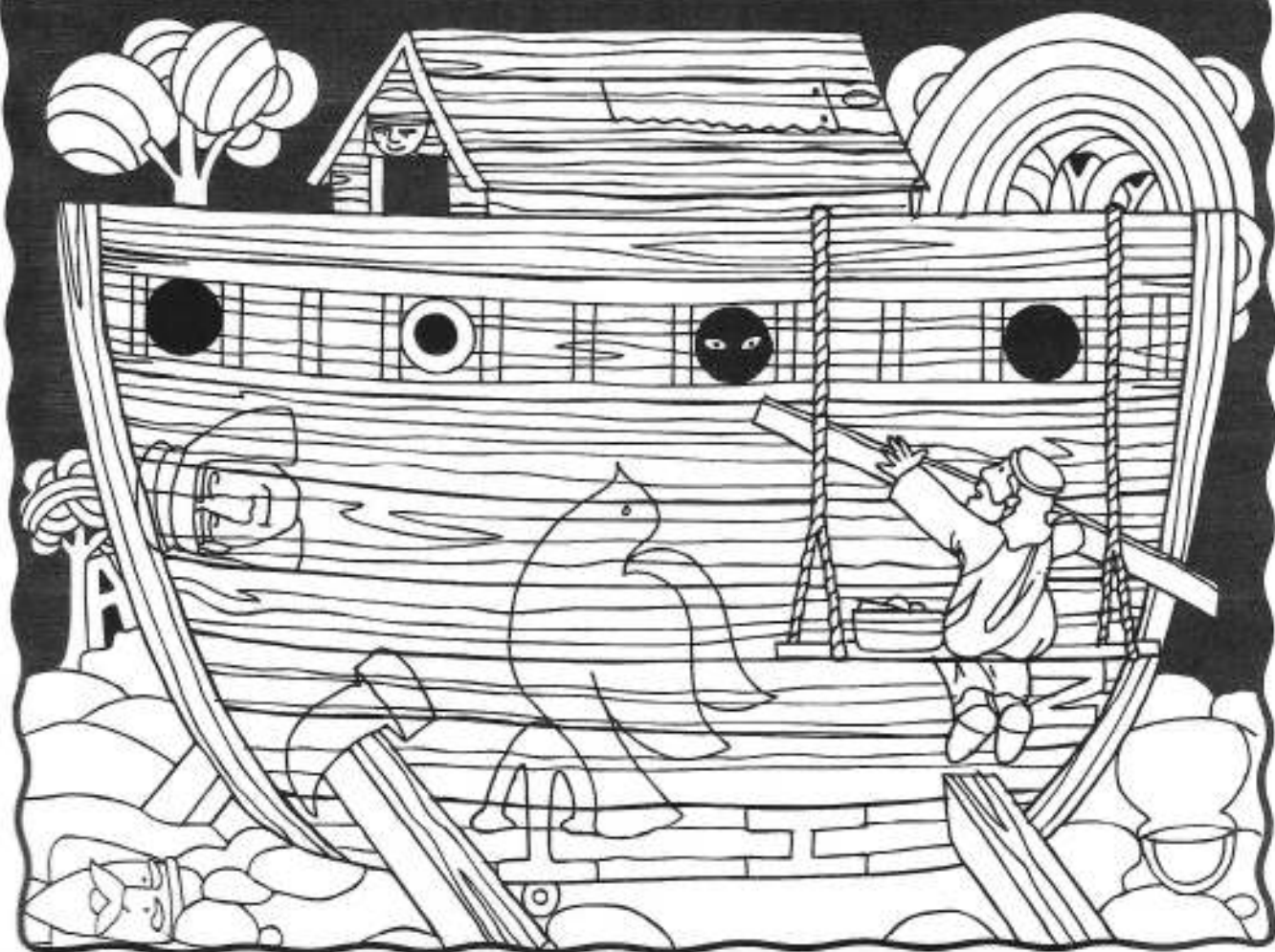
Read the clues to name the Bible character.

1. He was a righteous man.
2. He had three sons: Ham, Shem, and Japheth.
3. God told him about a great flood that was coming to the earth.
4. God told this man precisely how to build an ark.
5. He saved his family and every kind of animal from a flood that covered the earth.
6. God told him about His rainbow covenant.
7. Read about this Bible character in **Genesis 6:9**.

Name that Bible character!

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In the picture below, circle a hammer, a saw, an anchor, a ladder, a cooking pot, a dove, a rainbow, Ham, Shem, Japheth, and the letters that spell this man's name.





Building a Boat Song



Directions: Let children make up their own actions to this song as they sing it.

(Tune: "The Eensy, Weensy Spider")

God said to Noah, "Build a great big boat.
When the earth is flooded, then the boat will float.
I'll save your life and all your family
If you do what I tell you and put your trust in Me."

Noah obeyed God and did just what He said.
All his neighbors laughed and thought he'd lost his head.
But Noah kept on building until the boat was done.
And suddenly the dark clouds blotted out the sun.

Noah wasn't done; there was one more job to do.
Animals of all kinds entered two by two.
When everyone was inside the boat all snug and warm,
Then God shut the door, and it began to storm.

Rain fell upon the earth 40 days and nights.
Soon the world was flooded to its highest heights.
Water covered everything; there was no dry land.
But all those inside the boat were safe in God's strong hands.