

THE FLOOD

Bible Text: Genesis 6–9

Lesson Focus: We all sin and need God’s unconditional promise to save us through grace.

Big Question: What does an old covenant have to do with me?

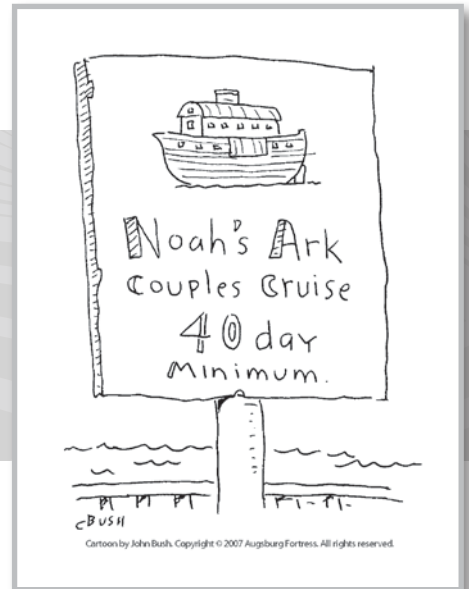
Key Words: WALK WITH GOD, COVENANT, RESTORATION

BIBLE CONNECTION

-] Only five chapters into the Bible, God is already “sorry that he had made humankind” (Genesis 6:6).
-] With human sinfulness out of control, God decides it’s time to start over (Genesis 6:7, 13).
-] Noah was the only person on earth who still “walked with God,” so God spared Noah and his family (Genesis 6:8-9).
-] Noah is in charge of making sure there are enough plants and animals to live on earth once the flood is over (Genesis 6:14-22).
-] After 40 days and nights of rain, the waters begin to go down.
-] It is God who “blows” the waters away (Genesis 8:1).
-] Even when it looks like God is in destruction mode, God saves the world.
-] The rainbow is a sign of God’s covenant with all of creation (Genesis 9:16).
-] God’s promise does not depend on human faithfulness.

CARTOON CONNECTION

-] Why is this a “couples cruise”?
-] The cruise promises to be at least 40 days long. Is that a promise too good to be true?
-] Would 40 days together on a cruise be a good thing or a bad thing for your family? Why?



STUDENT BOOK CONNECTION

Here We Stand Student Book pages 96–97: A Brief History of God’s Covenant with the People

-] How do you define *covenant*?
-] Who does God have a relationship with in a covenant?
-] In the covenant with Noah, what has God done for all humankind?

Here We Stand Student Book page 111: Noah’s Ark

-] About how many feet or meters is a cubit?
-] How many rooms the size of your classroom would fit inside the ark?

LIFE CONNECTION

“I promise . . .” is something we say and hear a lot. But many people take promises lightly and think nothing of breaking them. Think of a time when someone broke a promise with you. How did that make you feel? In the next week, make an important promise to a friend or family member. Make a point of keeping it. How do kept promises make you feel?

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Word Scramble

Use Genesis 6–9 to help you unscramble the words that complete the sentences.

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2. NNETCAVO ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○
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7. GTIHE ○ ○ ○ ○ ○
8. EIOVL ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

1. The _____ reminds God not to flood the earth again.
2. God made a _____ with Noah and his descendants.
3. It rained for _____ days and nights.
4. God considered Noah the last _____ man on earth.
5. Because of the _____ of humankind, the Lord sent a flood.
6. The ark was measured in _____.
7. There were a total of _____ people on the ark.
8. The dove sent out by Noah came back with an _____ leaf.

Answers: 1. rainbow 2. covenant 3. forty 4. blameless 5. wickedness 6. cubits 7. eight 8. olive