

# NOAH'S BIG BOAT

## LESSON SNAPSHOT

**BOTTOM LINE:**

God is powerful.

**OBJECTIVE:**

Preschoolers will learn that "I can trust God because God is powerful."

**KEY PASSAGE:**

Genesis 7:1-12, The Flood

**MEMORY VERSE:**

*"But I trust in you, Lord. I say, 'You are my God.'" Psalm 31:14 (NirV)*

**SUMMARY:**

God is powerful. For forty days and forty nights, he caused the rains to come down and cover the entire earth with water. Only Noah, his family and the animals inside the ark were safe. God's power is awesome!

**SIMPLE PRAYER:**

*Dear God,*

*Thank you for your power.*

*Amen*

## MEMORY VERSE

*“But I trust in you, Lord. I say, ‘You are my God.’” Psalm 31:14 (NirV)*

**LARGE GROUP MV ACTIVITY:** Review the memory verse, using the hand motions taught the previous week: “But I” (Point to your eye.) “Trust in you, Lord.” (Point to Heaven.) “I say” (Put your hand in front of your mouth and move it like a mouth talking.) “You are” (Point to Heaven again.) “My God.” (Cross your arms over your chest.)

**SMALL GROUP MV ACTIVITY:** Give each child one word of the verse to say. Say the verse together slowly, one word at a time, then go faster, and then faster.

## SKIT OR PUPPET SHOW

**TITLE:** Here Comes the Flood

**ITEMS NEEDED:** Bible costumes, a spy glass

**CHARACTER BREAKDOWN:** 2M

**CHARACTERS:** Noah, Ham

*Noah is standing on deck of the ark, looking off in the distance with the spyglass. Ham enters.*

HAM: Hey Dad!

DAD: Hello, Ham. Are we ready for the big boat ride?

HAM: I guess we are, Dad. Everyone's aboard, and God shut the door, just like you said He would.

DAD: Good.

HAM: So how is this boat ride supposed to work? How are we going to go anywhere on dry land without wheels?

*Noah hands Ham the spyglass.*

NOAH: You see those giant white puffy things up in the sky?

HAM: Yes I do.

NOAH: Those are called clouds.

HAM: Clouds. That's a nice word. Clouds. What do they do?

# SKIT OR PUPPET SHOW

NOAH: Ham, those clouds are going to make so much water fall from the sky, it's going to flood the whole Earth.

HAM: No way! That's impossible!

NOAH: Ham, nothing is impossible with God.

HAM: How do you know that?

NOAH: Because God is powerful! God made the world. He made us. He shut that big, huge door on the ark.

HAM: Yeah. He sure did.

NOAH: I trust that God is going to make it rain. I trust that it is going to flood. I trust that He will keep us safe because God is powerful.

HAM: Wow. If He can flood the whole Earth, He really is powerful. I sure am glad He asked you to make this big, safe boat for us.

NOAH: I wouldn't have done it if I didn't trust God. I trust Him because He is powerful. He will keep us safe.

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## SNACK

**ITEMS NEEDED:** Goldfish crackers

**ADVANCED PREPARATION:** Post a sign outside the preschool area that says: "Today's snack is goldfish crackers. Please let your child's teacher know if it is not ok for your child to have this snack."

**CONNECTION:** Give each of the kids some goldfish crackers. Say, "These goldfish crackers can remind us of the flood waters. The whole earth became a giant swimming pool for goldfish and other fish, but Noah and his family were saved because they trusted God's power."

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## CRAFT

### ITEMS NEEDED:

White paper, cotton balls, glue, scissors

### ADVANCED PREPARATION:

None

### DIRECTIONS:

Have kids cut out a large, puffy cloud shape from the white paper. Then have them glue the cotton balls onto the paper to make their cloud craft.

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## HANDS-ON ACTIVITY

### ITEMS NEEDED:

A glass of water, a straw

### ADVANCED PREPARATION:

None

### DIRECTIONS:

Ask the kids if they think they can make water stay in the straw when they lift it out of the cup. Demonstrate how by putting your finger over the top of the straw and pulling it out of the cup. Then let go to show the water was still in the straw. Let all the kids try this. Tell the kids, "God made it rain because He is powerful, but God saved Noah with His power as well. We can trust God because we know He is powerful."

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## MAIN LESSON

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**WORSHIP TIME:**

Prior to the lesson, sing one or two songs with the kids. Use CDs or live lyrics of songs that the kids are familiar with.

**LESSON:**

Today's story comes to us from the Bible. (Open the Bible and set it down in front of you as you give the lesson.)

Last week, we learned that God told a man named Noah to build an ark. God told Noah that a flood was coming, and he wanted to save Noah's family.

After Noah built the ark, his family went inside. God closed the door of the ark, and it started to rain. It had never, ever rained this much before and it has never rained so hard since. It rained so hard for 40 days and 40 nights, that the whole Earth was flooded.

Noah knew God was powerful. Even though he had never seen a flood like the one God described, he knew God could do anything. He also trusted God would save him and his family, and God did just that.

God is very powerful. We can trust Him to protect us. We can trust Him because He is powerful.

**SIMPLE PRAYER:**

*Dear God,*

*Thank you for your power.*

*Amen*

## MAIN LESSON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

**WIGGLE TAMER:** Have the kids do the sound effects of a rainstorm. Have them start by snapping their fingers to make the sound of soft rain. Then have them slap their knees to make the sound of steady rain, then have them stomp their feet to make the sound of heavy rain. Step it back to steady rain by slapping the knees again, and then light rain with the snaps.

**SMALL GROUP MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY:** Give each child one word of the verse to say. Say the verse together slowly, one word at a time, then go faster, and then faster.

### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

What happened after Noah built the ark?

Had it ever rained before Noah built the ark?

How long did it rain?

Why did Noah trust God to make it rain?

**SMALL GROUP GAME OR ACTIVITY:** Sing or teach the kids the song “Baby Shark” since we are talking about floods and water covering the whole Earth.

## SPECIAL 1 PAGE LESSON FOR 1 & 2 YEAR OLDS

**PLAY TIME:** Spend the first 15 minutes on the floor playing with the kids. Cars, dolls, blocks, and simple puzzles are great for this time.

**BIBLE TIME:** Seat the kids in the place they will be having snack. Hold up an umbrella, open it, and say, "God told Noah to build the ark because a flood was coming. No one had ever seen a flood this big before Noah's time. But as soon as the boat was built, it started to rain. It rained until it flooded. God is powerful enough to make the rain and flood. Noah trusted God because of his power."

**LESSON:**

The boat was built, the ground was dry,  
And then the rain fell from the sky.  
God kept Noah safe in his boat,  
Because the ark he built could float.

We can trust because He is powerful.

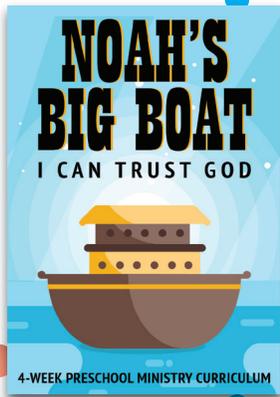
**MAKE IT REAL:** After the lesson say, "You can trust God because he is powerful." Then point to each child and say, "(Child's name) can trust God because he is powerful."

**PRAYER TIME:** Ask the children to fold their hands and bow their heads. Say, "Let's pray before our snack. Thank you God for our mommies and our daddies. Thank you for loving me. Thank you for this snack we get to eat. Amen."

**SNACK TIME:** Wash each child's hand with a wet wipe and then serve the snack. At this age crackers or goldfish with water are generally best, but you always want to be mindful of any food allergies.

**POTTY BREAK:** After snack is a great time to ask those who are potty trained if they need to use the bathroom, or change diapers of those who are not yet potty trained.

**PLAY TIME:** Finish the day with more playtime until it's time for dismissal.



# MAKE IT STICK

4 Simple Ways You Can Make This Lesson Stick With your Kids

## Noah's Big Boat Lesson 2

### THIS WEEK'S LESSON: THE FLOOD



#### DRIVING:

Ask your child what they learned about this week on the drive home:

The next time you are driving in the rain, ask the kids to look out the window at God's power. Remind them that God made the rain, and ask them how we know we can trust God's power.



#### PLAYING:

Make this week's lesson real:

Fill up a sink or a tub of water and play a game of "Will it float?" Pick a few random items and see if they can float. Remind the kids that the ark God told Noah to build floated and saved his family from the water.



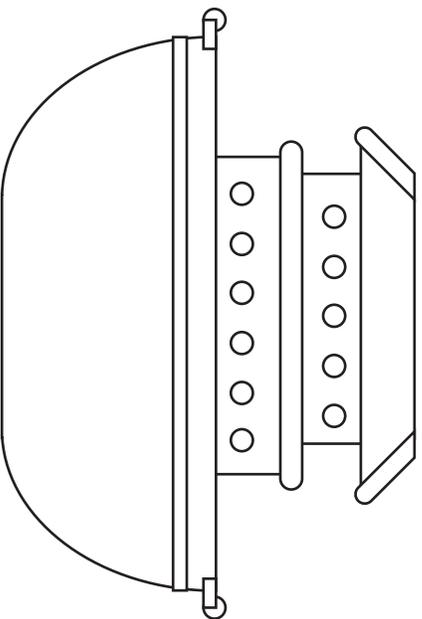
#### EATING:

During your mealtime prayer, thank God for His power.

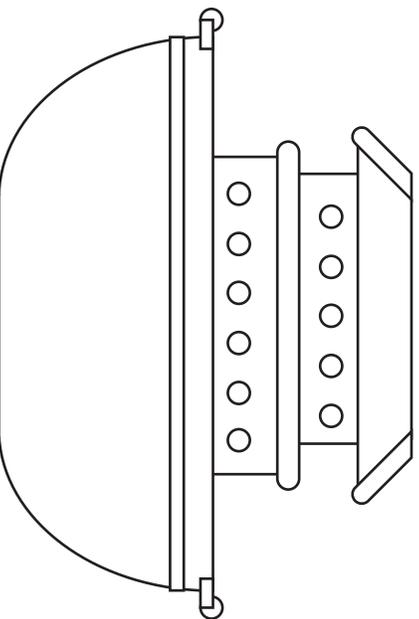


#### SNUGGLING:

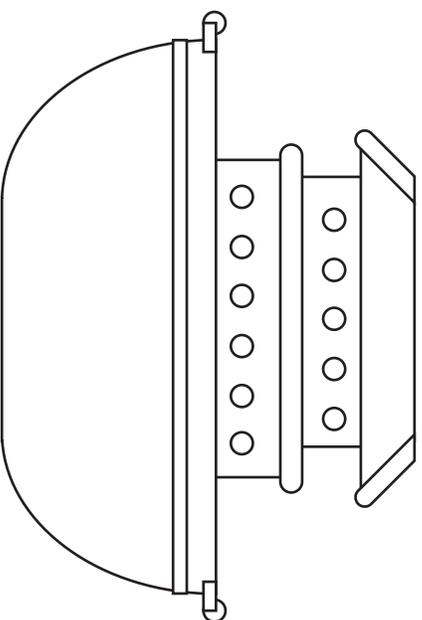
Cuddle up with your little ones during the next rainstorm. Tell them you love them, and remind them that God is more powerful even than the rain, the thunder, and the lightning outside. Go over the memory verse together as well: "But I trust in you, Lord. I say, 'You are my God.'" Psalm 31:14 (NirV)



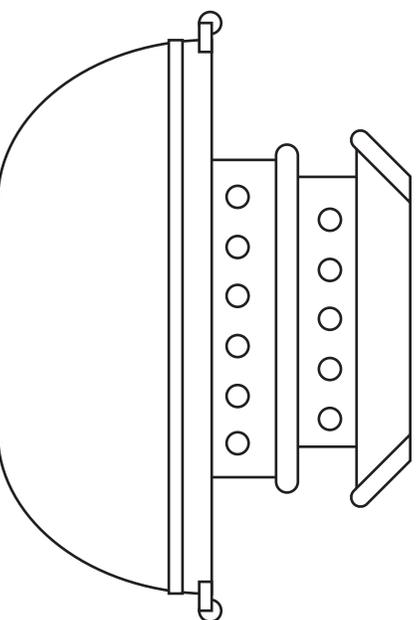
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