

LESSON SNAPSHOT

BOTTOM LINE:

God has a good plan.

OBJECTIVE:

Preschoolers will learn that “I can trust and obey God because God’s got a good plan for me.”

KEY PASSAGE:

Genesis 6:9-22, God Instructs Noah

MEMORY VERSE:

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

SUMMARY:

The world had become a bad place. Only one man, Noah, still put his trust in God and did what God said. When God told Noah to build an ark, so that he and his family would be saved from the coming flood, Noah trusted God’s plan and obeyed God. We can obey God’s plan too.

SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God,

Help us to trust and obey You.

Amen

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MEMORY VERSE

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LARGE GROUP MV ACTIVITY:

Teach the kids the verse, using the following hand motions: “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:

Say the verse together several times. Talk about the verse’s meaning.

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SKIT OR PUPPET SHOW

TITLE: Build a Boat

ITEMS NEEDED: Bible costumes, a set of blueprints

CHARACTER BREAKDOWN: 2M

CHARACTERS: Noah, Ham

Noah enters with the blueprint. Ham enters.

HAM: Hi, Dad! Did you send for me?

NOAH: Yes I did, Ham. I want you and your brothers, Shem and Japheth, to help me build something.

HAM: What are we building? A house? A tree house? Oh I know, is it a pillow fort?

NOAH: No, it's an ark.

HAM: An ark? What's an ark?

NOAH: It's a big boat.

HAM: A boat? What's a boat?

NOAH: It's a building that's designed to float on water.

HAM: Oh okay. What do we need a boat for?

NOAH: Because a flood is coming. The world has become so bad, God is going to flood the Earth and start over.

HAM: What's a flood?

NOAH: It's when a lot of rain falls, and the Earth becomes covered in water.

HAM: What's—

SKIT OR PUPPET SHOW

NOAH: And before you ask, rain is water falling from the sky.

HAM: Wow. So water is going to fall from the sky, flood the Earth, and we will be safe in the boat?

NOAH: That's right.

HAM: Good thing you thought of that boat.

NOAH: I didn't think of it. God told me to build it.

HAM: He did?

NOAH: God said because I was obedient to Him, He would spare my family. He said if we obey Him and build this boat, we will be safe.

HAM: That's so nice of Him!

NOAH: It's like I always said. I can trust and obey God because God's got a good plan for me.

HAM: You said it, Dad.

NOAH: Well we have the plans. We just need to get your brothers and the tools. Any questions?

HAM: Just one more. Why did you name me Ham?

NOAH: Go get your brothers and some tools, Ham.

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SNACK

ITEMS NEEDED:

Scoop style tortilla chips with a dip

ADVANCED PREPARATION:

Post a sign outside the preschool area that says: "Today's snack is chips and dip. Please let your child's teacher know if it is not ok for your child to have this snack."

CONNECTION:

Scoop some dip into each of the tortilla chips and set them in front of the kids. Before eating, ask the kids if they think their snack resembles a boat. Say, "When we eat chips like these and scoop our dip, we can be reminded how Noah obeyed God and built a boat to save his family."

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CRAFT

ITEMS NEEDED:

Brown construction paper, glue or tape, scissors

ADVANCED PREPARATION:

You can prepare some pre-sized templates of the pieces to be cut out that the kids can trace on their papers.

DIRECTIONS:

Have the kids cut out a large semi-circle, a rectangle (about half the width of the flat part of the semi-circle), and a triangle (with a base a little wider than the rectangle). Cut out the shapes, and then assemble the ark. Attach the rectangle to the semicircle to make the house on top of the ark, and then attach the triangle to be the roof of the ark.

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HANDS-ON ACTIVITY

ITEMS NEEDED:

Paper, a large tub of water

ADVANCED PREPARATION:

Fill the tub with water. Watch boat making tutorial here

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1wu5oKy4m5s>

DIRECTIONS:

Teach the kids how to fold their paper into a simple boat. Then let each of the kids test their boat and see if it floats. The boats that were built as taught should float easily.

The students who followed the directions, trusting and obeying the group leader, built successful boats. We can trust and obey God because He has a good plan for us.

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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. “Arky Arky” would be an appropriate song for this lesson.

LESSON:

Today’s story comes to us from the Bible. (Hold up a Bible.) The Bible is God’s Word, and God wants us to obey His Word. (Open the Bible and set it down in front of you as you give the lesson.)

Today’s story is about a man named Noah. Noah lived in a time when people did not obey God’s Word. They did what they wanted, and they did not care what God thought about them.

Noah was the one man who obeyed God. He loved God, and He did what God asked Him to do.

God decided he wanted to start over by flooding the world. God wanted to save Noah and His family, so He asked Noah to build an ark, a giant boat that would help his family ride the waves.

Noah had never built an ark before, but he trusted God and did exactly what God commanded. Because Noah trusted God, his family was saved.

God has a plan for each one of you. He wants you to listen to His Word, the Bible, and He wants you to trust and obey Him. Noah’s life teaches us we can trust and obey God because God’s got a good plan for us.

SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God, Help us to trust and obey You. Amen

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MAIN LESSON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

WIGGLE TAMER: Play a game of Red Light/ Green Light. Remind the kids that their parents trust and obey traffic lights, and that keeps them and us safe.

SMALL GROUP MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY: Say the verse together several times. Talk about the verse's meaning.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Who was Noah?

What did God tell Noah to do?

Why did Noah obey God and build the boat?

What happened to Noah's family when he trusted and obeyed God?

SMALL GROUP GAME OR ACTIVITY: Test the kids' ability to obey by playing some Simon Says. See who can stay in the longest. Who is the best at listening and obeying Simon?

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SPECIAL ONE 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 a picture of Noah's Ark and say, "God told a man named Noah a great flood was coming. God told Noah how to build a boat, and Noah obeyed God. Because Noah obeyed, He was saved. We can be saved if we obey God's plan too!"

LESSON:

The Lord told Noah to build a boat,
And when the flood came, the boat did float.
Noah was safe in God's great hands
Because he obeyed God's plans.

We can trust and obey God because he has a good plan for us.

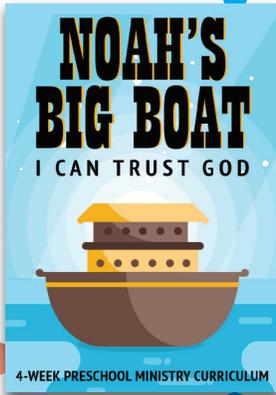
MAKE IT REAL: After the lesson say, "God loves you, and he has a wonderful plan for you." Then point to each child and say, "God has a plan for (child's name)."

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 1

THIS WEEK'S LESSON: THE ARK



DRIVING:

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

As you drive, point out the signs and traffic lights you have to obey. Ask your kids what would happen if you ignored those signs. Tell them why you trust and obey traffic signs so that you can get to your destination safely.



PLAYING:

Make this week's lesson real:

Pick a game or a craft that requires following directions. Point out to the kids that when you trust and follow directions, the game or the craft goes as it should. Ask them what would happen if you didn't follow directions.



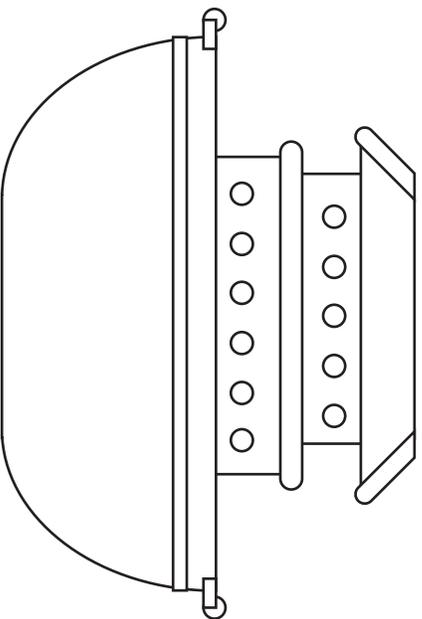
EATING:

During your mealtime prayer, thank God that we can trust Him.

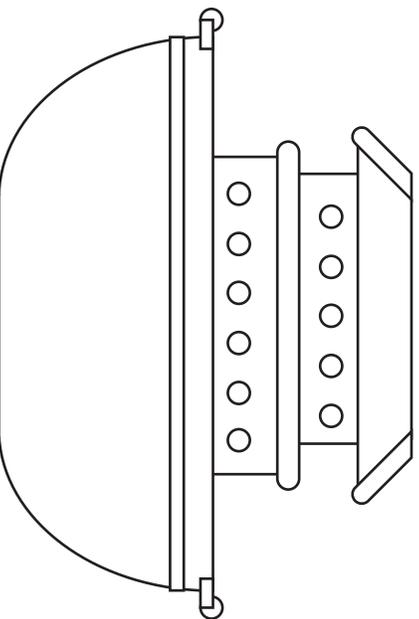


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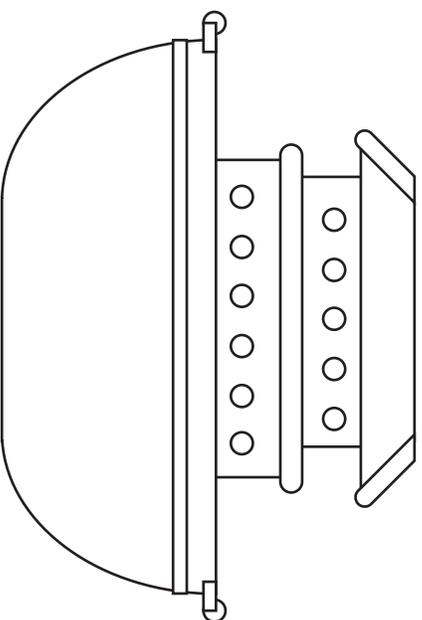
Cuddle up with your little ones and tell them how much you love them. Remind them that God has a plan for them. Tell them that you are praying they will trust and obey God as they grow older. Go over the memory verse together as well: "But I trust in you, Lord. I say, 'You are my God.'" Psalm 31:14 (NirV)



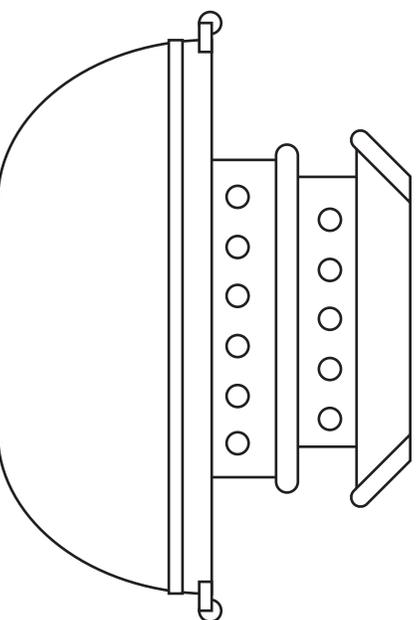
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