Beautiful BIBLE TREASURES

For Children

Lesson 10

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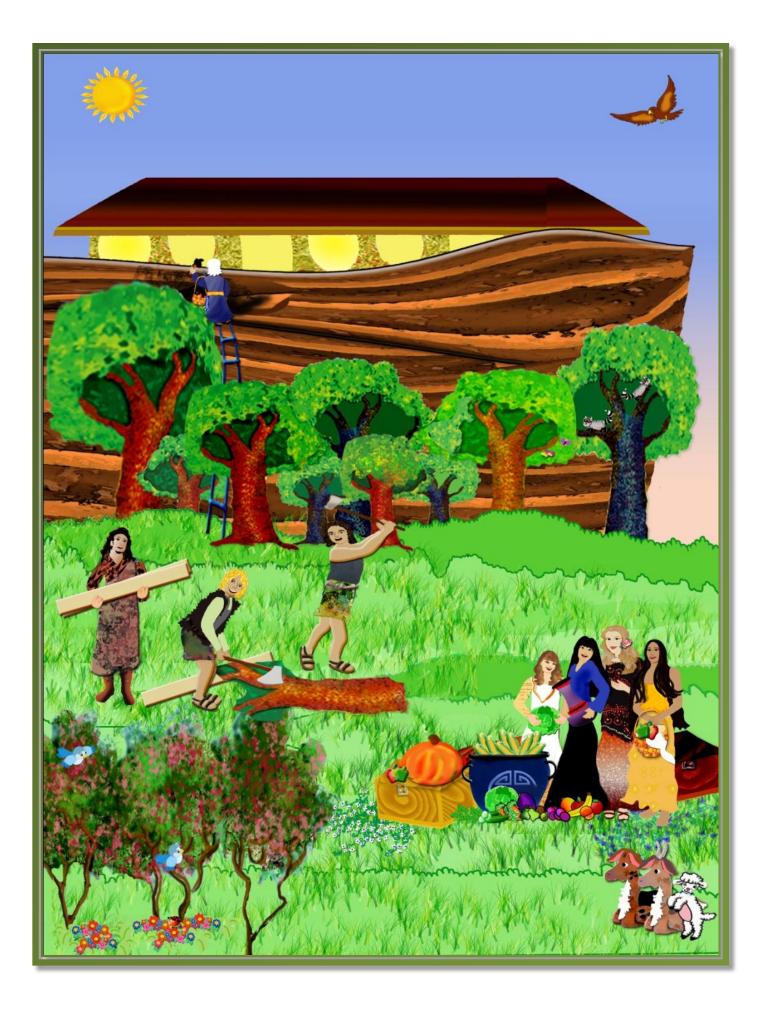
God wanted people to be happy on Earth, and to be His friends.

However, many people chose to do only the things that were wrong, and that made God sad.

He wished they would listen and obey, but they didn't. So God had to wash away all the dirt and ugly behaviour of the old world and start again.

Noah loved God and obeyed Him. God told him to build a big, strong boat, and to load it with animals and some supplies.

It was going to be a long trip. God would wash the world, but in the ark, the big boat, they would be safe and dry.



Have you ever been very sad because something you liked broke, or you couldn't have what you were hoping for?

Well, God felt so very sad because the nice world He made got ruined and turned ugly and unpleasant.

God found one man who was following His way—Noah. He listened to God! So God told him what was going to happen to the world.



God would bring a great flood, the biggest one there ever was, that would cover the entire planet!

God told Noah to build a very large boat; an ark. In the ark he and his family—his wife, three sons and their wives—would be safe during the flood. God told Noah to also bring into the ark two of every type of animal and creature that lived on the land.

It wasn't easy, and it took a lot of perseverance and hard work for many years. People didn't encourage him, but made things difficult for Noah and his family through their unkind and ungodly words and actions.

This didn't stop Noah, though. He just kept on for over one hundred years. That's a long time to do a job and not give up!

Finally, it was all built and they and the chosen animals went safely inside, with all they would need for the journey. God then shut the ark's door tightly, and the watery journey was soon to begin.

Activity

*Play a "yes" and "no" quiz. If the answer is yes, the children stand up; if no, they sit down. Ask questions about what types of things Noah took into the ark. (Giraffes, fish, a house, computer, corn, etc.)



Noah was one of the few people on Earth who had chosen to follow God's way, and he made God glad. So he was chosen out of everyone on the Earth to do a very important job.

Have you ever cried a lot, I mean a whole lot? So much that you felt you could hardly stop, and your face was all wet with tears, your nose was running, and you were sobbing, thinking there was nothing that could cheer you up?

Perhaps you lost something or someone that was really special to you? Or something that you'd worked so hard on got totally ruined? Or something that you'd been looking forward to and planning for a long while didn't work out, and your hopes and dreams were smashed?

Well, that was a bit how God felt when things on Earth started to go so wrong. The people He had lovingly created now made Him feel so sad with their poor choices and bad behaviour. The world that He made wasn't the happy, thriving, beautiful, loving place that He had made it to be.

After all He'd put into it, it was now ruined and soiled with the wrongs that people were doing. He cried and cried, and the whole world was going to be washed and cleansed with the water that He'd send.

Maybe that's how many tears He felt He had. The old things were washed away, and He could start again. He chose Noah to help Him during this time, to salvage what good was still left in the Earth. Noah had learned to hear and obey God's voice. And he had learned to hate the terrible things that were going on in the world. He didn't want anything to do with evil. He just wanted to live God's way. God was able to speak clearly with him. Noah was eager to do things God's way, even if they had never been done before.

If God told him, "Cut down trees and build a floating vehicle, fill it with animals and food, and go in it with your family," then Noah would do it—and he did, because that is what God said.

There was a lot of work to be done, and it took over a hundred years to do it! It all had to be done right, so that the ship would be safe and sturdy, and would last—staying strong and stable until the washed new world was dry again. It needed to be built well so it would shelter, house, keep, and save Noah's family and the land animals.

After this "ark" was built, it was time to fill it with the creatures that were to be on it. Every type of animal was put in the ark—a male and female of each kind.

There were only two of most animals on the ark, but 14 of those animals that mankind would need plenty of in the new clean world.

For example, there needed to be lots of sheep for wool for clothing, and cows to give milk and pull ploughs, and so forth.



The task was enormous, and there weren't many people to do it. It's one thing to want to do a job, to be willing to do what God calls you to do.— But then to stick with it until it's done, and to do the hard work, day after day until it's completed, that takes determination and vision. Those are two things that Noah and his family had to have.

They also needed to have unity and teamwork, and to be willing to help each other, and to work very hard. They needed each other. They had to talk together, listen to each other, work things out together, encourage each other, pray and get the right ideas from God in order to make it all just right, to do things in the best way.

It took years and years of working towards a goal and not giving up, and not giving in to those who were trying to stop them and make things difficult. Their minds had to be on the job and their hearts set on God's ways.

Finally they did it! They won! The ark was built, the animals were safely inside, and all the things they'd need for their long voyage were packed and ready! Their destination was a new clean world.

Imagine the excitement, the anticipation they must have felt, with



the job all done and everyone and everything that was meant to be in the ark safely there.

God shut the door tight, and then they just had to wait. For seven days and nights they waited inside the ark, for the promised flood to come.

Let's Talk About It

*Talk about the length of time certain projects take. (Cooking a meal, building a house, planting an orchard, making a dress, fixing a car, painting a picture, etc.)

*Have you ever experienced something not working out or happening as you had hoped, and been real disappointed? What are some helpful things to remember at times like that?

Activity

*Learn about the basic needs of humans and what trees, plants, dirt, sun, and animals help to provide (shelter, food, water, warmth, clothing, etc.)

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Connect and Communicate

*Play a game where one person starts a verse, and another person finishes it. Then they start a new one, while choosing the next person to finish off the verse.

Study Fun

<u>Repeat aloud</u>: The sentences or phrases that tell of Noah's obedience and his following God's ways.

<u>Select</u>: A phrase or sentence of a verse to then make a rhyming line to, which goes along with it. (For example: "Make thee an ark of gopher wood..." Words that the next made-up rhyming sentence could end with: good, understood, would, should, etc.)

Summarise: The story after reading it, in a few sentences.

Genesis

6:5 And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.



6:6 And it repented the Lord that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.

6:8 But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.

6:9 These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God.

6:10 And Noah begat three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

6:13 And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the

earth.

6:14 Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch.

6:19 And of every living thing of all flesh, two of every sort shalt thou bring into the ark, to keep them alive with thee; they shall be male and female.

6:20 Of fowls after their kind, and of cattle after their kind, of every creeping thing of the earth after his kind, two of every sort shall come unto thee, to keep them alive.

6:21 And take thou unto thee of all food that is eaten, and thou shalt gather it to thee; and it shall be for food for thee, and for them.



6:22 Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he.

7:1 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.

7:2 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.

7:3 Of fowls also of the air by sevens, the male and the female; to keep seed alive upon the face of all the earth.

7:4 For yet seven days, and I will cause it to rain upon the earth forty days and forty nights; and every living substance that I have made will I destroy from off the face of the earth.

7:5 And Noah did according unto all that the Lord commanded him.

7:6 And Noah was six hundred years old when the flood of waters was upon the earth.

7:7 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.

7:10 And it came to pass after

seven days, that the waters of the flood were upon the earth.

Activity

*Choose a bigger project that you'd like to start work on, something you keep working on bit by bit, over a period of time. Stick to it, and make a goal of when to have it completed. Have a reason for doing it—for someone's birthday, or to learn a skill, etc.





Deuteronomy 28:8 The Lord shall command the blessing upon thee in thy storehouses, and in all that

thou settest thine hand unto; and he shall bless thee in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

1 Samuel 12:22 For the Lord will not forsake his



people for his great name's sake: because it hath pleased the Lord to make you his people.



Notable Notes—From Romans

Prayer

Proverbs 8:17 I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me.

*Pray for five things you have never prayed for, or rarely think of committing to prayer.

See activity below!

Romans

1:16 I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth.

3:23-24 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

4:20-21 He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.

8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

8:38-39 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come. Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

10:9 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.

10:17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

12:10 Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another.

12:11 Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord;

12:18 If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.

Activity

*After reading each verse, mark the topic in each list that most correctly expresses what the verse talks about.

Romans 1:16 Talks about ____?

- a. Telling others about the way to salvation
- b. The Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John)
- c. Being ashamed of doing something wrong

Romans 3:23–24 Talks about ____?

- a. How tall or big God is, compared to people on Earth
- b. Things that are free
- c. All have done wrong, yet can receive forgiveness from Jesus

Romans 4:20–21 Talks about ____?

- a. Not being able to walk properly, but staggeringly
- b. Believing strongly that God will do what He has promised
- c. Putting on a performance

Romans 8:28 Talks about ____?

a. God can make things turn out good for those who love Him and obey what He calls them to do

- b. Knowing all things and being smart
- c. Doing all things well, and a good job

Romans 8:38–39 Talks about ____? a. Living, dying, and meeting angels b. Creatures of all types c. God will always love us and be near us Romans 10:9 Talks about ? a. Steps to receiving salvation from Jesus b. Confessing a mistake you've made c. Easter Romans 10:17 Talks about ? a. How to restore loss of hearing b. You gain faith when you listen to God's Word c. Listening to everything around you Romans 12:2 Talks about ? a. Getting God's thoughts, and finding His will, even if it's different from what others in the world are doing b. Doing good things c. Being accepted by the world Romans 12:10 Talks about ? a. Being honoured b. Brothers and sisters c. Showing kindness and consideration to others Romans 12:11 Talks about ____? a. An animal that moves very slowly b. Using strength, skill, diligence and focus to do what the Lord needs you to do c. A tip for a good businessman Romans 12:18 Talks about ____? a. Try to get along with others, to the best of your ability, acting peacefully and kindly b. Resting as much as possible c. Something to try out, just in case it works—though it may be impossible



Topic Treasures

— Godly Thoughts and Imaginations

Study Fun

Repeat aloud: The "do" portions of verses.

<u>Select</u>: A short verse from the list to commit to memory. Put it to an existing tune, to make memorizing it easy!

<u>Summarise</u>: The tips brought out in these verses on how to keep your thoughts clean, good and godly.

Isaiah 55:7 Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

Jonah 2:8 They that observe lying vanities forsake their own mercy.



Jeremiah 7:24 But they hearkened not, nor inclined their ear, but walked in the counsels and in the imagination of their evil heart, and went backward, and not forward.

2 Timothy 1:7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

2 Corinthians 10:5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.

Psalm 101:3 I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me.

Psalm 1:2 But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

Psalms 104:34 My meditation of him shall be sweet: I will be glad in the Lord.

Isaiah 26:3 Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.





*Write a prayer, asking the Lord to take away the thoughts that aren't good, and tell Him what kinds of thoughts you'd like to have to replace them—what type of good, uplifting, faith-building, inspirational, or good ideas and loving thoughts you'd like to have instead. Pray for the selfdiscipline to keep your mind "on track" and to resist that which would get you down and "off track".

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