



## Lesson 6: Building the Ark

### *Scriptural Basis:*



Genesis 6:5 – 7:5

### *Overview:*

As the number Adam and Eve's descendents multiplied across the face of the earth, so did sin. And after about 9 generations of that, God saw that "every inclination of the thoughts of [men's] heart was only evil all the time". As a result, God decided to destroy all men by a flood, yet he had grace on one man, Noah and his family. He commanded Noah to build an Ark and fill it with animals. And in faith, Noah did everything just as God commanded him.

### *Things to consider:*

- Sin increased greatly with all of Adam and Eve's descendants
- God demonstrated his disposition toward Sin by choosing to cleanse the earth of it.
- God showed grace to Noah, even though doing so would mean that sin would continue in subsequent generations (through Noah and his family).
- Noah's life is a demonstration of what it means to live by faith. He spent 120 years building a boat on dry land!
- God promised to establish a covenant with Noah. A covenant is a promise of the highest degree.

### *The gospel in the story:*



Sin is a problem of the highest order because it causes separation from God and is deserving of His wrath, and leads to death. This is very bad news. The good news is that God has always had a plan to eradicate sin in a way that will bring Him glory as a gracious God. The human population of Noah's day is a picture of full-blown sin (Godlessness). The Bible says that Everyone had evil hearts and thoughts ALL of the time. Yet, God chose to allow the human race to continue by having grace on Noah and his family. Grace is one of the five solae (see lesson 1) that define the foundations of Christian faith, and God's grace is fully on display in this story of Him choosing to spare Noah and his family from the flood. Noah demonstrates another of the solae (faith) in the construction of the ark.

### *Bible Study for Preparation:*



Read Genesis 6:5 – 7:5. Note that scripture says that all humans were sinful all the time, yet God found favor (grace) in Noah. Ponder the significance of grace in your life.

## *Teaching the lesson:*

A: Review (Lesson 5: Cain and Abel )

B: Activity –

C. Video

D. Additional activity