



God remembered Noah and all the animals that were with him in the ark (Genesis 8:1)

Bible Study:



Genesis 7:6 – 9:19, and contemplate God's power, righteousness, AND mercy and provision. All of these attributes of God are evident in this narrative. The memory verse taken from the story says that God remembered Noah and all animals. This is a very significant statement when you consider that they spent over a year on the ark. So that means that God did not just miraculously gather the animals, and send a wind causing the waters to recede, He must have also provided the means and provisions to care for them for such a long time!

The gospel in the story:



A key to understanding the gospel is to recognize that without God's redemption, we deserve death because of our sin. Apparently Noah recognized this as well. After the flood, as soon as Noah was once again on dry land, the first thing he did was to erect an altar and make offerings to God. In doing this, Noah was offering his thanks to the Lord for His grace.

Application

Head: What did we learn?

- Q: How old was Noah when the flood came? A: 600 years old
Q: Who was on the ark with Noah? A: His wife, three sons – Shem, Ham and Japheth – and their wives
Q: Who closed the door on the ark? A: God did
Q: How long did it rain? A: 40 days and nights.
Q: How long did Noah and the animals stay on the ark?
A: Over a year (Scripture says Noah was 601 when he left the ark).
Q: What covenant did God make with Noah (and all creatures)? A: To never again flood the earth.
Q: What did God command in His blessing of Moses? A: To be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth.

Heart : Memory verse

God remembered Noah and all the wild animals and the livestock that were with him in the ark (Genesis 8:1a)

Hands: How does this affect how I live my life?

Noah's story is about deliverance and obedience. God had favor (grace) on Noah and delivered him from death, and Noah responded with obedience and trust in Him (even when he was afloat for almost half a year). Those who put their faith in Jesus are also delivered from the penalty of death. And through that act of grace we can walk with God, follow his ways (obey) and trust in him.

Home: How does this affect my household?

This is a story about Noah *and* his household. They were unified in their trust and obedience of God. It is a good picture of how a family is to be unified in their trust in God's provision, and obedience of him.

Heaven: How can this help in sharing our faith?

In his offering to the Lord, Noah recognized the grace he received from God, knowing that he deserved the same fate as all those who died. As we develop a better understanding of the grace we have received, we develop a gracious heart toward those who don't know Jesus.