



Lesson 7: The Big Flood

Scriptural Basis:



Genesis 7:6 – 9:19

Overview:

The account of the flood is a picture of God's wrath and mercy. We see that God dealt harshly with sinful humans using the flood to wipe them out. Though He was completely just in His actions, God chose to also show mercy and grace by preserving Noah and his family (and therefore all of humanity from that point forward).

God also made a covenant (promise) with Noah and all the living creatures to never flood the earth again. The rainbow is the sign of this covenant.

Things to consider:

- God is holy, and therefore cannot abide sin. When he saw that everyone's thoughts were evil all the time, he dealt swiftly with them
- God is also merciful and gracious; God preserved Noah and the animals
- Noah built an altar and made offerings to the Lord, showing he knew that he and his family were sinful and in need of God's grace
- God made a promise to Noah and all living things to never flood the earth again

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.

Bible Study for Preparation:



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!

Teaching the lesson:

Before you arrive on Sunday:

- A: Review Lesson 6
- B Read through the application section of the Handout

Sunday Morning:

- A: Review (Lesson 6 – Noah builds the Ark)
- B. Share the story
- C: Activity/Object Lesson
- D. Video/puppet/reading
- E. Additional activity