



Unit 1, Session 4

Noah and the Ark

Genesis 6–9

Story Point: God punished sin but chose to rescue Noah and his family.

Adam and Eve had many children and grandchildren. One day, God looked at all the people on earth and saw that they were choosing to sin. Every person's thoughts were evil, and God was sad that He made people. God decided to send a flood to clean up the world.

God showed favor to a man named Noah. He told Noah to make an ark to save himself, his family, and all kinds of animals. God told Noah exactly how to make the ark. God said that He would make a covenant, or agreement, with Noah and his family. Noah did everything that God commanded.

When the ark was finished, Noah went inside with his family and the animals, and God shut the door. Rain came for 40 days and 40 nights, and water rose from the ground.

The water rose higher and higher until all of the mountains were covered. Every living

thing on the earth died; only Noah and those with him survived.

Finally, the rain stopped and the water started to go down. Noah waited inside the ark until the ground was dry. Then God told Noah to bring all the people and animals out of the ark. So Noah did. God promised Noah that He would never completely flood the earth again.

God told Noah and his family to spread out over the earth and fill it with people. God placed a rainbow in the sky as a special sign of the covenant He made with Noah.

Christ Connection: God rescued Noah and his family from the flood. The story of Noah points ahead to a greater rescue. God's Son, Jesus—the only perfectly righteous One—came to take the punishment for our sin. By trusting in Him, we are saved from the punishment our sin deserves.

