

# Bible Stories for Adults

## God Makes a Covenant with Noah

### Genesis 6 - 9

## Opening

Gathering: What glimmers of faithfulness and hope have you seen in the midst of evil?

Today's Focus: God cleansed the world of widespread evil but showed His love for His creation by saving a remnant.

Key Verses: *I now establish My covenant with you and with your descendants after you.* Genesis 9:9

*Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet My unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor My covenant of peace be removed.* Isaiah 54:10

Opening Prayer

## Lesson

Generations (*Genesis 5*)

What was the typical lifespan during the first 1656 years of human history?

Genesis 5

How and why was this changed?

Genesis 6:1-3

What was the typical lifespan between Noah and Abraham and beyond?

Genesis 11:10-32

How did Enoch die, and why?

Genesis 5:24

How did Methuselah die?

Genesis 5:25-29, 7:11

World-Wide Wickedness (*Genesis 6:5-9*)

How was man affected by the sin that had entered God's creation?

Genesis 6:5

What did God decide to do as His judgment?

Genesis 6:6-7

How did God follow this judgment with His grace?

Genesis 6:17-18

Why did God save Noah out of all people?

Genesis 6:8-9 (also 7:1)

Did the Flood Wash Away the Wickedness? (*Luke 11:29-32; Matthew 12:39-45*)

Did the flood eliminate all wickedness from the earth?

Luke 11:29a

How wicked was the old covenant generation of whom Jesus was speaking?

Luke 11:31-32

What was God's judgment for this wickedness?

Luke 11:50-51

Did Jesus offer any promise of God's grace in His message of judgment?

Matthew 12:39-40

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### Did Wickedness Go Away After Jesus? (*Romans 1*)

Did Jesus' act eliminate all wickedness from the earth?

Romans 1:21, 29-32

After thousands of years of wickedness, has God just washed His hands and given up?

Romans 1:18-20, 24, 28

How is giving men over to their sinful desires a result of God's wrath?

Matthew 12:43-45

### God's Wrath (*Romans 2-3*)

Is this the extent of God's judgment on the world's wickedness?

Romans 2:5-9

How does Peter describe God's wrath and anger?

2 Peter 3:5-7, 10-12

Are Peter and Paul saying we must be good to escape God's wrath of eternal damnation?

Romans 3:9-12, 20

So how can we escape God's wrath?

Romans 3:21-24

### God's Plan (*Genesis 6:12-16*)

Was the flood just an accidental occurrence?

Genesis 6:12-13

Was God's plan only one of judgment?

Genesis 7:1-4

What larger plan of God's does this point towards?

Ephesians 1:9-10

Who is the select family that God has chosen to receive His grace in this larger plan?

Ephesians 1:11-14

How concerned was God about His plan to save Noah?

Genesis 6:14-16

Was God concerned with details in His plan to send the Messiah?

Galatians 4:4-5

### Living Within God's Plan (*Genesis 6:22*)

Could Noah have predicted the flood and prepared to save himself without God telling him?

Genesis 6:22

How are we to know the details of God's plan for our own lives?

1 Corinthians 2:7-13

Why did Noah build this huge boat on dry land despite looking foolish to his neighbors?

Hebrews 11:7

Why would we live faithfully and obediently to God despite appearing foolish to our neighbors?

1 Corinthians 1:18, 21-25, 30-31

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### The Ark (*Genesis 6:14*)

What was the purpose of the ark?

Genesis 6:19

What is our ark that saves our lives?

1 Peter 3:18-22

What materials were used to build the ark?

Genesis 6:14

Note: The Hebrew word for “pitch” is same as used for “atonement” (covering)

What is significant about the ark being made of a common durable wood and pitch (atonement)?

Hebrews 2:17-18

Who built the ark?

Genesis 7:5-6

Does God really need our help to accomplish His work?

1 Corinthians 3:5-9

### Holes in the Ark (*Genesis 6:16*)

How did Noah, his family and the animals get into the ark?

Genesis 6:16

Is there more than one way for us to enter the ark of salvation?

John 14:6

Was the door too small to allow all animals to get in?

Genesis 7:8-9

Is the door to salvation limited to fit only the least sinful?

1 Timothy 1:15

How did Noah get this large door to close and seal tight?

Genesis 7:16

The door protected Noah from the evil and deadly waters. How does Jesus, our door, protect us?

John 17:11, 15

What did the closed door mean to those outside of the ark?

Luke 17:26-27

What parable did Jesus tell to explain that not all will enter the door?

Luke 13:23-28

How did God care for Noah’s welfare while closed in the ark for over a year?

Genesis 6:16

How can we look to heaven and be renewed when we feel closed in and wasting away like Noah?

2 Corinthians 4:16-18

### The Flood (*Genesis 7:17-8:5*)

How big of a flood did God send?

Genesis 7:17-20, 23

How long did the earth stay flooded?

Genesis 8:3-5

How long did Noah and his family live on the ark?

Genesis 8:13-14

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### Back on Dry Ground (*Genesis 8:13-20*)

- How did Noah know when to get out of the ark?  
Genesis 8:15-17
- What was the first thing Noah did after leaving the ark?  
Genesis 8:18-20
- Wouldn't Noah eliminate species by sacrificing clean animals?  
Genesis 7:2-3
- What does this say about the sacrifices and offerings we give to God?  
1 Chronicles 29:14

### God's Response (*Genesis 8:21-9:7*)

- How did God respond to Noah's worshipful sacrifice?  
Genesis 8:21
- What else did God decide to sustain?  
Genesis 8:22
- How did man's relation to animals change?  
Genesis 9:2-3  
Genesis 1:29
- Since man could now kill, what did God command against and why?  
Genesis 9:5-6
- What did God command to restore his creation?  
Genesis 9:7 (see 1:28)

### God's Covenant (*Genesis 9:8-17*)

- With whom did God make a covenant?  
Genesis 9:8-10
- What was God's promise under the covenant?  
Genesis 9:11
- What sign or signature guaranteed this covenant?  
Genesis 9:12-17
- What signature has God given guaranteeing our future with Him under the new covenant of Jesus?  
2 Corinthians 1:21-22

### Closing Prayer

### Response - Consider and meditate on one each day this week

1. When has my heart been filled with evil inclinations? (*Genesis 6:5; 8:21; Exodus 32:22; Psalm 14:1-3; Isaiah 5:20; 55:7-9; Jer 4:14; Ezekiel 33:10-20; Matthew 15:16-20; Romans 3:9-20*)
2. When have I felt God's righteousness at work in my life? (*Genesis 6:8-9; 2 Samuel 22:21-25; Job 1:1, 8; Psalm 15; 19:12-14; 34:13-22; Proverbs 2:7-8; Romans 4; Galatians 3:12*)
3. What examples have I seen that evil begets evil? (*1 Kings 12:13-15; 16:30-33; Psalm 81:11-12; Ezekiel 18; Matthew 12:43-45; Romans 1:18-32; 1 Corinthians 5:6-13; Ephesians 4:19*)
4. What parts of God's plan for my life has He made clear to me that I don't fully understand? (*Gen 6:22; 50:20; Ex 3:1-4:17; Job 42:1-3; 1 Cor 2:6-16; Phil 4:7; Heb 11:7-13; 1 Peter 1:10-12*)
5. What special ways have I shown my praise to God in response to His lovingkindness to me? (*Genesis 8:20; 14:17-20; Exodus 15:1-21; Numbers 6; Joshua 6:20-21; 1 Chronicles 29; Luke 17:11-19; Acts 4:32-37*)