

## LESSON OVERVIEW

**Big Idea:** Noah's faith helped him to obey God even when it was really hard

**Key Question:** How do we trust God in hard times?

**Memory Verse:** I trust in your unfailing love. I will rejoice because you have rescued me. **Psalm 13:5**

**Overview:** We're continuing in our series about people in the Bible who had amazing faith. Faith in God means that you trust him and want to live your life to honor him. We've been learning about people who demonstrated great faith in different ways. We've already learned about Abel. He brought a gift that was pleasing to the Lord because he wanted to please and honor God. Last week, we talked about Enoch. We learned that he walked closely with God. He put God first in his life. Today, we're talking about Noah. He's one of the most famous characters in the whole Bible. He is most famous for building the huge boat filled with two kinds of every animal. But, did you know that Noah really had to trust God in that story? No one had ever built a boat like that before and there had never been a flood so huge that it could wipe out all living things. It's quite likely that many people made fun of Noah for going through with what God asked of him. Noah had to have great faith. First, that God would make good on his promise of bringing the flood. Second, that obeying God would save he and his family. We can have faith like Noah, too. When we're faced with something hard, we can trust that God will help us and protect us. All we need to do is listen and obey.

## CLASSROOM AGENDA

5 min **PLAY:** Begin working on Activity Page #1.

5 min **WARM UP:** What's the most challenging thing you've ever been asked to do? (big project at school, difficult chores around the house, go to camp alone, start at a new school) Were you able to accomplish it?

5 min **PREVIEW:** Write out the Big Idea and Memory Verse and Key Question on a whiteboard. Have the kids copy it down on Activity Page #1. (if applicable)

20 min **LARGE GROUP:** Gather for songs and videos with other kids. Then return to small group to finish this guide.

5 min **RECAP:** Read the **Lesson Overview** from the Teacher's Guide to the class and then **answer** the KEY QUESTION.

5 min **EXPLORE:** Read 1 Peter 1:7. How does going through hard stuff help to prove that our faith is real? How does our faithfulness bring us joy in the future?

10 min **PLAY:** Choose a group activity from Activity Page #2.

5 min **CLOSE:**

- Share something you learned from the story of Noah.
- Share prayer requests and pray as a class.

## TEACHER TIPS

Don't forget that you set the tone for your kids. Smile. Have fun. Pursue God together.

Allow each kid to share. The point: Sometimes we're asked to do hard things and we may think we can't do it. But, with God's help, anything is possible. Noah learned that he could accomplish the impossible when he built a boat to survive a flood.

**Answer:** We pray for God to give us the strength to get through it and keep our focus on him. God doesn't allow hard stuff in our lives because he wants to see us fail. He give us challenges to make us stronger. And, it's when we're faced with something hard, that we remember how much we need God's help. We can't do it on our own. When we ask God for help, the Bible says that he will give us what we need to get through it. We just need to listen and obey what God tells us to do. And, keep our focus on him by doing things like reading our Bibles and hanging around with Christian friends who will encourage us.

**Bonus Questions:** Do you ask God for help in your life? Give some examples. What can we do to keep our focus on God?  
**4-5th:** Share a time you had to do something hard and God helped you through it.

It's easy to say we trust God when everything in our life is exactly as we want it. True faith is when we trust God even when life is not going the way we think it should go. It's in the harder times that we realize we need God's help and that we need to rely on his plan, not our own. He knows what's best for us. When we trust God, he will protect us and will lead us all the way to heaven!

Allow each kid to share something.

# ACTIVITY PAGE #2

Classroom Activities 2nd-5th

## Option #1

### Make Noah's Ark

- Give each kid a paper plate
- Have kids fold their plate in half so it can rock back and forth
- Give each kid a boat and animal template (pg 5)
- Have kids cut out the boat and animals and color
- Have kids glue the bottom of the boat to the top back side of the plate, along the fold(see image below)
- Have kids color the bottom of the plate blue like water
- Glue the giraffe and zebra to the backside of the boat, zebra on the right side and giraffe on the left side. Then glue the lion in the window on the front of the boat
- As they create, share with the kids that Noah showed great faith when he was obedient to God and built the huge boat.



### Supplies needed

- ringed paper plates
- boat template (pg 5), one set per kid
- scissors
- glue
- crayons

### Bonus Activity:

Play **Bible Hangman**

**words:** Ark, pairs of animals, faith

## Option #2

### King of the Boat

- Tape a square on the floor
- Choose one kid to stand in the square as the "king"
- Have the rest of the class line up facing the "king"
- The first person in line gets to challenge the "king" by trying to beat the "king" to the correct answer from the questions below. Read the question, the first to raise their hand gets a chance to answer. If it's the kid in line who answers correctly, he gets to be the new king. If the "king" wins, he gets to remain in the square and takes on the next person in line

Questions:

1. Who built the ark? (Noah)
2. Who told him to build the boat? (God)
3. Why was the boat needed? (protect from flood)
4. What's the first book in the Bible? (Genesis)
5. How many of each animal did Noah bring? (2)
6. Was the boat made of metal or wood? (wood)
7. True or False: Noah was faithful to God. (T)
8. What's the Big Idea today? (see notes or board)
9. What's the memory verse? (see notes or board)
10. True or False: We don't have to obey God. (F)

### Supplies needed

- tape

### Bonus Activity:

Play **Name that Person or Thing**

Describe the words below and see who can guess first.

Noah, boat, Bible

# The Faith Hall of Fame - Noah

LESSON #3

KID AND PARENT GUIDE

[Online @ pursueGOD.org/kids](http://Online@pursueGOD.org/kids)

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## Discover Truth

Watch this week's lesson video as a family (see link above) and fill in the blanks.

1. Noah was crazy to \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Noah was crazy to \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Noah was crazy to \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Noah's \_\_\_\_\_ helped him to \_\_\_\_\_ God even when it was really hard.

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## Talk about it

Answer these questions together as a family.

1. Share any facts you know about the story of Noah.
2. What do you think Noah was thinking when God told him to build the boat?
3. What would you have said to God if he asked you to build that boat?
4. Have you trusted God in a hard time in your life? Explain. How did God help you?
5. Read [1 Peter 1:7](#). How does going through hard stuff help to prove that our faith is real? How does our faithfulness bring us joy in the future?

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## Live it out

Memorize this week's Bible verse:

**"I trust in your unfailing love. I will rejoice because you have rescued me."**

**Psalm 13:5**

Bonus: Read these additional passages as a family this week

- Read [Romans 1:17](#). What did God do to make us right with him?
- Read [2 Peter 2:5](#). Why do you think God was angry with the people? Why did God spare Noah and his family?
- Read [Proverbs 21:2](#). Why does God care more about what's in our hearts?

Parent Signature\_\_\_\_\_

Answer Key: 1. build a boat 2. get all those animals 3. talk about rain 4. faith, obey

Learn the 3 basic truths of the Christian faith in the [Foundations for Kids](#) series.



# ACTIVITY PAGE #1

2nd-5th Grade



## PUZZLE #1

### Noah's Ark

Up, down, across, or diagonally. Find the word ark as many times as you can



BIG IDEA

KEY QUESTION

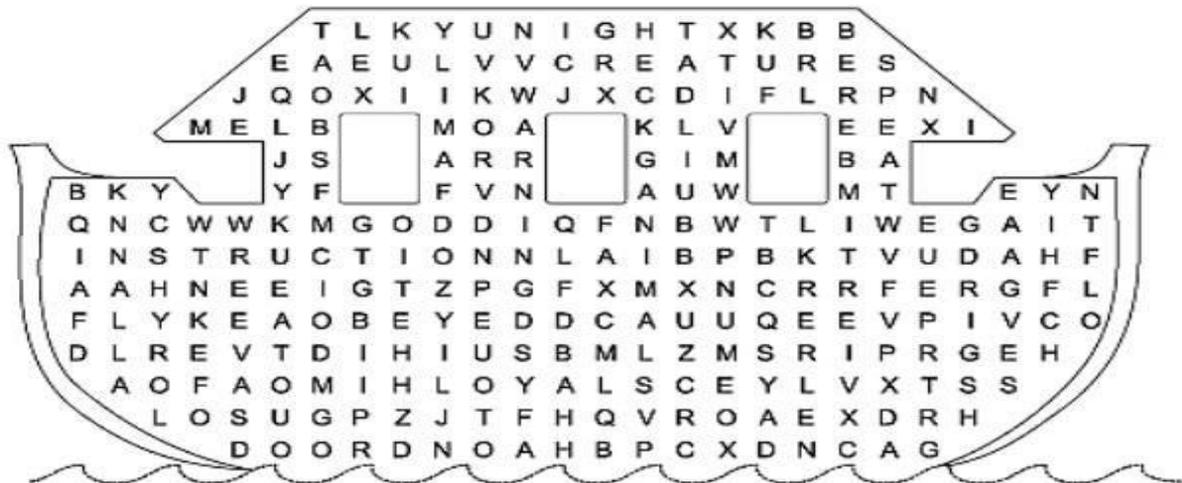
MEMORY VERSE

## PUZZLE #2

### NOAH'S ARK

### Word Find

Find the words below in the Ark.



INSTRUCTION CREATURES PRESERVE WARNING ANIMALS REFUGE FAMILY OBEYED TIMBER NIGHT  
 BUILD RIGHT LIVED LOYAL FLOOD SAVE DOOR RAIN BOAT NOAH DAYS GOD ARK

