

Bible Story 4: NOAH AND THE FLOOD

SCRIPTURE: GENESIS 6:5-22; 7:1-17,23-24; 8:1-22; 9:12-17

MEMORY VERSE: "HE (JESUS) REPLIED, 'BLESSED RATHER ARE THOSE WHO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD AND OBEY IT.'" LUKE 11:28 NIV

BIBLE STORY:

Noah was a righteous man, which means that he was a good man who obeyed God. He lived in favor with God. But God was very sad with the bad thoughts, evil and violence that everyone else was doing on earth.

God ordered Noah to build a very large boat called an ark. Noah obeyed God. When the boat was finished, God told Noah to take inside the boat his family: his wife, their three sons and their three daughters-in-law. Noah was also told to take a pair, male and female, of every kind of creature: animals, birds, etc. Also Noah was to take enough food for his family and all the creatures. Noah obeyed. Then God closed the door.

Noah was 600 years old when the flood-rains came. For 40 days it rained very, very hard, flooding the earth. When the rain stopped, it took a very, very long time for the water to go down and the land to dry. Then God told Noah that everyone could leave. Noah, his family and all the creatures came out of the boat. They had been in the boat for 370 days.

The first thing that Noah and his family did was to worship God. They built an altar and gave thanks to God for giving them protection.

God put a beautiful rainbow in the sky as sign that there would never again have such rain on the earth.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What do you like about the story?
2. Is there anything in the story that is hard to understand?
3. Who are the main people in the story?
4. What problems did the people face?
5. How did the people face their problems?
6. How have you faced similar problems?
7. Is there someone in the story who is similar to you or who is different from you?
8. What does the story tell about God?

RETELL THE STORY:

Ask volunteers from the group to retell the story.