

**Story Time - Read the story to the children**  
**Lesson 8: GOD SENDS A GREAT FLOOD**  
**GENESIS 7:1-8:19**

Then the LORD said to Noah, "I have seen that you are a good man, even among the evil people of this time. So gather your family, and all of you go into the boat. Get seven pairs (seven males and seven females) of every kind of clean animal. And get one pair (one male and one female) of every other animal on the earth. Lead all these animals into the boat with you. Get seven pairs (seven males and seven females) of all the birds. This will allow all these animals to continue living on the earth after the other animals are destroyed. Seven days from now, I will send much rain on the earth. It will rain for 40 days and 40 nights, and I will wipe everything off the face of the earth. I will destroy everything I made." Noah did everything the LORD told him to do. Noah was 600 years old at the time the rains came. He and his family went into the boat to be saved from the flood. His wife and his sons and their wives were on the boat with him. All the clean animals, all the other animals on the earth, the birds, and everything that crawls on the earth went into the boat with Noah. These animals went into the boat in groups of two, male and female, just as God commanded. Seven days later the flood started. The rain began to fall on the earth. On the 17th day of the second month, when Noah was 600 years old, the springs under the earth broke through the ground, and water flowed out everywhere. The sky also opened like windows and rain poured down. The rain fell on the earth for 40 days and 40 nights. That same day Noah went into the boat with his wife, his sons Shem, Ham, and Japheth, and their wives. They and every kind of animal on the earth were in the boat. Every kind of cattle, every kind of animal that crawls on the earth, and every kind of bird were in the boat. All these animals went into the boat with Noah. They came in groups of two from every kind of animal that had the breath of life. All these animals went into the boat in groups of two, just as God had commanded Noah. Then the LORD closed the door behind Noah. Water flooded the earth for 40 days. The water began rising and lifted the boat off the ground. The water continued to rise, and the boat floated on the water high above the earth. The water rose so much that even the highest mountains were covered by the water. The water continued to rise above the mountains. The water was more than 20 feet above the highest mountain. Every living thing on earth died--every man and woman, every bird, and every kind of animal. All the many kinds of animals and all the

things that crawl on the ground died. Every living, breathing thing on dry land died. In this way God wiped the earth clean--he destroyed every living thing on the earth--every human, every animal, everything that crawls, and every bird. All that was left was Noah and his family and the animals that were with him in the boat. The water continued to cover the earth for 150 days. But God did not forget about Noah. God remembered him and all the animals that were with him in the boat. God made a wind blow over the earth, and all the water began to disappear. Rain stopped falling from the sky, and water stopped flowing from under the earth. The water that covered the earth began to go down. After 150 days the water was low enough that the boat touched land again. The boat stopped on one of the mountains of Ararat. This was the 17th day of the seventh month. The water continued to go down, and by the first day of the tenth month, the tops of the mountains were above the water. Forty days later Noah opened the window he had made in the boat. Then he sent out a raven. The raven flew from place to place until the ground was dry and the water was gone. Noah also sent out a dove. He wanted it to find dry ground. He wanted to know if water still covered the earth. The dove could not find a place to rest because water still covered the earth, so the dove came back to the boat. Noah reached out his hand and caught the dove and brought it back into the boat. After seven days Noah again sent out the dove. And that afternoon the dove came back to Noah. The dove had a fresh olive leaf in its mouth. This was a sign to show Noah that there was dry ground on the earth. Seven days later Noah sent the dove out again. But this time the dove didn't come back. After that Noah opened the door of the boat. He looked and saw that the ground was dry. This was the first day of the first month of the year. He was 601 years old. By the 27th day of the second month, the ground was completely dry. Then God said to Noah, "Leave the boat. You, your wife, your sons, and your sons' wives should go out now. Bring every living animal out of the boat with you--all the birds, animals, and everything that crawls on the earth. These animals will make many more animals, and they will fill the earth again." So Noah went out with his sons, his wife, and his sons' wives. All the animals, everything that crawls, and every bird left the boat. All the animals came out of the boat in family groups.

God kept Noah, his family, and the animals safe on the ark as it stormed for a total of 371 days! That is a whole year and 6 days! God kept them safe and provided for their needs because He loved them, just like He loves us!

## 8. GOD SENDS A GREAT FLOOD

(GENESIS 7:1-8:19)



"Now the flood was on the earth forty days. The waters increased and lifted up the ark, and it rose high above the earth."

**GENESIS 7:17**

## 8. GOD SENDS A GREAT FLOOD

GENESIS 7:1-8:19

### MEMORY VERSE:

*"The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us....." 2 PETER 3:9*

### **Review Questions**

#### True or False

1. The LORD told Noah that He had seen that he was a good man, and told him to get his family and take them into the boat.
2. The LORD said, "Take seven pairs of every clean kind of animal with you."
3. The LORD said, "Only take one female of every other kind of animal on the boat with you."
4. Noah did everything that God commanded him to do.
5. The animals went into the ark three at a time.
6. The flood was on the earth one hundred days.

#### Questions

1. How many pairs of the clean kind of animals did Noah have to gather up?
2. How many pairs of the other kinds of animals did he gather up?
3. Who closed the door of the ark behind Noah?
4. How many days and nights did it rain?
5. After the waters began to go down, what animal did Noah send out to check the earth first?
6. What kind of animal did Noah send out the second time? How about the third time?
7. The second time the dove was sent out, what happened?
8. The last time Noah sent the dove out, what happened to it?
9. After the dove did not come back, what did Noah and his family and all the animals do?

## **Lesson 8 Activity and Discussion**

### **The Rainstorm Band**

**SUPPLIES:** Flashlights, aluminum pie plates (you can also get aluminum pans from Wal-Mart), a Saw or a big piece of metal that bends, empty soda bottles (2-liter kind), cardboard boxes

Create a “rainstorm” band with the students in your class. Use flashlights for lightning, pie tins for the rain, a saw or large piece of bendable metal for thunder, cardboard boxes to beat on, and empty soda bottles to blow across for the wind. Group the kids together according to their instruments. As the teacher, conduct your “orchestra” to re-enact the rain and floodwaters.

### **Mud Painting**

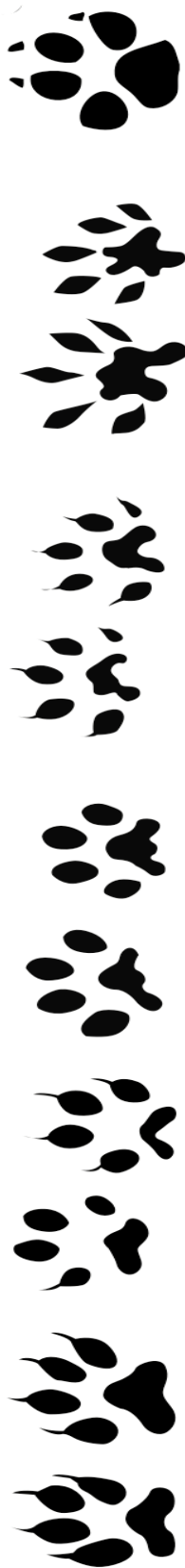
**SUPPLIES:** Mud (loose – add water if you need it more thin) or brown and black paint. You can get some rubber stamps of feet, animal paw prints, etc. or have the children paint those on paper.

Mix up some mud (you could use brown or black paint as a substitute) and make mud paintings. You will need some paint brushes to make your picture. Use rubber stamps or stamps made from potato quarters to make footprints or other shapes that may have been on the land that Noah and his family stepped out on. (see the last page of this lesson for examples of foot prints and paw prints they can try to recreate)

### **PRAYER**

Lead the children in a prayer of thanksgiving for God’s faithfulness to save. If there are any children who have not yet responded to the Gospel, give them an opportunity to do so.

PRINTS for Lesson 8



Coyote



Red fox



House cat



Mink



Otter



Dog



Raccoon



Striped skunk



Beaver



Gray squirrel



White-footed mouse



Whitetail Deer



Opossum



Woodchuck



Muskrat



Cottontail rabbit



Crow



Turkey

