

OLD TESTAMENT HEROES—NOAH



PARENT BACKGROUND

This summer we will be studying the stories of Old Testament heroes that are some of the most well-known and beloved people in the Bible. We will see how God used their obedience and faith and sometimes mistakes to accomplish His purposes. Their stories can be instructive to us as we strive to live out our faith.

We begin with the story of Noah. Noah was a faithful man who lived in a time when all around him were evil. People were so corrupt that God regretted that He had made humans and decided to rid the earth of them through a flood. God recognized Noah's righteousness and directed him to build a large boat to save his family and selected animals. Noah obeyed God's command to build the ark even though he faced extreme ridicule.

SAMPLE AGENDA

1. Opening Prayer
2. Look up and read aloud the May Memory Verse: Romans 3:23-24.
3. Introduce Bible Story (use background above)
4. Read the scripture (listed below)
5. Watch the video (listed below)
6. Discuss the story (using the following questions:)What book of the Bible did our story come from? (Genesis)
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 - Is Genesis in the Old or New Testament? (Old)
 - Who told Noah to build the ark? (God)
 - Who and what were to go on the ark? (Noah's family and two of every animal)
 - How long did it rain? (40 days and 40 nights)
 - What sign did God give that He would never again destroy the earth with a flood? (Rainbow)
 - How is God calling you to obey Him? (Answers vary)
7. Activity—Noah's Ark Snack

MATERIALS: BANANAS, PLATES, PEANUT BUTTER OR WHIPPED TOPPING, ANIMAL COOKIES

Explain that each person will be making a "Noah's Ark." Give each person a plate. Peel a banana for each person and put the banana on the plate. Spread either peanut butter or the whipped topping on the bananas. Let children pick animal cookies to go on the "ark." Note: Older children could make a more elaborate ark by using graham crackers and icing for the ark. Enjoy your snack!

8. Closing Prayer

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE

Genesis 6:11-22,
7:12, 8:1, 9:11-13

VIDEO

