

Walking With God

Builders: Noah

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Lesson
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Prayer Starter

In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit...

Dear Lord, help us to recognize your will, so that we may always do what is best. We pray to make the right choices in our daily lives and to trust your word, just as Noah did when he built the Ark. Amen.

Hye-Q

Check the right answers.

1. Which two rivers were mentioned in the Bible as being in the Garden of Eden?

- a. Euphrates ____
- b. Nile ____
- c. Mississippi ____
- d. Tigris ____
- e. Amazon ____

2. What did God provide for Adam and Eve?

- a. House ____
- b. Clothes ____
- c. Plastic cups ____
- d. Food and water ____
- e. All of the above ____

3. How can we talk with God?

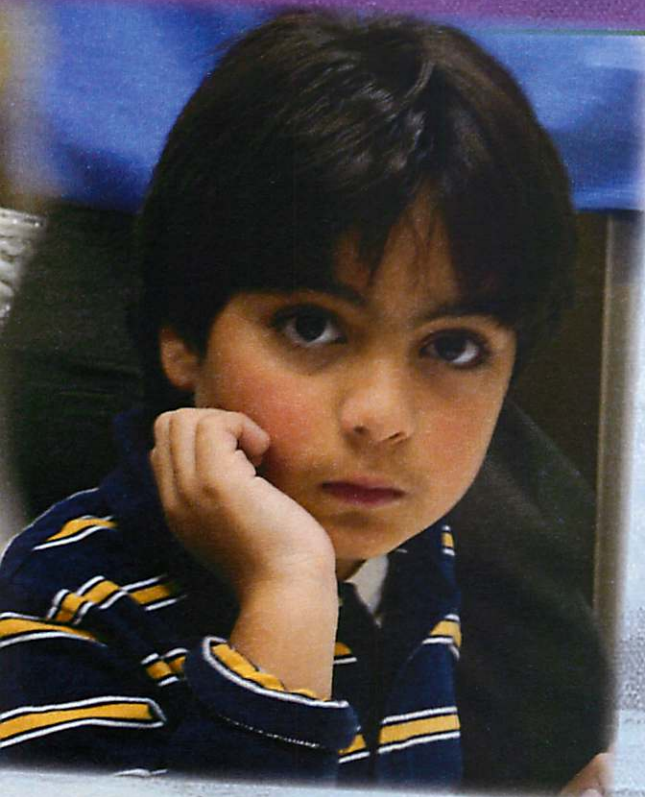
- a. In prayer
- b. Through song
- c. At church
- d. All of the above



Daily Bread

In the story of Noah, God tells Noah to build a very large boat called an "ark." God gives him very specific details about how to make the ark. He tells him the exact size and shape. He instructs him to gather a male and female of all animals and prepare for a great flood.

Even though he had been given a very big task, Noah was a man who had faith and obeyed God. He could have ignored God's warning and instructions. He could have doubted that God would do what he said, but Noah believed in God and trusted him. Noah knew that the flood would happen as God told him and that God wanted Noah and his family to be safe.



When your parents ask you to get to bed at a certain time, they are thinking of your well-being. You need sleep to be alert, healthy, and to continue to grow. They have a reason to ask you to obey this rule: they love you and want you to be strong in body and mind and at your best. When you trust that your mom or dad wants what is best for you, it can be easy to obey.

Sometimes, obeying is difficult. When we think of only what we want right now, we forget about patience and trust. Some people say that being obedient means that you are weak or can't think for yourself, but from the story of Noah, we see that the exact opposite is true. Noah had to be strong and steady to put so much effort into building the ark and because he did, his family and the animals survived the flood.

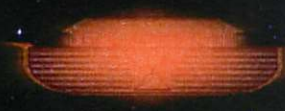
God wanted the best for Noah, his family, and the animals, so Noah obeyed.



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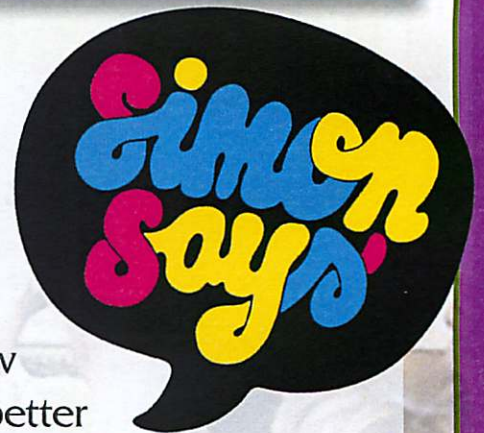
God asked Noah to build the ark and gave him very specific directions, using a measurement called a **cubit**. People used this measurement throughout ancient times and into the Middle Ages. It was originally based on the length of a man's forearm from his elbow to his fingertips. Many places used this measurement for cloth and timber up to the 1800's.

300 cubits x 2 feet =



600 feet in length

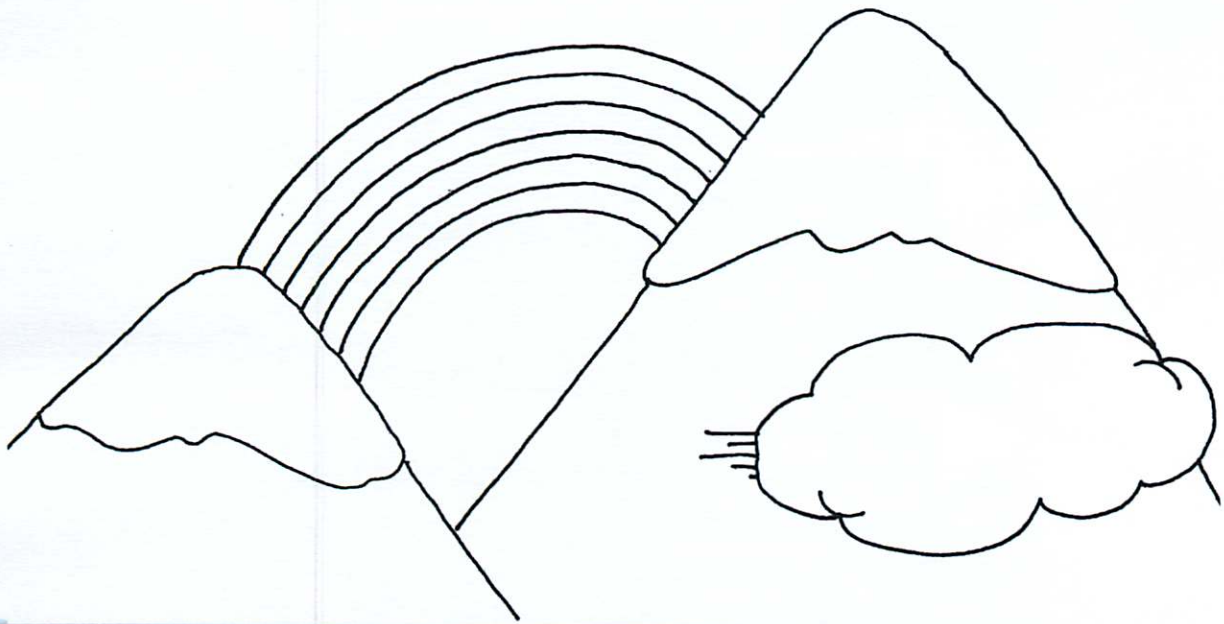
Play a game of "Simon Says." While you play, think about the reason you should obey the leader. It is not about what you are asked to do, because you know that what the leader is asking you is actually silly. You are obeying because you know that by doing what the leader says, you have a better chance of winning the game.



CELEBRATE WITH GOD

The Rainbow Covenant

“I set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.” *Genesis 9:13*



SCRIPTURE SOURCE

“I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.”
Genesis 9:11

When Noah, his family, and all of the animals were safe after the flood subsided, God made a “covenant” with him. A “covenant” is a solemn promise and it means that both people will treat each other a certain way. God promised Noah and his family that he would never again destroy the earth or humankind. As a symbol of this promise, he set a colorful bow in the sky after the rain to remind us of how much he loves us. In turn, his people would continue to be just that: God’s own beloved creation, who would follow and obey.


Well Versed

“I set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.”


Genesis 9:13

In the Armenian Tradition

When the waters of the big flood went down, Noah's Ark settled on Mt. Ararat (Genesis 8:4), once a part of historic Armenia. Although today Mt. Ararat is located inside the borders of eastern Turkey, Armenians around the world identify with the image of Mount Ararat as their homeland. All people who know the Bible also know the location of this important mountain as the resting place of Noah's Ark.



For centuries, explorers have tried to find the remains of Noah's Ark. St. James of Medzpin, a beloved 4th century saint of the Armenian Church, tried to climb Mt. Ararat to find the Ark. But he was too old to climb high enough. While he rested and slept on the mountainside, an angel appeared to him in a vision and gave him a gift: a piece of Noah's Ark!



Family Focus

In this week's lesson, the students reviewed the powerful story of the Flood in the book of Genesis and learned about the exemplary trust and obedience of Noah. Trusting in God is mirrored in the trust children have for their parents, knowing instinctively that you have their best interest at heart, just as God does for us. Obeying makes sense when we trust those who direct us! Your child completed an activity sheet, "The Rainbow Covenant." Review it with him or her; display it at home.

Living Your Faith

1. If you have any paintings or other items with the image of Mt. Ararat, show them to your family.
2. The next time you are together in the car (perhaps on the way to Sunday School!), discuss the significance of obeying the rules of the road. Why must you obey the rules to stop at a red light, drive on the correct side of the road, or slow down when an ambulance goes by?