LESSON 5

ONE RIGHTEOUS PERSON: NOAH



Aim: **To teach the children that Noah was saved because he was obedient in faith.**

Scripture Reading: **Genesis 6:5–22; 7:1–3**

Memory Verse: **Hebrews 11:7**
By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family.

PRESENTING THE LESSON

STARTING POINT

Talk to the class about boats. Why do we need boats? What different kinds have you seen? Who has taken a ride in a boat? What did it feel like?

MAIN POINTS OF TODAY'S TEACHING

1. God gave orders for a gigantic boat – an ark – to be built. No-one had ever seen one before. **Show Picture 4**. After the fall of mankind into sin, people all over the earth became very wicked. They turned their backs on God completely and grew proud. They sinned (6:5, 12).
   Ask the class what sin is. Review the memory verses of Lessons 3 and 4: Romans 5:12 and 3:23.
2. One person still loved God, though: Noah. God planned to destroy all evil in the world, but decided that he would save Noah and his family (6:8–13).
3. God instructed Noah to build a wooden boat, for which he gave careful instructions (6:14–16). **The class will be able to understand how large the ark was if you can get them to walk 137 meters to show its length and 23 meters to show its width.**
4. The ark took Noah and his sons many years to build. During this time he preached to all the people (1 Pet 3:18–20), but no-one would listen. Instead, they laughed at him. They just could not believe that God would not let their sins go unpunished. But Noah believed what God had said (6:17–18), and he obeyed.
5. When the ark was finished, God instructed Noah to fill it with two of every kind of animal; of some kinds of animal there were to be seven pairs. **Show Picture 5.** He was to take in food as well (6:18–21; 7:2–3). Noah obeyed God in everything. Then his family and all the animals went into the ark even though there was no sign of rain. Noah knew that God would keep his word and punish the sins of the world.

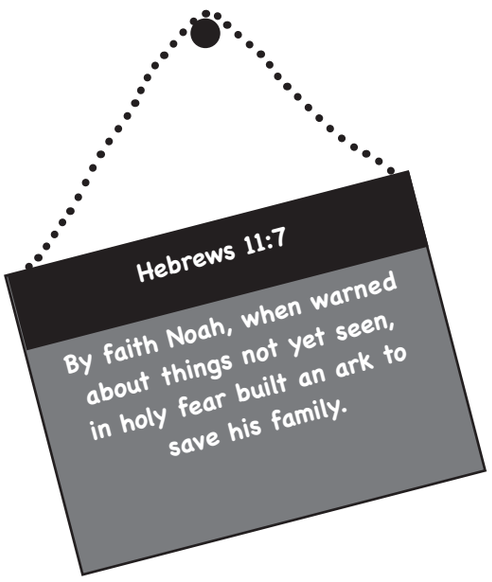
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Instil the Memory Verse

Our Response to the Story

It is not easy to be obedient like Noah. The world pulls us the other way, and it is difficult to be different. But God saved Noah, and God still blesses those who obey him in faith. **It would be very helpful if you could illustrate this point with an example from your own spiritual life or that of someone else.**



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