LESSON 6

THE FLOOD



Aim: **To teach that God, because He is holy, must punish sin.**

Scripture Reading: **Genesis 7:1–24**

Memory Verse: **John 3:36**
"Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on him."

Presenting the Lesson

Starting Point

Before the meeting, work out a short play to be presented during this week's session. The summary goes like this: A mother warns her child to be careful not to touch a pot in which food is cooking. However, the child takes no notice and knocks the pot over. The mother punishes the child.

Main Points of Today's Teaching

1. God warned the inhabitants of the earth that their disobedience and wicked ways would result in death. But only Noah listened to God and obeyed his words. Show Picture 5. Noah gathered his family, along with all the animals God had instructed him to collect into the ark he had built. Then God himself shut the door behind them (7:1–9, 16).
2. **You could introduce some activity into the lesson at this point by marking off a certain area and calling it the ark. The children should then walk in pairs through the "entrance", saying what animal they are, and sit down "inside". You could be Noah.**
3. After seven days the rain began to fall. **Describe how the rains came, referring to 7:10–12.**
   Show Picture 6. This is a very sad picture. God always keeps his promises, which means he does what he says. But people will not believe – or have faith in – his words.
4. The rain kept falling for 40 days and 40 nights. All the creatures of the land and the air died, but the ark with Noah and his family and the animals floated safely on the floodwaters (7:17–23).

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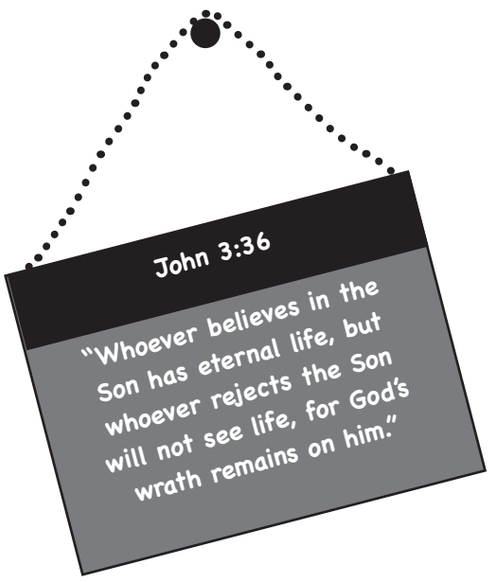


Instil the Memory Verse

Our Response to the Story

Make up a story or use an account of something that really happened which shows that disobedience brings punishment – if not now, then later. For example: Children are warned not to play near rivers or go there alone. Still, every year children drown in the River Nile because they ignore this wise rule. We need to follow the example of Noah, who obeyed God.

God sent his Son to take the punishment we deserve. Obeying him leads to life.



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