

NOAH



THINK ABOUT IT:

Who can save you from your sins?

Introduction

Say, “Last week we learned that making bad choices is called sin. How many of you made good choices all week long?”

Message

1. In Romans 3:23 we read that, “All have sinned and fall short of God’s glory.”
2. Ask, “Does *all* mean me? You? *Everyone!*?”
3. Say, “All does mean that everyone has sinned. Tell me some of things we do that are bad choices.”
4. As students give examples, write them on the fabric with the fabric marker.
5. Say, “In the time of Noah, people were making so many choices like these that God wanted to destroy His creation. While Noah wasn’t perfect, he did have faith in God and tried to follow His commands. God saved Noah and his family, as you will hear in small group.”
6. Say, “God provided a way to save Noah, and He has provided a way for us to be saved from our sins. He sent His son, Jesus, to die for our sins.”
7. Pick up the fabric and say, “When we tell Jesus about the bad choices we have made, believe that He died for our sins, and ask Him to be part of our lives forever, He forgives our sins.”
8. Dip the fabric into the bowl and rub off the words. Pull out the clean fabric and show to the children.
9. Ask, “What can God do about your bad choices?” (*forgive them, take them away*)
10. Say, “In small group you will hear the story of Noah, how God saved his family, and have the chance to say a special prayer to God.”
11. Display the visual for small group time.



SCRIPTURE

Genesis 6-9
Romans 3:23



MATERIALS

- Bible for each small group leader
- White fabric
- Washable fabric marker
- Bowl of water
- Noah’s Ark craft materials for each child:
 - Children’s painted creation from the previous week
 - Etching stick
 - Ark Stencil *
 - 5” x 6” Colored card stock
 - 6” Ribbon
- Visual - Noah building *
- CBA cross for each child

* Available in the Member Toolbox



PREPARATION

- Write the *Think About It* question on the board
- Bookmark the Bible verses

CBA s

- Prepare the CBA crosses as follows:
 - With the heart facing you, fold in the A, B, then C flaps.
 - Fold up the prayer (two folds). You now have a square.
- Have questions about the CBAs? See page 10 for more information.

IDEA!

The CBAs are more important than anything in small group time today. If time is short, children can add more to their pictures at home. Leave at least five minutes to cover the CBAs and the prayer.

EXTRA TIME

Children can continue to add elements to their picture. Genesis 8:8-11 talks about the dove Noah sent out something from creation that begins with the letter "A." The next child says something that starts with the letter "B." Continue until you get to "Z."

Dig Deeper in Small Groups

1. Give each child their creation craft, etching stick, and ark stencil. Instruct the children to add the following to their pictures at the following verses while you are reading.
2. Say, "Use the ark stencil to draw the ark." Read Genesis 6:12-17. Explain that the ark would be longer than 12 school buses and higher than a four story building!
3. Say, "Add some animals." Read Genesis 6:19-22.
4. Say, "Draw a raincloud." Read Genesis 7:17-19, 21.
5. Say, "Draw a rainbow." Read Genesis 8:15-17, 9:12-15.
6. Ask, "What does the rainbow stand for?" (*God's promise not to flood the earth*)
7. Children can glue their creation to a piece of colored card stock and glue a ribbon to the back.
8. Say, "God loves you. The biggest promise He made was when He gave you a way to be with Him forever in heaven when He sent Jesus to die for your sins."
9. Use the CBA cross as a visual to explain the CBAs.
 - Show the question, 'How does God give me faith?' and say, "The Bible tells us a lot about how God gives us faith. We're going to use the acronym CBA to help us remember the important parts."
 - Open to show the 'C.' Open the 'C' flap and say, "C stands for Confess. Everyone needs to confess that you have sinned and made bad choices."
 - Open the 'B' flap and say, "B stands for Believe. Believe that Jesus died for the forgiveness of your sins."
 - Open the 'A' flap and say, "A stands for Ask. Ask God to forgive your sins and ask Him to be part of your life forever."
 - Read John 3:16 (in the heart). Take a few minutes to explain the concept of salvation further if clarification is needed and answer any questions the children might have.
 - Open the prayer flap to reveal the prayer (and the cross made when the visual is fully open!). Lead the children in prayer, encouraging them to pray with you if they'd like to affirm their decision to follow Jesus.



*"Dear God, I'm sorry for my sins.
I believe Jesus died on the cross for the forgiveness of my sins.
I want to follow you.
Please forgive me and be a part of my life forever."*