

City LG - August 17-18, 2019

Bible Story: Rain (Noah) • *Genesis 6–8*

Bottom Line: Trust and obey even when others don't.

Memory Verse: *The way we show our love is to obey God's commands. He commands you to lead a life of love. That's what you have heard from the beginning.* 2 John 6 (NIRV)

SUPPLIES NEEDED: Blower for Inflatable, Inflatable Rainbow Arch (1 per Campus)

CG: Countdown Video

WORSHIP: "Fireblazin" and "Not the Same"

"Hey everyone! I'm so excited to see you all here today! Last week, we talked about the very first people God made, Adam and Eve. Adam and Eve lived in a perfect place, but unfortunately, they broke the one rule God had given them. So, God had to send them away from the garden where they lived.

"Adam and Eve started their family in another place. And as their family grew, some people still listened to God. But as time went on, some people started thinking they didn't need God at all. Pretty soon, it seemed no one loved God at all. It seemed that the whole world was broken.

"But guess what. There was still one man who listened to God and obeyed everything He said. And that man was Noah. Raise your hand if you know what a flood is. (*Pause for response.*) A flood is when it rains and rains and rains so much that there's just nowhere for the rain to go, and it starts turning the ground into a giant lake. Well, God told Noah that He was going to send a huge flood to destroy everything. The whole world would turn into a giant lake or ocean.

"God wanted Noah and his family to be safe, so He told Noah to build an ark, which was basically a gigantic boat. He told Noah to make the ark out of cypress wood. And He wanted it to be BIG. How big? Well, listen to what He told Noah.

Open the Bible to Genesis 6:15 (NIRV) and read.

"Here is how I want you to build it. The ark has to be 450 feet long. It has to be 75 feet wide and 45 feet high."

"Whoa! That's longer than a football field! God told Noah to go inside the ark with his family and to take two of every animal on earth.

"So . . ."

(Reading from the script) "When God told Noah to build a giant boat, did Noah:

- a) whine at God and say (*use whiny inflection*), 'But God . . .'
- b) flip a coin to decide if he should obey God, or
- c) decide to obey God and start building the ark?

(Pause for response.) "All right, it sounds like most of you think it's C. Well, guess what? You all were right. Noah decided to obey God and start building that huge ark!"

"Noah did everything exactly like God had told him to. But even with God's perfect instructions, it probably took YEARS to build such a huge ark. But if I had to guess, Noah probably didn't mind the work. If I had to guess what Noah didn't like, it was all the people who might have come by to make fun of him.

"You see, Noah and his friends and neighbors lived in a place that was a lot like a desert. We don't know for sure, but some people believe that Noah and the others who lived in his town might have lived their whole lives without ever seeing any rain. Can you imagine that?"

“So these people who might not have seen rain before must have thought Noah was absolutely crazy. What kind of person builds a giant boat when there’s no water anywhere? There was no rain and no lakes, rivers, or oceans for miles!

“So . . .”

Pick up the script to read the game question.

“When all those people made fun of Noah for obeying God, did he:

- a) throw water balloons and eggs at them,
- b) stop building the ark and go home, or
- c) decide to obey God and continue building the ark?

(To kids) “What do you think? *(Pause for response.)* I’m hearing C. Right! Noah definitely decided that he should keep obeying God and continue building the ark.

“Finally, the ark was complete! Noah and his family went inside, and the animals came as well. Just as God had instructed him, Noah loaded two of every animal onto the ark. That means two lions, two giraffes, two pugs, two cats, two scorpions, two snakes, two sloths, and so on. After all of Noah’s family and two of every animal were inside, God closed up the ark.”

“So what happened next? Let’s find out in our Bible Story Video today! Watch this!”

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 6:30)

“When the floodwaters finally went away and Noah and his family stepped out onto dry ground, they saw something amazing. They looked up and saw a rainbow.

Turn on the blower to fill up the inflatable rainbow.

“It was a sign of God’s promise that He would never again flood the entire earth.

“Noah knew how important it is to **[Bottom Line] trust and obey even when others don’t.**

CG: Bottom Line Slide

“Nothing could stop him from obeying what God wanted him to do—even when he was the only one! With God’s help, we can live that way, too. We can **[Bottom Line] trust and obey even when others don’t.** Let’s pray and ask God to help us do that.”

Pray: “God, we want to say thank You for taking care of Noah and his family. Thank You for giving Noah the courage to trust You and obey. Please help us remember that we can trust and obey You, too. Help us to live Your way even when we feel like we’re the only ones. We love You, and we ask these things in Jesus’ name, amen.”

“I love Noah’s story because it’s cool to think about all the animals on that giant boat. It’s fun to imagine what that must have been like.

“But there’s something else I love about Noah’s story, too. I love thinking about how brave he was to trust and obey God. He was the ONLY one who followed God. And when the flood came, he and his family were the only people on the boat!

Point to the rainbow.

“Remember the rainbow? After the flood, God made a covenant—or a forever promise—to the whole world. He promised never to destroy the earth with a flood again.

“God made an even better covenant with us through His Son, Jesus. Jesus died on the cross for our sins. That means when you choose to believe in Jesus, God promises to forgive you for all the rules you’ve ever broken or will ever break.”

“This is our memory verse: 2 John 6. It reminds us how we can live God’s way every day.

CG: Memory Verse Slide

“The way we show our love is to obey God’s commands. He commands you to lead a life of love. That’s what you have heard from the beginning. (NIRV)”

“Let’s do our very best to trust and obey God this week. And if you’re having trouble, ask God for help! Before we head to Small Group today, let’s worship God with our offering!”

Offering Time:

“Offering time is a chance for us to bring our money to God, so he can use it to make somebody else’s life better. For us, here in the City, we give our offering to an organization called ‘Missions of Hope’ to help kids in Kenya have food, clothes, and learn about God’s love for them.”

Here at (your Campus name), we bring our offering to help support:

Homer Glen: Victor

New Lenox: Daniel

Orland Park: Michael and Valerie

CG: Picture of Child

“(Your Campus Child) lives in Nairobi, Kenya and is part of a really great place called Mission of Hope International! Here’s a picture of Missions of Hope!”

CG: Missions of Hope JPEG

If you brought your offering today, you can bring it up now and place it here in our offering container while our Offering Video plays! *(show offering container).*”

CG: Offering Video (Runtime: 5:00)

Dismiss kids to their small groups.