

Parents Connect

Bible Story:
God Sent a Great Flood
(Genesis 7:1-24)

Bible Phrase:
"God cared for Noah"
(Genesis 8:1).

Bible Truth: God cared for Noah during the flood, and God always cares for me.



God's Unfolding Story



1. God created everything.



2. People disobeyed God.



3. God chose a special people.



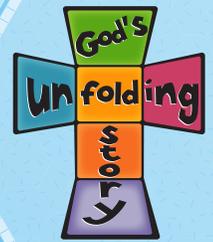
4. God sent Jesus to help us.



5. Jesus began the Church.



6. Jesus is preparing heaven for us.



Unfolding God's Story For Parents

This month our preschoolers are learning about Noah and the ark from the Book of Genesis. In this week's story, the animals gathered onto the ark and the rain began to fall. Help your children see that God took care of Noah and his family.



dogs, cats, pigs, and lambs scurried up the ramp. Birds of all kinds—including ducks, chickens, and geese—squawked into the large ship. Then maybe larger animals like the lions, tigers, and bears found their places to rest. Think of the largest animals like the elephants and rhinoceroses, making their way to the ark; and the giraffes, zebras, and horses trotting up! Finally, Noah and his family entered the ark because

Talk with Your Preschooler

Ask your preschooler think of as many different animals as possible. You may want to list them and count them. Help your child realize that there are lots of different animals.

Say, "Today we are learning from the Bible about how God took care of the animals and Noah and his family. Tell the story:

Bible Story God Sent a Great Flood (Genesis 7:1-24)

After Noah and his sons built the ark, God said to Noah, "In seven days the rains will begin. Go into the ark along with your family. Take two of every kind of animal with you on the ark." The Bible says Noah obeyed God.

Noah placed all the food for his family and for the animals on the ark just as God had told him. It must have taken a lot of planning and hard work to get all the food they would need. Still, God helped Noah and his family so that they would have everything they would need. The ark was very big, but it was just the right size for Noah, his wife, his sons and their wives, and all the animals.

God sent the animals to the ark, and Noah and his sons guided them to their new homes. Perhaps the small animals like rabbits, chipmunks, and squirrels hopped on first. Then

the floodwaters would be coming soon! When all the people and animals were inside, God closed the big door. Noah and his family would experience something they never before had experienced. Still, Noah knew God was with them.

The rains began to fall gently and puddles began to form. Soon the rain came down harder, and the puddles got bigger and deeper. Finally, no ground could be seen. It rained very, very hard. It rained every day and night for forty days. The whole earth was covered in water. The ark began to rise, and the floodwaters tossed it about—but the ark floated, and God kept Noah, his family, and the animals safe and warm inside, just as He had promised.

Activity Suggestion Draw Animals

Use a variety of supplies to draw and/or decorate animals. Think of zoo animals, farm animals, wild animals, and pets. Consider using paint and paper, yarn and wiggly eyes, and crayons or markers.

Also, take a trip to the zoo and talk about how God helped Noah plan for all the different animals. Ask your preschooler to name animals in different categories: tall, heavy, striped, spotted, furry, feathered, different colors, etc.