

Bible Story Lesson Plans

Book 2: Noah to Abraham

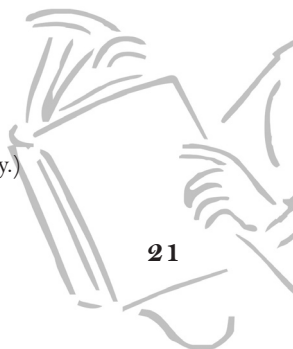
Background Information for Noah

Extra Scripture: Genesis 5:3-8, 18-27, 32, 9:29, 11:10-11

- Adam lived to be 930 years old.
- Seth lived to be 912 years old.
- Enoch lived 365 years: He was the father of Methuselah. Enoch walked with God. He did not die; God just took him to heaven.
- Methuselah lived 969 years: He was the grandfather of Noah. Methuselah lived longer than any other man.
- Noah lived 950 years: He was the father of Shem, Ham, and Japheth. Noah was a righteous man. He built the ark.
- Before the flood, God told Noah that men would live shorter lives. God said that man's days would now be 120 years.
- Noah worked approximately 100 years to build the ark.
(The Bible does not say exactly how long it took Noah to build the ark. We figure approximately 100 years from the ages of Noah in Genesis 5:32 and Genesis 7:11.)
- Noah took animals into the ark. He took 7 of each type of clean animals and 2 of each type of unclean animals, both male and female.
- Clean animals were ones that were acceptable to sacrifice to God.
- Unclean animals were ones that were not acceptable to sacrifice to God.
- God gave Noah 7 days to get all of the animals and people into the ark. God caused the animals to travel to Noah. They were calm and not dangerous. There was no need to be afraid of the animals.
- God shut the door of the ark and then the rains fell for 40 days and 40 nights.
- The earth was flooded for 150 days (5 months).
- Noah, along with all of the animals and his family, lived on the ark for 1 year and 10 days.
- God promised to never again destroy the earth by a flood. The rainbow was the sign of His promise.
- The colors of the rainbow: red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, and violet (ROY G BIV). The colors start at the top with red and go down to the bottom; the last color is violet.
- Noah's son Shem lived to be 600 years old.
- After the flood, Noah's sons went forth into the world to live:
 - Shem went to the East and lived in Asia
 - Ham went to the South and lived in Africa
 - Japheth went to the North and lived in Europe
- After Noah and his children died, people lived much shorter lives. Some people lived more than 100 years, but not many people lived as long as 200 years.
- Noah and his son, Shem, were two of the last men to live for several hundred years.
- Shem became the distant grandfather of Abraham.

LESSON 1 Date: _____; Team: _____

- Scripture: Genesis 5:32, 6:1-3, 5-14
- Extra Scripture: Genesis 5:24, 11:10-11, 29
- Main Theme: Sin Makes God Sad
- New Visual Aids (2): Wickedness on Earth, 2N1; God Speaks to Noah, 2N2
- Previous Visual Aid: The Garden of Eden, 1N16 (Show this one at the beginning of the story.)



- Review: Cain and Abel (*1N19*) (This is the last visual/lesson in Book 1. Review this lesson first. If you have not yet used Book 1, you will want to get a copy and teach the lessons of Creation to Cain and Abel before starting the lessons in Book 2. If, for some reason, you are not planning to teach Book 1, then there is no need to review from Book 1.)
- Story: God Speaks to Noah
- Important Background Information to teach during this lesson:
After Cain was driven from his home to wander the earth, the people on the earth began to marry and have children. In those early days of the earth, some people lived for several hundred years. Adam lived to be 930 years old. Seth, the third son of Adam and Eve, lived to be 912 years old. Then, there was a man named Enoch who had a very special relationship with God. He was so close to God that God just took him to heaven. He never did die. The Bible says, “Enoch walked with God; then he was no more because God took him away” (*Genesis 5:24*). Enoch was 365 years old when God took him to heaven. Enoch had a son whose name was Methuselah. Methuselah was the oldest man who ever lived on the earth; he lived to be 969 years old. One of Methuselah’s grandsons was a man named Noah. Before the flood, God spoke to Noah and told him that men would no longer live for several hundred years. They would now live shorter lives. God said that man’s days would now be only 120 years. Since Noah and his sons were born before God said that man would live shorter lives, Noah and his sons lived for more than 120 years each. Noah lived for 950 years and his son Shem lived for 600 years. Noah and Shem were two of the last men to live for several hundred years.
- Application: God’s plan to destroy the earth was His way of punishing the people during Noah’s time for their many wicked sins. God was very sad because of their sin. God is also sad when you sin. Have you ever stolen anything? Have you ever said something that was not true? Have you ever cheated on a test? Have you ever hit anyone? Have you ever been angry with anyone? Yes, you have done some of these wrong things. Another name for doing something wrong is sin. Sin is anything that makes God sad. Sin is anything that makes you feel guilty. Sin is anything that you know you should not do. God is sad when you sin. God does not want to be sad. God does not want you to sin. God wants you to choose to do the right thing.
- New Bible Verse, 2N20: Romans 6:23, “For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Continue to review the verses from Book 1: Genesis 1:31 and Romans 3:23.) (The information for the back of 2N20 is on the same page as the information for visual 2N13. This was done to save photocopying.)
- Activity Choices: You may choose to do a color page or a review game or both, if you have time. (See the Suggested Schedules on page 9 for ideas on how to organize your classes.)
 1. Noah Picture Bible:
 - ❖ Give each student a folder to decorate. Decorate the folder a little bit each week during the lessons on Noah.
 - ❖ Give each student a color page to decorate: God Speaks to Noah, 2N2
 - ❖ Make sure the students’ names are on the backs of each color page.
 - ❖ Do not send the Noah color pages home until all the lessons on Noah are finished. All the color pages will be put into a Picture Bible on the life of Noah.
 2. Review Game:
 - ❖ Choose a review game to play from Book 1 or 2.

LESSON 2 **Date:** _____ ; **Team:** _____

- Scripture: Genesis 6:15-22, 7:11a
- Background Scripture: Genesis 6:3, Heb. 11:7, 1 Peter 3:20
- Extra Scripture: Psalm 119:105
- Main Theme: God’s Word Is Your Guide

- New Visual Aids (2): Building the Ark, 2N3; The People Laugh at Noah, 2N4
- Previous Visual Aid: God Speaks to Noah, 2N2 (Show this one at the beginning of the story.)
- Review: Wickedness on Earth, God Speaks to Noah (2N1 to 2N2)
- Story: Noah Builds the Ark
- Application: Noah needed directions in order to build the ark that God had asked him to build. Noah did not need to ask questions about anything, because God told him exactly what to do. Your life is like this. God wants you to follow Him and obey Him and do the right thing. Yet, you cannot do the right thing unless you know what is right. How do you know what is right and what is wrong? God tells you in His Word, the Bible. (*Hold up a Bible.*) The Bible is God's set of directions for your life. God wants you to read His Word and obey it. The Bible will teach you and guide you to do the right thing (*Psalms 119:105*).
- Bible Verse: Romans 6:23 (Genesis 1:31 and Romans 3:23 also)
- Activity Choices: You may choose to do a color page or a review game or both. (See the Suggested Schedules on page 9 for ideas on how to organize your classes.)
 1. Noah Picture Bible:
 - ❖ Decorate folders a little bit each week during the lessons on Noah.
 - ❖ Give each student a color page to decorate: Building the Ark, 2N3
 2. Review Game:
 - ❖ Choose a review game to play from Book 1 or 2.

LESSON 3 **Date:** _____ ; **Team:** _____

- Scripture: Genesis 6:20b, 7:1-24
- Main Theme: Only One Door
- New Visual Aids (3): The Animals Come to Noah, 2N5; The Rain Comes, 2N6; The Flood Continues, 2N7
- Previous Visual Aids (2): God Speaks to Noah, 2N2 (Show this one at the beginning of the story.) The People Laugh at Noah, 2N4 (Show this one later on in the story.)
- Review: God Speaks to Noah; Noah Builds the Ark (2N1 to 2N4)
- Story: The Flood
- Application: There was only one door into the ark. And, once God closed it, there was no way for it to be opened again. The people needed to make their choice before God closed the door of the ark. It was too late for them to get on the boat once the door was closed and the rains began to fall. God had given them approximately 100 years to accept His gift of life, and they had refused.

Just as there was only one door into the ark, there is only one door that leads to heaven. This door is Jesus Christ Himself (*John 10:9, Matthew 7:13-14*). You need to choose to enter the door of Jesus Christ and receive His gift of eternal life. The important thing about going through this door is that you must enter before you die. Do not keep saying you will enter tomorrow. Tomorrow may be too late. You cannot wait until you are dead to choose God's gift of salvation through Jesus Christ.

The ark would have saved the people from death if they had only entered through the door before the hand of God had closed it. All you have to do now is believe in Jesus and receive Him into your life today. If you are a child of God, then you have already entered the door of Jesus Christ and you now have the gift of eternal life. If you are not a child of God, then you must choose today whether you will enter the door of Jesus Christ and receive His gift of eternal life or whether you will stand outside the door. If you wait too long, it might be too late. God wants to live in you. God wants you to choose to enter into the joy of eternal life with Him today. He does not want you to wait until it is too late. The choice is yours to make. What is your decision today?

- Bible Verse: Romans 6:23 (Genesis 1:31, Romans 3:23)

