

**The Bible Tells Me So
Week 2 – Noah**

Life Before the Flood

Genesis 6 (pg. 7)

The downward spiral from the garden of Eden toward death and destruction _____ quickly.

Genesis 6:5 (NLT) The Lord observed the extent of human wickedness on the earth, and he saw that everything they thought or imagined was consistently and totally evil.

Noah was the only _____ to this very dark culture.

Genesis 6:9 (NLT) This is the account of Noah and his family. Noah was a righteous man, the only blameless person living on earth at the time, and he walked in close fellowship with God.

God gave Noah some very odd instructions...
...and he did _____ what God asked.

Genesis 6:22 (NLT) So Noah did everything exactly as God had commanded him.

The Flood

Genesis 7-8:19 (pg. 7-8)

Noah let God work out the details:

- God gave Noah the _____ and details of the boat (6:14-16)
- God brought the _____ into the boat (6:20, 7:9, 7:15-16)
- God _____ the door (7:16)
- God told them when to _____ the boat (8:15-17)

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Genesis 8:20-9:29 (pg. 8-9)

Noah's first action after leaving the boat was _____.

Genesis 8:20 (NLT) Then Noah built an altar to the Lord, and there he sacrificed as burnt offerings the animals and birds that had been approved for that purpose.

A _____ is established between God and all creatures; sealed with a rainbow.

Genesis 9:11,13 (NLT) "Yes, I am confirming my covenant with you. Never again will floodwaters kill all living creatures; never again will a flood destroy the earth...I have placed my rainbow in the clouds. It is the sign of my covenant with you and with all the earth."

The _____ of sin is still there...

Genesis 9:23 (NLT) Then Shem and Japheth took a robe, held it over their shoulders, and backed into the tent to cover their father. As they did this, they looked the other way so they would not see him naked.

...and so is hope for _____.

Genesis 8:21-22 (NLT) And the Lord was pleased with the aroma of the sacrifice and said to himself, "I will never again curse the ground because of the human race, even though everything they think or imagine is bent toward evil from childhood. I will never again destroy all living things. As long as the earth remains, there will be planting and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night."

Romans 5:6,8 (NLT, pg. 938) When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners...But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.

Final Thought: No matter how bad life seems, God is still actively involved and at work to redeem his creation. Are you doing _____ what God is asking you to do?

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Noah Discussion Questions

What did you learn for the first time by studying this popular story as an adult? What was surprising in the biblical text? What wasn't in the biblical text that you thought was? Explain.

What does the account of Noah's life in Genesis 6-9, and his interactions with God, show us about God and His character? (literally make a list) Now compare Genesis 9:1-7 to Genesis 1:26-29. As you look back over your list, how does it compare to God in the creation story? What does this show you about God?

Read 1 Peter 3:13-22. What action steps does this passage describe for us to do because of following Christ? (literally make another list) This passage makes a rather obscure reference to the flood narrative. Why do think it is included (i.e. how does Noah teach us about God's plan of redemption through Christ)? Explain.

Read Hebrews 11:1-7. What does this passage teach us about faith? Explain. How much faith do you think it took for Noah to be obedient to God? What is God asking you to do in your faith journey? Do you have enough faith to do "exactly as God had commanded"? Do you need anything other than faith? Why or why not?