

Family Conversation Guide 04.03.2022

WEEK 1

April Theme:

God Provides a Way!

Monthly Memory Verse:

I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth.

Genesis 9:13 (NIV)

Monthly Challenge Verse:

And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:19

Week of April 3

Main Idea: God Provides an Ark.

Life Application: God rewards our faith.

Parents, use The Action Bible as you lead your kids, and also use your own Bible to read through some of the verses that will help them understand. This week, please prepare for discussion by listening to the sermon together and reading **Genesis 6,7**. Have your kids turn to pages **29-32** in **The Action Bible**.

- 1. Read page 29 in The Action Bible, and refer to Genesis 6:5-6. During the years after Adam and Eve left the Garden of Eden, what happened on the earth God created? (There was every kind of evil in the world. People lied, cheated, and even killed each other. And, instead of worshiping God, they worshiped idols.) How did God feel about what was going on in the earth He had created? (It grieved His heart) Do you think that our sins grieve God's heart, too?
- Read page 30 in The Action Bible and Genesis 6:7-8. What did God decide to do? (He would destroy all that He had created) Every person on earth was corrupt and evil, all except Noah, his wife, and his three sons and their wives. What was different about Noah? (He found favor in the eyes of the Lord because of his faith in God. God considered him righteous.)
- 3. Think about the earth today. Discuss some of the things that are happening that would not be pleasing to the Lord. Would God find us faithful, or like the people in Noah's times who were evil and disobedient and who loved things more than God?
- 4. What did God tell Noah? (To build an ark because He was going to flood the earth)
 Read Genesis 6:14-17. How did Noah know what he needed to do? (God gave Noah specific directions on how to make the ark.)
- 5. In verse 17, what did God remind Noah that he planned to do? ("For behold, I will bring a flood of waters upon the earth to destroy all flesh in which is the breath of life under heaven. Everything that is on the earth shall die.") Why was God doing this? (Because of the evil in the world- all things were corrupt and people had turned away from God, the creator of the earth, to their own desires and sin, including worshiping idols)
- 6. Read pages 30-31 in The Action Bible. It took Noah 120 years to build the ark, and surely the people knew why he was building it. For as he built the ark, he preached God's coming judgment as well. Why did people not understand that a great flood was coming? (They thought Noah was crazy, and foolish. They refused to believe even though Noah warned them of what was coming.)
- 7. Who did God instruct Noah to send into the ark? (Noah's entire family were saved, along with two of every type of animal, male and female, so that they could have babies and multiply)

8. All who entered the ark were saved, and when the great flood came, everyone not in the ark was destroyed. God provided a way for people and animals to continue to live on the earth after the flood. The ark was the only way, and as they entered through the door to the ark, they were saved. And, **God provides a way for all of us to live forever with Him.** Jesus is our one door to heaven, *the* way! (John 10:11)

Digging Deeper (For older kids or those who want to know more)

- 1. Are your kids interested in how the ark was created and what it looked like? There is a place called Ark Encounter in Kentucky! Go here for more information about this replica of the ark that God had Noah build. https://arkencounter.com/about
- 2. For younger kids: **Go to The Bible App for Kids and watch "Two By Two."** Be sure and do the activity after watching!

Pray:

Dear God, In Noah's times, there were a lot of bad things going on, and people did what they wanted and disobeyed You. Thank You for providing the ark so that some could be saved. And thank You for providing Jesus so that we could all be saved, all who believe and have faith. Help us to grow in our faith so that we can be like Noah. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Family Challenge:

- 1. Noah was a man of great faith. In fact, he was the only person on earth in those times that God saw had great faith and trust in Him. Together, discuss how your family can grow in faith together, even when the world is full of sin and wrongdoing. How can we be a light in the world? How can we know God is pleased with us as He was with Noah?
- Kids love animals- all kinds of animals! Talk about their favorites. Play a game of charades where family members take turns acting like animals and others try to guess which animal. Or, play 20 Questions and let them try to figure out which animal by asking questions about it.