



PARENT HANDOUT



Scriptures to Read: Genesis 9:1-17



This Week We Learned About ...

...Noah building an ark during the Great Flood. Noah kept following what God told him to do. He persisted in building the ark. He persisted, even though people probably laughed.

Finally, it rained for 40 days and nights. Noah's family stayed in the ark for almost a year until the waters went down. Noah's family had to start over in an entirely changed world. But God rewarded Noah's persistence. He let Noah and his children be the new start for all the people of the future!



✓ Questions for Kids:

1. See verse 11. What was the Covenant that God established with mankind? (A covenant is a promise that God will keep forever.) A: To never destroy the earth by water.
2. How do you think God felt about destroying the earth? How does his promise show how he felt? A: He felt really bad. You only promise to never do things again that make you feel awful.
3. Many Bible teachers say that if God had not destroyed all those violent and selfish people that they would have all destroyed each other within a hundred years. If they had done that, where would we be? We would never have been born. Jesus was born around 2,500 years later. Would Jesus have been able to come and be our Savior? No.

✓ Dinner Table Discussion:

It is true that Noah didn't have to trap, catch or cajole any animals onto the ark. God sent them on there, just like he gets birds to fly south in winter. Noah watched in awe as a lot of animals came past! Which animals do you think were the most jaw-dropping for Noah to catch sight of? Why?

Put the story of Noah into modern times. What if God told you to build a rocket ship for you and your family because of a nuclear holocaust, would you do it? What do you think the neighbors would have to say about you?

Scripture Notes (tuck in lunchboxes, tape to mirrors, etc.):



*By faith **Noah**, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that is in keeping with faith.*
Hebrews 11:7



***Noah** did everything just as God commanded him.*
Genesis 6:22



"As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease."
Genesis 8:22