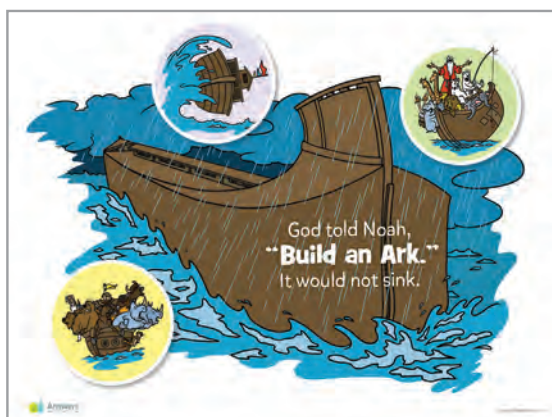


# Lesson 27

## Noah's Ark

God told Noah to build a ship that would not sink.



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#### Introduction

Refer to the Seven C's of History Poster. We've talked a lot about the third C of History. What is that C called? *Catastrophe.*

What was the catastrophe we've been talking about? What did God do? *God sent the flood.*

Why did God send the flood to cover the whole earth? *Because of sin. God had to punish sin.*

Refer to the Genesis Timeline Poster. Yes. God is holy, he hates sin. Sin makes God sad. And God must punish all sin. So when God looked at the hearts of all the people on earth, he saw that they were very wicked and sinful. God sent a worldwide flood to destroy all living things on the earth. All the people died except for a man named Noah and his family.

Refer to the Lesson 26 Flip Chart. What kind of flood was it? Small or large? *Large.*

Yes. This flood was very large! It covered the mountains—it covered the whole world. It was a worldwide flood.

So why did God save Noah? *Noah loved God.*

Right. Noah loved God and obeyed him.

#### What Was the Ark Like?

What did God tell Noah to do? What did Noah have to build before the flood came? *The ark.*

Right. Noah had to build an ark—it was a great big boat—as big as a ship!

Who would be on the ark with Noah? *Noah's family. His wife, his sons, and their wives.*

What else went on the ark with Noah and his family? *Animals!*

Refer to the Flip Chart. Yes. There were lots of animals on the ark. Which of these arks looks like it could be big enough for all of those animals? *Allow discussion.*

Look at this ark; it looks like the animals are about to fall out! Would God tell Noah to make an ark like that? *No!*

This ark looks like it would sink in a bad storm, and they would all drown. Would God tell Noah to make an ark like that? *No!*

What is going to happen to this ark? There's a big wave coming! *It's going to tip over!*

Right! These arks wouldn't be safe, and God wanted to keep Noah safe, right? The ark God told Noah to build did NOT tip over, and none of the animals fell out. And this ark was huge, so all the animals and all the things they needed could fit safely inside. God knew exactly what was going to happen when the flood came. He knew exactly what kind of ark Noah needed.

#### What Were God's Instructions for the Ark?

God told Noah how to make the ark. We can read about that in the Bible. Who has the Bible? Please bring it up. We are going to read from God's Word now. *Make this a special time as the student brings the Bible and opens it to where the sticky note is. Show the students where the book is in your Bible. Let them look at it. Carry it around your circle.*

#### Genesis 6:14

Listen carefully as I read Genesis 6:14. God told Noah what to do to make the ark just right. *Read Genesis 6:14 from your Bible.*

What did God say to make the ark out of? *Gopher wood.*

Have you ever heard of gopher wood? We don't know much about gopher wood, but God knew about it—and so did Noah!

God also told Noah to make rooms in the ark, put a window on top, and put a door on the side. And he told Noah exactly how big the ark needed to be so Noah could measure and make it right.

Let's talk about how you measure something. I have a special tool in this bag. Do you want to see what it is? *Have a student pull it out of the bag.*

It's a measuring tape! Does anyone know what this tool can do? *Allow answers.*

This tool can help me measure things. I can see how long or tall or wide things are by stretching it out along the object. *Have a student hold one end for you. Let's see how tall this chair is! Let's see how*

long this table is. Let's see how tall some of you are! *Measure some objects in the room and some of the students.*

We can use a measuring tape when we are building something, too. It's a very important tool. It helps us make things exactly the right size and shape they need to be.

#### Genesis 6:15

God told Noah how long, how wide, and how tall the ark was supposed to be. So Noah measured just like God said. I'm going to read that part now. Listen for the word that is repeated three times. *Read Genesis 6:15 emphasizing "cubits."*

What word did I read three times? *Cubits.*

Right. A cubit is a way to measure things, like the numbers on our measuring tape. God told Noah how long, how wide, and how tall he should measure. And Noah did just as God commanded him.

Refer to the Flip Chart. Noah made the ark out of gopher wood. He put the window in and the door—and he built it the exact size God told him to build it. Then after many years of work, Noah's ark was finally finished. It was HUGE; it was a ship that would NOT sink in a storm—or in the flood that would cover the whole world. The animals and Noah's family would be safe in this ark.

#### Was the Ark Big Enough for Every Kind of Animal?

Next, God gave Noah more instructions that had to do with the animals.

#### Genesis 6:19

Let's read some of God's instructions. *Read Genesis 6:19 emphasizing "two of every sort."*

How many of every sort of animal went on the ark? *Two.*

Right. God brought two of every sort of animal to get onto the ark, a male and a female. That's so there would be a mom and a dad—and they would have babies when they got off the ark. Then there would be lots of animals to fill the earth again.

#### Genesis 6:20

So which sorts of animals were supposed to be on the ark? Listen as I read Genesis 6:20. *Read Genesis 6:20 emphasizing birds, animals, and every creeping thing.*

And how would Noah get all of these animals? What did it say at the end of this verse? I'll read it

again. *Reread the last sentence of Genesis 6:20. "Two of every sort will come in to you to keep them alive."*

God sent two of every kind of living creature on the land—birds, animals, and creeping things. They came to Noah to get onto the ark. And remember, God said EVERY kind of land animal—and that includes dinosaurs!

Now, many people think dinosaurs would've been too big to be on the ark. Let's think about that.

Show the Lesson Illustration. Take a look at this picture. Did Noah have to try and squeeze the huge adult dinosaurs onto the ark? *Allow discussion.*

No! That isn't what happened! There is no way this big guy would fit—even on this giant ark!

But, if God brought baby dinosaurs, they would be much smaller. And they would fit on the ark. This makes more sense, doesn't it? God could have brought young animals to the ark, including dinosaurs—and they would all fit.

Some people think there were millions of animals that had to fit on the ark. But because only two of every kind came, there were probably only about 7,000 animals. So there was plenty of room for two of the cat kind, two of the dog kind, two of the bear kind, and all the other kinds to fit on the ark.

Refer to the arks on the Flip Chart. If Noah's ark looked like one of these arks, none of those animals would have survived the flood!

But we just read that God told Noah how long, how high, and how wide the ark needed to be. And it was really big! Did God know what he was doing? *Yes!*

So could Noah's ark hold two of EVERY KIND of land animal? *Yes!*

Yes, absolutely! God told Noah to build an ark that would not sink! It was plenty big for ALL the animals God sent to the ark—even young dinosaurs.

Hold up your Bible. How do we know all of this is true? Where did we learn about these things? *From the Bible.*

Right! We know what Noah's ark was like because the Bible tells us. All of God's Word is true. The real ark was large enough and strong enough to hold EVERY kind of land animal and not sink through the storm and the waves of the flood!

Continue with the Lesson Review Game.





God told Noah,  
“**Build an ark.**”  
It would not sink.