



## The Flood - For reading on the flood read [Genesis 6-9]

### Apply Within

- What would motivate God to destroy His creation?
- Where do you see God's grace and mercy in the story of the Flood?
- What are some things we can do to keep from "drifting" from the LORD?
- When we do "drift" what should we do about it?
- What should I learn from the way Noah led his family?
- What can I do today to find "Favor" in the eyes of the LORD?

**COURAGEOUS PARENTING** - As parents we can be pulled in a lot of different directions. We have so many hats that we wear. God has given us an opportunity to wear a hat that will keep giving after we are gone. It is the hat of "**spiritual leader.**" In order to be that "spiritual leader" to our families we must make sure our "spiritual tank" is on full! The primary way we do so is by strengthening our own relationship with Christ. Take the time this week to read through Genesis 6-8, and talk to Jesus. Let's make sure we leave a legacy of faith.

### Family Times

At Crosslink we want to build strong families of faith. Scriptures teach us that there are some natural rhythms of life. Deuteronomy 6:7 gives us this prescription for training our children: *"Repeat them to your children. Talk about them when you sit in your house and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up."* (HCSB) Here are some ideas of the way you can communicate this week's Big Idea to your children [grandchildren]:

**Morning Time** - A lot of children are familiar with the account of the FLOOD. Spend some time talking to your children about the devastating effects of sin. This might be a good time [over breakfast] to talk about the memory verse. You can make up some memory verse cards to practice if you choose.

**Drive Time** - While traveling in your car it is a good time to talk to your children about spiritual matters. Jesus often used object lessons to drive home a point to His followers. So this week spend some time talking about the effects of sin from our first parents and how it has been passed down to us. Talk about the Flood story and then interject that God still showed grace and mercy. Ask them how he showed grace and mercy in the story. [Note: The Ark was a "type" of Christ. It was a foreshadow of what was to come.]

**Meal Time** - Plan to share at one meal time around the "Story of God" for this week. This week it happens to be the story of "The Flood." Review the last two weeks, specifically talking about the effects of sin on humanity. As you tell the story talk about how wicked the people were by Noah's time. In Genesis 6:11 it says, "Now earth was corrupt in God's sight, and the earth was filled with violence." This would be a good time to talk about the escalation of sin. It would be wise to spend more time on how God showed grace and mercy to spare Noah and his family, and the animals. Pray together. You can also introduce the Family Memory Verse if you haven't already done so.

**Bed Time** - As you tuck your kids into bed each night reflect on the day, go over the **Family Memory Verse** for the week and then pray with them. Pray they will avoid sin in their lives. Pray protection over them.

### This Weeks Family Memory Verse

*"But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD." Genesis 6:8 [ESV]*



## The Covenant [Agreement] - For reading on The Covenant [Genesis 11-18, 21]

### Apply Within

- Is there anything you noticed from this story for the very first time?
- What are some things you may have questions about from the story?
- Do you see how God keeps his promise from Genesis 3:15 in this story?
- What does the story of The Covenant say about how God views humanity?
- How does Matthew 28:19-20 relate to the Big Idea of the text?
- What can you do today to reclaim the earth for the kingdom of God?

**COURAGEOUS PARENTING** - We want our kids to understand that God has created things good. Everything was perfect, until Adam and Eve made the decision to sin. Sin ultimately leads to death, but God made a promise that he would restore all things. The covenant is the promise that God made with humanity that he would be the rescuer. We can trust God and he will keep his promises. We can now glorify Christ and live freely in him, because we have the covenant.

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**Morning Time** - Covenant is a tough word, but we understand the basic idea as a promise. Talk to you kids about what it means to make a promise. Talk to them about the importance of keeping their promises. Remind them that God can be trusted to keep his promises. A good way to illustrate is the fact that the sun rises every morning. We can trust that. In the same way God always keeps his promises.

**Drive Time** - While traveling in your car it is a good time to talk to your children about spiritual matters. Jesus often used object lessons to drive home a point to His followers. The covenant has a lot to do with faith. Faith is the key that makes the covenant work. We have to have faith in God, and God is faithful to us. Talk about the importance of Faith in your Christian walk.

**Meal Time** - Plan to share at one meal time around the "Story of God" for this week. This week it happens to be the story of "The Covenant." The bible is all about the covenant that God has made with us. Talk to them about the importance of loving the word of God.

**Bed Time** - As you tuck your kids into bed each night reflect on the day, go over the **Family Memory Verse** for the week and then pray with them. Pray they will avoid sin in their lives. Pray that they will take the promise of God wherever the Lord wants them to go.

### This Weeks Family Memory Verse

*"I am God Almighty, walk before me, and be blameless, that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly." Genesis 17:1 [ESV]*