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NOAH'S ARK - GOD SAVES NOAH

September 13 & 14

GOD IS MERCIFUL

Mercy means not getting the
punishment you deserve.



LESSON GOAL:

Background: After the fall, God's people began making more and more sinful choices. God saw how wicked things had gotten and had a plan to send a flood to wipe out the earth. God chose one righteous man, Noah, to build a boat and fill with it two of every animal, himself, and his family. As the flood came, only Noah and everyone on the ark remained safe. God showed great mercy to Noah and his family by not giving them the punishment that everyone deserved because of sin. Just like Noah, God shows us mercy from our sins through His Son, Jesus.

Lesson Goal: For kids to understand that even though we sin, like the people in the time of Noah, and deserve the punishments for our sins, God shows us great mercy. Just like God showed Noah mercy by saving him and his family on the ark, God shows us mercy by sending Jesus to save us from our sins.

Genesis 8 & 9

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Parenting Class: Home Discipleship
October 13th, 20th, and 27th @ 6:30 PM
Rockrimmon Campus

THEME FOR THIS SERIES:
Astronomer/Mad Scientist



KEY VERSE:

"So God created human beings in his own likeness. He created them to be like himself. He created them as male and female. God blessed them."

Genesis 1:27-28a, NIRV

MISSION FOCUS:

FEEDING FAMILIES

You can make a difference in the lives of individuals and families throughout El Paso County by bringing non-perishable food items to your campus.

Your non-perishable donations help Woodmen's ACTs team provide weekly food bags to over 300 local families at our partner schools. Donations are needed year-round.

**During the month of September,
let's see if we can fill the
Feeding Family bins!**



5:45-6:10pm
8:45-9:10am
10:45-11:10am

CHECK-IN

The goal of check-in is to greet parents/guardians and children by name and help them feel known and welcome.



SAY:

I'm so glad to see you today, **(insert child/parent name)**! You can play with the classroom activities until we begin Explore time.

6:10-6:25pm
9:10-9:25am
11:10-11:25am

EXPLORE

The goal of Explore is to help kids connect relationally and think about the Bible story. It should be completed in small groups of 5-7 kids per one Ministry Partner.



DISCUSS: God is Merciful!

Help kids connect relationally and to the daily lesson by participating in the Bag of Wonder activity together.

Bag of Wonder: boat



SAY:

We are going to take turns passing around this Bag of Wonder! It has something inside that helps us think about our lesson today. You can hold it, smell it, shake it, touch it...but no peeking inside! What do you think it could be? You each get 1 guess!



DO:

Pass the Bag of Wonder around until each child has had a turn holding it and guessing what's in the bag. Offer hints to help the kids guess the item.



SAY:

I *wonder* why this item is in our Bag of Wonder today! Our lesson is about how **God is Merciful**. This true story comes from the Bible in **Genesis 8-9!** (*Open your Bible to show the kids the verse is in the Bible then read the explanation below*).

CONNECTION: Today, we're going to learn about a time when people were making bad choices, and God made a big decision to send a flood across the whole earth. But, God is merciful and chose one man, Noah, and his family to build a really big boat, like this one, to save them from the flood!



CONNECT: Why Does It Matter?

Help kids prepare for the lesson by thinking through the Big 3 questions and how the lesson relates to them, personally.



SAY:

Let's answer THE BIG 3 questions for today's lesson & talk about how it applies to our lives!

1. Who is our story about today?

God, Noah, and us

2. What is the problem?

God's people were doing very wicked things and making sinful choices

3. What will God do?

God had a plan to start over, but He showed mercy to Noah and his family by directing him to build an ark

Encourage kids to think about why this matters and how they can apply it to their own life as they listen to the story!



MAKE: Noah's Ark Rocking Boat Craft

Help kids think about the lesson further and have fun by doing this activity!

Supplies: paper rocking boat, markers/crayons, God Statement Sticker



DO:

Pass out one pre-made rocking boat per child. Have them color their arks and place the God Statement Sticker on the outside.



SAY:

God is merciful! Even though we sin, God still shows us mercy. He cares for us! We get to learn about a man named Noah today. He built an ark! God showed Noah's family mercy in the flood. Let's make a craft to remind us of this truth!



CLEAN UP: Transition to Large Group

Ask kids to clean up the activity or save it to finish for the end of class. Then, ask kids to line up and/or transition to Large Group.



Craft Example



6:25-6:50pm
9:25-9:50am
11:25-11:50am

LARGE GROUP

The goal of Large Group is to help kids grow in their relationship with God by participating in Worship and hearing an engaging Bible story.



EXPECTATIONS

As kids transition to Large Group time, play the expectations video.



HOST MOMENT

After the Large Group expectations video is finished, the Host should welcome the kids in an engaging way and share the daily host content.



SAY:

Welcome! We're so glad you're here today! Let's take a few minutes to look at our Missions project for the day and our Key Verse.

MISSION FOCUS

Introduce or share an update about the current mission focus.

KEY VERSE

Introduce the key verse then have the kids watch the Key Verse video.

PRAY FOR WORSHIP & BIBLE LESSON



WORSHIP

Invite your Worship Leader to come up and play the worship song videos. Encourage kids to participate and be respectful to others.

SONG 1: Open the Eyes of My Heart

SONG 2: Way Maker



LESSON VIDEO

Play the daily Bible lesson video.



WORSHIP RESPONSE

Lead the kids through a quiet time of responding to what God is teaching them.



BLESSING

As Large Group ends, speak this blessing over the kids.

May you know God is merciful and loving! May you remember God always keeps His promises!



TRANSITION

After the blessing, the Host should dismiss the kids to return quietly to their classroom (if applicable) and transition to Respond.

WORSHIP RESPONSE



REFLECT: God is Merciful!

Help kids reflect on the lesson by providing a quiet space for the Holy Spirit to work in their hearts as they think about how it applies to them personally.

Worship Response Station

Supplies: rain sounds in PowerPoint



SAY:

After the fall, God's people began making more and more sinful choices. God saw how wicked things had gotten and had a plan to send a flood to wipe out the earth. God chose one righteous man, Noah, to build a boat and fill with it two of every animal, himself, and his family. As the flood came, only Noah and everyone on the ark remained safe. God showed great mercy to Noah and his family by not giving them the punishment that everyone deserved because of sin. Just like Noah, God shows us mercy from our sins through His Son, Jesus.



DO:

- Ask the kids to quietly participate in the following activity. Say:
 - **God is merciful! That's a big word - what does it mean?** Let kids answer.
 - **Mercy means not giving someone the punishment they deserve!**
 - **God is merciful to us, just like He was merciful to Noah and his family! Touch your nose if you know how God shows us mercy.** Pick a few kids to share what they think.
 - **God is merciful to us through His Son, Jesus! We all sin - anything we think, say, or do that goes against God. And we all deserve the punishment for sin... But guess what?**
 - **God loves us so much He sent Jesus to die on the cross for OUR sins and rise from the dead saving us from sin and death!**
 - **Let's reflect on that truth:** Invite kids to lay down and close their eyes as they listen to the rain sounds.
 - **As you lay there, imagine you are sitting with God. What do you want to tell him? What do you think He would say to you? Calm your bodies for just a moment and imagine that.**
 - After a few moments, invite kids to sit up and share.
 - **God is merciful and God loves you!**
- Close the time by praying over the kids.



BLESSING

As Large Group ends, speak this blessing over the kids.



SAY:

May you know God is merciful and loving! May you remember God always keeps His promises!

6:50-7:10pm
9:50-10:10am
11:50am-12:10pm

RESPOND

The goal of Respond is for kids to think about the lesson and how it applies to them. It should be completed in small groups of 5-7 kids per one Ministry Partner.



APPLY: Why Does it Matter?

Help kids process what they learned in the lesson by answering the Big 3 questions you asked at the beginning of class.



SAY:

Let's answer THE BIG 3 questions for today's lesson & talk about how it applies to our lives!

1. Who was our story about today?

God, Noah, and us

2. What was the problem?

God's people were doing very wicked things and making sinful choices

3. What did God do?

God had a plan to start over, but He showed mercy to Noah and his family by directing him to build an ark

4. Why does this matter to me?

Just like God showed mercy to Noah by saving him and his family on the ark even though they sinned too, God shows mercy to us by sending Jesus to save us from our sins

5. How can I apply this to my own life?

Just like God showed mercy to Noah by saving him and his family on the ark even though they sinned too, God shows mercy to us by sending Jesus to save us from our sins



PRAY: Connect Relationally

Help kids understand the power of praying together. Use the Prayer Tags from Check-In to write down prayer requests to take home and pray for during the week.



SAY:

Does anyone have a prayer request they'd like to share? You can also share with a leader privately, if you don't want to share aloud.



DO:

Invite kids to pray for each other, then the leader closes in prayer.

As parents
arrive after
service

CHECK-OUT

The goal of check-out is to re-connect kids with their parent and communicate any upcoming events or announcements as families leave.



DO:

Encourage kids to finish their activities or play classroom games until their parent comes to pick them up.

As kids get picked up, mention any announcements while handing their parent the announcement card and the weekly **Lesson Card**.