

FALL

“Noah: Saved by God”

Series Objective: Students will learn:

- Humans disobeyed God
- Jealousy is a sin
- Noah, his family, and animals were saved by God
- Humans wanted to be equal to God

Series Theme Verse: “Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked.” Psalm 1:1

Lesson Objective: Students will understand that God saved Noah because he followed God.

Lesson Passage: Genesis 6:9-7:5; 7:21-8:1; 9:8-13

Materials Needed: Pre-mixed Dog Biscuit Dough (Recipe at end of lesson), Dog Bone Cookie Cutters, Rolling Pin(s), Greased Cookie Sheets, Series Theme Verse printed on two different colors of paper or cardstock and cut into four pieces, Series Theme Verse pieces hidden in room, Bibles

Lesson Plan:

The Story:

Talking Points:

- Who is the main human character in the story? (Noah)
- Why was Noah a good (righteous) man? (He walked with God)
- Explain to students that “to walk with God” means that Noah prayed to God and did the things that God wanted him to do. Noah lived a life that made God happy.
- What should we do to “walk with God” and live a life that makes God happy? (Help parents, Be nice to brothers/sisters, Go to Church, etc.)
- During Noah’s life before he built the ark, were the people acting good or bad? (Bad)
- Since the people were so bad, what did God decide to do? (Destroy the world and all the people)
- Was God going to destroy every person in the world? (No, he saved Noah)
- Why did he save Noah? (Because Noah lived a life that made God happy)
- How did God save Noah? (God told Noah to build an Ark)
- What is an ark? (A big boat)

- Explain to kids that the ark Noah would build was bigger than a football field and taller than our Church.
- That is a big boat! Was Noah going to be alone on the boat? (No, he had every animal on board with him and his family ended up going with him)
- How was God going to destroy the earth? (God was sending rain for 40 days and 40 nights)
- Did God send the rain? (Yes)
- What happened? (Everyone on the earth died except for Noah, Noah's family, and the animals on the Ark)
- When all the rain stopped and all the water went away, Noah, his family, and the animals all came out of the ark. And God made a promise to Noah, what was that promise? (Never to flood the earth again)
- What was the sign of God's promise to never flood the earth again? (The rainbow)

The Story Retold:

- Have Dog Biscuit Dough mixed, ready to roll out. (See Recipe at end of lesson)
- Help students roll out 1/4 inch thick dough (helps if top and bottom are floured) and cut out with bone cookie cutters you can get at a pet shop.
- Place on a lightly greased cookie sheet. Bake 45min-1hr in 350F preheated oven.
- Ask students who all was on the ark. (Noah, Noah's family, animals)
- Did God only save Noah? (No)
- So who else did God save? (Noah's family and animals)
- Does this story teach us that God cares about animals, too? (Yes)
- Today we made dog biscuits because if God cares about animals, we should, too. When the dog biscuits are done, the teacher will deliver them to the local animal shelter to be given to dogs that do not have a home.
- By helping make the dog biscuits, students are caring for animals just like God did when God had Noah put animals on the Ark.

The Story and Me:

- Have Series Theme Verse printed on two different color pieces of paper or cardstock.
- Cut each page into 4 pieces.
- Hide the different pieces in the room.
- Divide students into two groups, naming each group a color corresponding to the hidden Series Theme Verse.
- Let the groups race to find their four color pieces of the Series Theme Verse and piece them together.
- Once they put their pieces together, have them say the verse together.
- Remind students that the verse helps us understand that, like Noah, we need to live in a way that makes God happy.

- Ask students what one thing they will do this week to live in a way that makes God happy. (Clean their room, Be nice to siblings, Write a thank you note to their school teacher, etc.)

Nice Spice Dog Biscuit Recipe

- **Ingredients**
 - 1 1/2 C unbleached all-purpose flour
 - 1 1/2 C whole wheat flour
 - 1/2 C cornmeal
 - 2 Tbsp nonfat dry milk
 - 1 tsp cinnamon
 - 1 tsp nutmeg
 - 1 1/2 tsp allspice
 - 1 egg
 - 1 to 1 1/4 cup water
- **Directions**
 - Preheat oven to 350F.
 - Stir all dry ingredients together. Add egg and then slowly stir in water with wooden spoon. Dough needs to be stiff.
 - Knead until smooth texture. Roll out 1/4 inch thick (helps if top and bottom are floured) and cut out with bone cookie cutters you can get at the pet shop.
 - Lightly greased cookie sheet. Bake 45min-1hr.
 - Turn the oven off and then leave them overnight to let harden. Store in plastic ziploc bags.