

## Questions / Answers

1. What were the people like in Noah's day?  
*Wicked and violent, they did not love God*
2. Why was God pleased with Noah?  
*Noah loved God and tried to please Him*
3. How could Noah escape God's destruction of the wicked people?  
*By obeying God and building the ark*
4. What did the people say to Noah while he built the ark?  
*He was stupid, and there would never be a flood*
5. Who shut the door of the ark?  
*God*
6. Who was saved from the ark?  
*Noah, his wife, 3 sons and their wives and the animals in the ark*
7. How did Noah find out when the floods had dried up?  
*He sent out a raven and two doves*
8. What did Noah do to thank God when he went out of the ark?  
*He built an altar and made a sacrifice to God*
9. What two promises did God make to Noah?  
*He would never flood all the earth again, seasons would never stop*
10. What do we learn from Noah getting drunk?  
*Drink causes loss of control, we should not get drunk*
11. What is a covenant?  
*A promise with a condition. IF you do this ... THEN God will...*
12. How is the flood a picture of baptism?  
*Noah was saved from death in water. Baptism saves by water*

**Memory verses** 1 Peter 3:20—21

**Discussion** What do these verses teach us about drinking alcohol?  
Ephesians 5:18 and Proverbs 23:20—21

**Writing** Explain how the flood is a picture of baptism

# CBM Senior Lessons



## Lesson 6 Noah and the flood

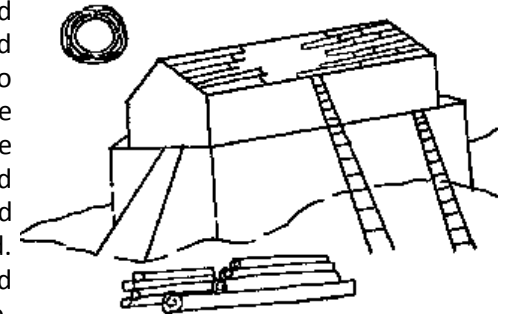
**READING** Genesis chapters 6, 7 and 8

### LESSON

**Men became wicked** Adam and Eve had children and grandchildren. Eventually there were many people on the earth and men became very evil. They were wicked and violent and did not love God. Everyone was so wicked that God was sorry that He had made man. He decided that it would be best to start again.

**The one righteous family** One man loved God and was trying to please Him. His name was Noah. God was very pleased with Noah. God told Noah how he could escape from the destruction that God would bring on the wicked people. God told Noah to build a huge boat, called an ark.

Noah had a choice. He could believe and obey God. Or he could behave like everyone else and forget God. It was not easy to believe God and build this large boat in the middle of dry land. The people laughed at Noah and told him that he was stupid. They said that there would never be a flood. But Noah believed God and did what God commanded him to do. Noah and his family built the ark.



**The flood came** Noah was not stupid. The flood of water did come. One day God told Noah and his family (Noah's wife, 3 sons and their wives) to go into the ark. Noah took animals into the ark. He took two of every animal and seven pairs of animals that could be eaten, as God commanded him. Then God shut the door of the ark

God sent great storms and huge waves from the sea. The waters flooded all the land. All the people and animals were destroyed in the flood. Only Noah, his family and the animals in the ark were saved.

It rained for six weeks. Then the waters began to drain away. After five months the ark landed on a mountain. Noah waited patiently for the ground to dry.

Noah sent out birds to find out whether the flood had dried up. First he let out a raven, but that did not come back as it was strong enough to keep flying around. Next he sent out a dove, but it came back because it had nowhere to land. A week later Noah sent out the dove again. This time it came back with a green olive leaf in its beak. Then Noah knew that the waters were drying up and trees were growing.

Noah and his family were in the ark with the animals for about a year. Then God opened the door and they came out into a new and empty world. God made a new start with men. Noah was saved because he believed and obeyed God. God told Noah and his family to have many children to fill the earth with people again.

**God gives Noah and his family a promise** Noah wanted to thank God for keeping him safe and for giving his family a new start. Noah built an altar. He killed some animals and burned them as a sacrifice to God. The animals were valuable and important to Noah for food, but he gave them to God to thank Him and worship Him. This way of worshipping God is called sacrifice. We do not have to sacrifice animals to God any more. But we must be prepared to give things to God and to love and obey Him.

When Noah gave sacrifices to God, God made a promise to Noah. God hoped that men would learn to love and obey Him. God promised two things:

- He would never again destroy the world with a flood
- Seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night would never cease

God made a rainbow in the sky. He said that the rainbow was the reminder of His promise never to flood the whole earth again. When we see a rainbow, we can remember the great flood and how Noah was saved. We remember that God is still keeping His promises to Noah.

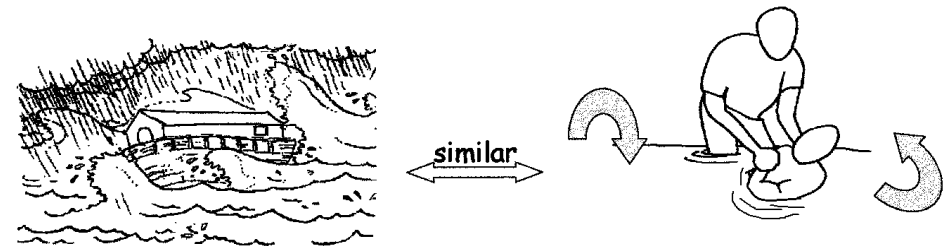


**Noah gets drunk** After the flood waters had gone, Noah planted a vineyard. (A vineyard is a field where vines are planted. Grapes grow on the vines, and the grapes are used to make wine). Noah made wine and drank it. He became drunk and did not know what he was doing. He was lying naked in his tent. His son, Ham, came in and saw that his father was naked and told his two brothers., Shem and Japheth. Shem and Japheth took some clothes. They walked in backwards and covered their father’s nakedness, because it is not right for sons to see their father naked.

Noah was a righteous an, but he made a mistake. The problem with alcoholic drinks, like wine and beer, is that it is easy to get drunk. A drunk person loses control over himself and may not know what he is doing—like Noah. Therefore, we should not get drunk by drinking alcohol. If we get drunk we may make bigger mistakes and sin even more.

**Covenant** The promises made to Noah are called a covenant. This word is often used in the Bible, and it means a promise. A covenant is a promise with conditions. God promises that something good will happen IF people obey God.

**Baptism (1 Peter 3:20—21)** Noah and the flood is a picture of baptism



Noah believed God and did what God said. He built the ark.	We believe God and obey Him.
Noah went out of the wicked world and went into the ark.	We stop living like our wicked world and go into the waters of baptism.
In the flood the ark was surrounded by water. Water below, rain above.	We go down into the water of baptism and are surrounded by water
Noah came out of the ark to start a new life in a new world.	We come out of the water and start to live a new life to please God.
Noah was saved from the flood.	God saves us and offers us eternal life.