

Sunday School Stories – Noah
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Reflection & Discussion Questions

Many of us grew up hearing Bible stories in Sunday School

A lot of these stories were really intense and kind of awful.

*If you grew up around the Bible, what stories stand out to you from childhood? Were the stories you learned 'sanitized' in some way?

*Why do you think these stories would be told to kids?

These stories are meaningful for us as God's people

They reveal things about Him and about humans that are important for us to understand.

*What are some important questions to keep in mind as we read these stories?

The Genesis flood story is not about meteorology, geology, or zoology- it is about theology

Read and discuss Genesis 6:9-14(NIV) [Consider reading chapters 6-8]

⁹ This is the account of Noah and his family.

Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked faithfully with God. ¹⁰ Noah had three sons: Shem, Ham and Japheth.

¹¹ Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight and was full of violence. ¹² God saw how corrupt the earth had become, for all the people on earth had corrupted their ways. ¹³ So God said to Noah, "I am going to put an end to all people, for the earth is filled with violence because of them. I am surely going to destroy both them and the earth. ¹⁴ So make yourself an ark of cypress wood; make rooms in it and coat it with pitch inside and out.

*What seems to be the reason for the flood?

*What does the whole Noah story tell us about God? What does it reveal about the heart of the God we worship?

*Why is this a story worth telling? What seems to be the author's intent?

Violence is a huge deal to God

The people of God should not be violent people.

Read and discuss Genesis 9:6 (NIV)

⁶ "Whoever sheds human blood, by humans shall their blood be shed; for in the image of God has God made mankind.

*Why is violence such an issue for God? What happens to humans involved in violence?

*Why would God's opposition to violence not automatically mean pacifism?

The ark teaches us that even in His grief God has grace

It is His nature to redeem and recreate the things He loves.

*How does this flood story teach us about grace?

*How is He redeeming and recreating you? What is hard or discouraging about this process?

*What is the Spirit saying to you about embracing the re-creation He is doing in you?