

# PRESCHOOL

## 4. A New Beginning

*Everyone everywhere had forgotten about God and were only doing bad things, but God shows grace to Noah...*

### Memory Verse

"God is with you,  
the Mighty Warrior who saves."  
Zephaniah 3:17

### An idea to help you remember:

- Create actions to go along with the verse.

### Story Time

Read 'A New Beginning' (pages 38-47 in the Jesus Storybook Bible) or watch the video on our website.

### Understanding the Story

Talk this through with your kids:

This story helps us to see how serious the problem of sin is.

How does sin make God feel? *Sad! The story said 'It fills God's heart with pain.'*

But even though God is sad about sin – he still LOVES with a forever, always, deep love. He doesn't want to destroy, instead God wants to make things new again.

He told Noah to build an Ark to rescue his family, and God protected them through the flood. The story of Noah points to a bigger rescue for all people (not just one family!) God rescues us from our sin through Jesus. He is the rescuer for all people.

### Questions to get you talking:

- Is sin good or bad?
- How does sin make God feel?
- How do you think Noah felt when God asked him to build a boat in a desert? Why was it important he build the boat?
- What can this story teach us about God's promises?

### Activities in your box

- **Colouring Sheet.**

- **Felt Dove** – you'll need the craft supply bag from your box. Instructions are attached.

- **Boat Toy** – You'll need the little boat toy from your box. Remember the story of Noah through play.

- **Animal Shaped Crackers** – a fun snack to go with today's story!

### Activities using things around the house:

- Go for a walk in the rain and jump in some puddles!

- Play sink or float. Gather some items from your house, fill up the sink or tub and guess what will sink and what will float!

# ELEMENTARY (K-3)

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Jesus' rescue isn't something we earn, it's a gift that's given. Noah was given the gift of God's rescue too. He didn't earn it, he was rescued because of God's love and grace.

All through the Bible we'll read stories of God's grace – his unmerited gift of love and rescue despite all our mistakes.

### Questions to get you talking:

- Why did God save Noah? Did Noah earn his rescue? Do we have to earn our rescue?
- What can this story teach us about God's promises? Can you name any other promises from the Bible? (For example, His promise to rescue us from sin!)

### Activities in your box

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- **Paddle Boat** – you'll need the paddle boat kit from your box. Instructions are attached.
- **Animal Shaped Crackers** – a fun snack to go with today's story!

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# ELEMENTARY (4-7)

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### Memory Verse

"The LORD your God is with you,  
the Mighty Warrior who saves.  
He will take great delight in you;  
in his love he will no longer rebuke you,  
but will rejoice over you with singing."

Zephaniah 3:17

### An idea to help you remember:

- Create actions to go along with the verse.

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### Digging a little deeper:

In Genesis 6 where we read about Noah, it says 'Noah found favour with God'. If you look at the word 'favour' in Hebrew, it's 'chen' which can also be translated as 'grace'. Grace is always unmerited. Noah found grace with God – it wasn't earned. It was given.

This theme of grace spans through the entire Bible. God accepts and saves us by Grace alone. He rescues and redeems through this continual, gracious intervention of our sin.

### Questions to get you talking:

- Why did God save Noah? Did Noah earn his rescue? Do we have to earn our rescue?
- What can this story teach us about God's promises? Can you name any other promises from the Bible? (For example, His promise to rescue us from sin!)
- How do you think Noah felt when God asked him to build a boat in a desert?

### Activities in your box

- **Colouring Sheet.**
- **Origami bird** – you'll need the square paper from your box. See the video on the website for instructions.
- **Paddle Boat** – you'll need the paddle boat kit from your box. Instructions are attached.
- **Animal Shaped Crackers** – a fun snack to go with today's story!

### Activities using things around the house:

- Play sink or float. Gather some items from your house, fill up the sink or tub and guess what will sink and what will float!