

# The FALL

**Date: 02.15.26 | God Spared Noah**

**Scripture: Genesis 5:32-9:29**

## CENTRAL TRUTHS



### PRESCHOOL:

God loves me and helps me make the right choices.

### YOUNGER KIDS (K5-2ND GRADE):

God loves me, forgives my sin, and helps me choose to do what's right.

### OLDER KIDS (3RD-5TH GRADE):

God is holy, and He calls us to live for His glory. When we sin, Jesus offers forgiveness and the Holy Spirit helps us choose what's right.

### STUDENTS:

God is holy and calls us to live for His glory. Though sin separates us from Him, Jesus died to redeem us, and the Holy Spirit helps us walk in purity and self-control.

### ADULTS:

The holy and perfect God calls us to live for His glory in purity and obedience. Though sin leads to death, Jesus redeemed us through the cross, and the Holy Spirit empowers us to walk in holiness and self-control.

## MEMORY VERSE

*For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
Romans 6:23*



## DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

*Since no one can keep the law, what is its purpose? That we may know the holy nature and will of God, and the sinful nature and disobedience of our hearts; and thus our need of a Savior. The law also teaches and exhorts us to live a life worthy of our Savior. New City Catechism q. 15*

## BACKGROUND INFO FOR LEADERS



After Adam and Eve left Eden, humanity multiplied, but sin multiplied even faster. Violence and wickedness filled the earth, and “every intention of the thoughts of man’s heart was only evil continually” (*Genesis 6:5*). God was grieved that He had made mankind. He decided to judge the world and wipe humanity off the face of the earth. The beautiful creation God made had become deeply corrupt.

Yet even in this darkness, there was hope. Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord (*Genesis 6:8*). Noah alone was considered righteous, so God chose to preserve the human race through Noah and his family. God established His covenant with Noah (*Genesis 6:18*) and instructed him to build a large ark, providing precise specifications—including the exact dimensions and materials (*Genesis 6:14–16*).

God warned Noah that He would send a worldwide flood to destroy everything on the earth. Noah was instructed to bring into the ark two of every kind of animal—a male and a female—and to gather enough food for his family and for the animals (*Genesis 6:19–21*). Despite the mockery he likely faced from those around him, Noah obeyed completely. His faithful work on the ark served as a powerful witness to the unbelieving world (*Hebrews 11:7*).

When the ark was finished, God told Noah, his wife, his three sons, and their wives to enter the boat along with all the animals He had commanded him to bring. Then the rains began. “All the fountains of the great deep burst forth, and the windows of the heavens were opened” (*Genesis 7:11*). Water poured from the sky and surged from the earth. It rained for forty days and forty nights. Floodwaters rose higher and higher until every hill, and even the tallest mountains, were covered. Every living creature on land died—everything except what was inside the ark (*Genesis 7:17–24*).

The waters covered the earth for 150 days before the ark finally came to rest on the mountains of Ararat (*Genesis 8:4*). As the water slowly receded, Noah sent out a raven, which never returned (*Genesis 8:7*). Then he sent out a dove. Still, the dove found no place to land and came back to him (*Genesis 8:8–9*). After waiting seven more days, Noah sent out the dove again, and this time it returned with a freshly plucked olive leaf—a sign that new life was beginning to appear (*Genesis 8:11*). After another week, Noah sent the dove out once more, and it did not return.

Finally, God told Noah to leave the ark. Noah, his family, and all the animals stepped out onto dry ground. Noah's first act was to build an altar to the Lord and offer sacrifices of worship (*Genesis 8:20*). God smelled the sacrifice and declared that He would never again curse the ground or destroy every living creature with a flood (*Genesis 8:21*). He made a covenant promise to Noah. He placed a rainbow in the sky as the sign of His promise: "I have set my bow in the cloud... and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh" (*Genesis 9:13–15*).

The flood reveals two critical truths about God: He takes sin seriously, and He is merciful even in judgment. God preserved Noah so that the family line leading to Jesus—the promised Savior—would continue. Through Noah's family, God kept His plan of redemption moving forward until the day when Christ Himself would come to defeat sin and offer salvation to all who trust in Him.

## TELL THE STORY

### *Genesis 5:32–9:29*

Adam and Eve's family grew. They had children and grandchildren, and their families grew until many people were in the world. But all those people were like Adam and Eve— they sinned against God. God is good and loving. He wanted people to have a right relationship with Him, but the people did not want to live under God's rule.

God was sad that He had made people. Because people's hearts were so sinful, God had to judge the people for their sin. But one man was not like all the other people. Noah was a righteous man; he wanted to follow God. So God decided to save Noah and his family from this punishment.



One day, God told Noah to build a big boat called an ark. God told Noah what would happen: God was going to punish sin by sending a flood to wipe out everything on the earth. God made a special promise, a covenant, with Noah. God promised to protect Noah and his family.

God told Noah exactly how to make the ark. He instructed Noah on how to build the roof, where to place the door, and how to make it float. God gave Noah instructions about what animals to bring on the ark and how many. Noah did everything that God commanded.

Noah worked for many years to build the ark. When it was finally finished, Noah filled the ark with food for his family and for the animals. Then Noah, his family, and the animals went into the ark and closed the door.

Water began to cover the earth. Rain fell for 40 days and 40 nights until water covered even the highest mountains. Every living creature on the planet died, but Noah and his family were safe inside the floating ark. Then the rain stopped. Water covered the whole earth for months. Finally, God sent a wind to dry the earth, and the water began to subside. The ark came to rest on top of a mountain.

Noah waited until God told him to bring his family out of the ark. Noah came out of the ark and built an altar to make an offering to thank the Lord.

God told Noah's family, "Spread out and fill the earth. Take care of the world and the creatures in it." God promised Noah that He would never again send a flood over the whole earth, and He put a rainbow in the clouds as a reminder of the promise.

God rescued Noah and his family from the flood. The story of Noah points to an even greater rescue. God's Son, Jesus, came to take the punishment for our sins. By trusting in Him, we are saved from the power of sin and death.

## REBUILD THE STORY

1. What does Genesis say about the condition of the human heart that led God to send a flood, and what does this show us about how seriously God takes sin? *Genesis 6:5-7*



2. Who stood out to God in a corrupt world, and what does this reveal about the importance of personal faithfulness even when culture goes a different direction? *Genesis 6:8*

3. What specific instructions did God give Noah about building the ark, and how might following these commands have required trust and perseverance? *Genesis 6:14*

4. What did God tell Noah to bring onto the ark, and how does this show God's care for both His people and His creation?  
*Genesis 6:19–21*

5. How long did the rain fall once the flood began, and what do you think those long days and nights would have been like for Noah and his family? *Genesis 7:12*

6. Where did the ark finally come to rest after the waters began to recede, and why is this moment a turning point in the story?  
*Genesis 8:4*

7. What did the dove bring back to Noah, and how did this sign help Noah understand what God was doing in the world outside the ark?  
*Genesis 8:11*

8. What sign did God give as a reminder of His promise never to destroy the whole earth with a flood again, and what does this covenant reveal about God's character? *Genesis 9:13–15*

9. What does Noah's radical obedience teach you about trusting God's voice and following Him—even when others don't understand or when it feels costly?

10. In what ways does the flood story reveal both the seriousness of God's justice against sin and the depth of His mercy toward people who trust Him?

11. How does God's covenant promise to Noah give you confidence today about God's control, care, and commitment to His world—and to you?

## **GOSPEL EMPHASIS**

The story of Noah shows us important things about who God is. God is wrathful—He hates all unrighteousness and will judge sin. God is just—everything He does is fair and right. And God is loving—He shows infinite, unconditional love that doesn't depend on our worth or goodness. In Noah's day, people's sin brought real consequences, and the flood showed that the ultimate consequence of sin is death. But even in His judgment, God made a way of rescue through the ark. In the same way, God loves us so much that He sent His only Son, Jesus, to save us from sin and death. Just as the ark was the only means of being saved from the flood, Jesus is the only way we can be rescued from our sin. Noah's story points us to the greater salvation Jesus came to bring!



## **WHAT DOES THIS PASSAGE TEACH US ABOUT GOD?**

Use your Attributes of God poster as a guide.

## **PRAYER PROMPTS**

God, thank You for making a plan to rescue Noah and his family when sin filled the earth. We are sorry for our sins. Thank You for having a plan from the very beginning to save us by sending Your Son, Jesus. Thank You for being our rescuer and our Savior! Please help us run away from sin and run toward You every day. Amen.



## **THIS WEEK'S BIBLE READING**

*Genesis 10-11*