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LESSON ONE - Introduction
Ages 5-8

The Bible is a special book. It is the way God speaks tells about Himself and what we need to do. We will be learning about beginnings. How did we get here? Why is there sin in the world? The answers are in the Bible.



READ PROVERBS 16:25

People do not get to decide what is right. We know what is right or wrong from reading God's Word. The Bible holds the way to true life.



Evolution is a big word. Evolution teaches that the earth is here due to a Big Bang billions and billions of years ago. It says there is no God. Apes changed into people. Dinosaurs lived before man. Evolution is wrong even if your school book or teacher says it is right. We know it is wrong because the Bible tells us the right way. God created the heavens and earth. Man and dinosaurs were both created on Day 6 of Creation.

Judges have said it is okay for two men or two women to be married. T.V. shows, movies, and cartoons have begun to show two men/women kissing. This is wrong. The Bible says that God created one man and one woman to be married for their entire lives.

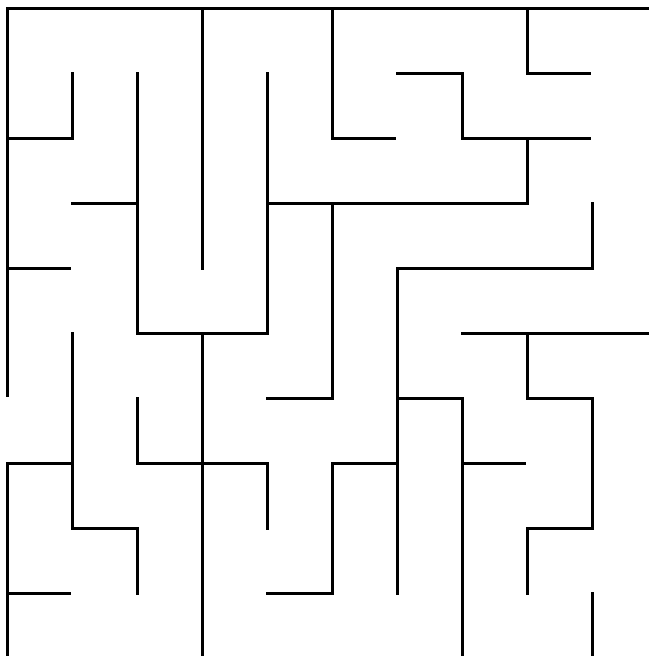
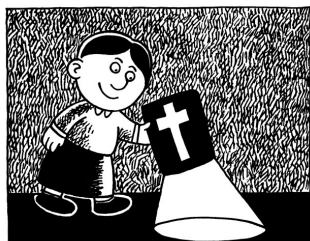
People think the world has always been the same way all the time. They think the mountains have always been the same. The rivers have always been the same. The weather has always been the same. This is wrong. The Flood changed the earth in a big way!

You may have been taught that most humans are good people. You just need to live your life to make you happy. Do what you like to do because life is short and then we die. This is wrong. People may do kind things for others, but people have a big problem. The big problem is sin.

People may think some things are right. They are wrong if they are not God's ways. We learn about these things from the very beginning.

READ PSALM 119:105

The Bible shows us how to live for Christ. Let the Bible light your path to the other side.



READ ROMANS 1:20

You can step outside to see the stars at night. You can see the trees as they change colors in the fall. You can see the trees as the leaves form in the spring. There is no excuse not to believe in a Creator God. You can see His work all around you. You can also see sin. People fighting. Animals dying. Fruit rotting. Sick people. There is no excuse not to know that sin and death are in God's Creation. You need a Savior. His name is Jesus Christ. He went to the cross to pay for your sins. He was buried in a grave but came back to life three days later. If you want to go to Heaven one day, you just have to trust in what Jesus Christ did for you.

Have you trusted in Him?

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LESSON TWO - creation

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Most of the books, movies, and T.V. shows you watch about dinosaurs will say they lived millions of years ago. You may have heard that a person comes from an ape. This is not true. The Bible tells the true story. It tells us God created the earth and the heavens. Then He took six days to form and fill what He created.



READ GENESIS 1:1-2

On Day 1, God made light. Now there was day and night.
In the box, draw a picture of what God created on Day 1.

Read Genesis 1:5

On Day 2, God made the sky.
In the box, draw a picture of God's creation on Day 2.

Read Genesis 1:8

On Day 3, God made dry land and plants.
Draw a picture of God's creation on Day 3.

Read Genesis 1:10-11

On Day 4, God made the sun, moon, and stars.
Draw a picture of God's creation on Day 4.

Read Genesis 1:16

On Day 5, God made the sea animals and birds.
Draw a picture of God's creation on Day 4.

Read Genesis 1:20-21

On Day 6, God made the land animals, man,
and woman. Draw a picture of God's creation
on Day 6.

Read Genesis 1:25, 27

READ GENESIS 2:1-2

What did God do on Day 7?

God does not need sleep. He did this to make our seven day weeks.

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LESSON THREE - Adam and Eve

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Genesis Chapter One tells us about each day of creation and what God created on each day. Genesis Chapter Two tells us about Adam and Eve in creation. God created Adam and Eve to be the most special part of His creation.



READ GENESIS 2:7-9

God had created the land and plants, but had no one to care for them. The next day He made Adam.

What was Adam made from?

- a). Goo and muck
- b). Puppy dogs tails and snails
- c). Dust of the ground
- d). Lego bricks

God breathed into Adam the breath of God. God made a garden and put Adam in it to take care of it. In this garden were many trees with tasty fruit. God tells us the names of two of the trees. **What are the two trees in verse 9?**

God tells Adam he can eat from every tree except the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. There were rivers in the Garden and pretty gems. We are not sure where the Garden of Eden was. The Flood changed the earth, but it must have been a beautiful place!

Even though sin has taken away some of the beauty of God's creation, we still can see beauty all around us.

What beauty do you see in God's Creation?

READ GENESIS 2:21-23

God did not want Adam to be alone. First, God created the animals. They came to Adam to name them. We do not know what Adam named the animals. We have had to come up with our own names for them like hippo, dog, and cat.



Adam needed someone different than the animals to be his helper.

What did God create Eve from?

- a). Adam's rib
- b). Sugar and spice
- c). Dust of the ground
- d). Spare doll parts

Adam called his partner Woman. She was special to Adam. The Man and Woman would live with each other and help each other. They lived in a pretty garden with nice animals. What a wonderful time! It would stay nice unless Adam ate of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil.

READ COLOSSIANS 1:16

Some people think that Jesus was created when He was born in a manger. This verse tells us that Jesus Christ is the Creator. He is God! Your Creator became like you and died on the cross for your sins!

Was anything made without Jesus Christ?

What were all things created for?

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LESSON FOUR - The Fall
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Adam and Eve were created and told to help each other take care of God's Creation. They lived in a Garden with fruit trees, rivers, and pretty stones. But Satan wanted to take God's place. Satan came up with a plan to ruin God's creation.



READ GENESIS 3:1-5

Satan looked like a snake and tricked Eve to eat of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. He got her to doubt God's goodness. The fruit did look delicious! Eve ate the fruit and gave it to Adam. Adam sinned by eating the fruit that God told Him not to eat. Sin is not doing what God wants you to do. Sin is also doing what God tells you not to do. Now that Adam ate of the fruit, he knew what evil was.

This is a sad story. Now sin and death were in God's Creation. Adam and Eve knew what they had done. They tried to hide from God. No one can hide from God. We may think we are getting away with sin like Adam did. **Does God see us?**

There were bad things that would happen now that sin was in the world.

Read verse 14. What bad things would happen to the serpent?

Read verse 16. What bad things would happen to the woman?

Read verse 18-19. What bad things would happen?

Due to sin, every person would now die and turn back into dust.

*The fall of God's creation into sin is a sad story, but we need to know it.
See if you can find these words in the word search below:*

**ADAM EVE SERPENT TREE SIN
FRUIT COVERING GARDEN LIES DEATH**



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READ GENESIS 3:21

Adam and Eve were thrown out of the Garden. An angel was sent to guard the gate. Even though Adam had sinned, God still loved Adam and Eve. He provided a covering for their sins. An animal had to die to cover the sin. This is like Jesus Christ who would have to die to take away our sins. Because of Adam's sin all of us are born sinners, but we can be forgiven if we believe in the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

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LESSON FIVE - Cain and Abel

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Adam and Eve's children were born into a world of sin. God told them an animal needed to be offered to cover sins. Adam and Eve had many children. Two of them were named Abel and Cain. They teach us what it means to obey and disobey.



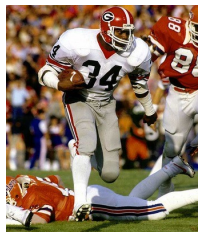
READ GENESIS 4:3-4

We do not know how old Cain and Abel were, but they were not kids. They were not the only kids that Adam and Eve had.

Circle the picture that shows what work Abel did.



Circle the picture that shows what work Cain did.



One day, Abel offered an animal. Cain offered some of his fruits and veggies.

Which one did God accept?

Why?

Obedying God is what He wants the most. We may think we know a better way, but God knows what is best. God tells Cain that if he obeys, God would be happy with his work. If he did not obey, sin would get power over him.

READ GENESIS 4:8

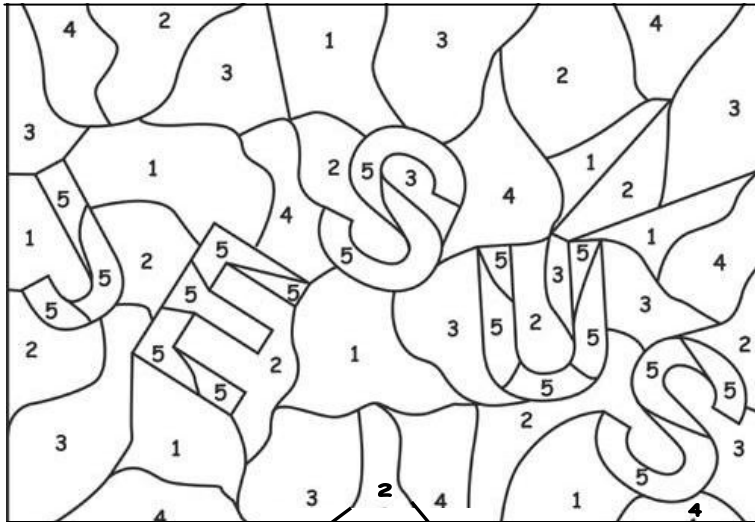
Cain did not listen to God. He got mad at Abel.
Was it Abel's fault that Cain did not obey?

Cain disobeyed God. His sin got worse. As the brothers were talking in the field Cain killed Abel. God punished Cain by making him go away from his home and his mom and dad. Cain asked for God's mercy. Even though Cain had done an awful thing, God put a mark on Cain to keep him safe.



Sin is bad. It brings bad things into our lives. Lies, cheating, stealing, fighting, and other sins only bring harm. We should not be happy with sin. Even though we are sinners, God gave us mercy. Mercy is showing someone forgiveness when they deserve to be punished.

READ ROMANS 5:8



Use the chart to color the picture to see Who God sent to show His mercy for us.

- 1 = Blue
- 2 = Red
- 3 = Green
- 4 = Orange
- 5 = Yellow

Jesus Christ paid for our sins on the cross. We can be saved if we trust in Him.
Have you trusted in the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ to save you?

We still have to be careful not to let sin tempt us. When we are want to sin, we can trust in Christ to help us say no.

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LESSON SIX - Adam's Family Tree

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Adam and Eve had lots of children. We do not know how many. The Bible only tells us the families of Cain and Seth. Some people may tell you that we came from stupid cavemen. This is not true. The Bible shows us that the people in Adam's day were not stupid. They were very smart. Let's look at some of the people in Adam and Eve's family tree.



READ GENESIS 5:3-5

How old was Adam when he died?

That is a long time! Adam was 130 years old when Seth was born. Cain and Abel may have been 100 years old when Cain killed Abel. We do not know. Adam and Eve could have had many children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren in 100 years. This helps us know where Cain got his wife. Cain could have married his distant cousin.

READ GENESIS 4:20-22



Jabal (verse 20) was not living in a cave and hitting animals with a club. He and his family lived in tents and took care of cattle. It may have been sheep that he took care of. It may have been donkeys. They were smart enough to care for animals and make tents.

Jubal (verse 21) did not grunt to speak. He made instruments and played music. I wonder what it sounded like?



Tubal-cain (verse 22) made things with metal. He did not use just rocks and sticks. People found the metals. He would hammer them into shape to be used.

These were not stupid people. They were smart.

READ GENESIS 4:23

We still read of sin. God had given them all things to honor him. They used what God had made to disobey Him. Lamech had _____ wives when God only wanted one man and one woman. He was also a murderer. Lamech was proud of his sin. He should have been sad about sin.

READ GENESIS 5:24

We read of a man named Enoch. He walked with God. This means that he tried to obey God. This is an odd verse. It says Enoch was on earth one day. The next day he was not on earth. This is only one of two men who went to be with God without dying. The other man was Elijah.

READ GENESIS 5:28-29

Enoch's son was Methuselah. Methuselah had a son named Lamech.
What was Lamech's son's name?

The next few lessons will talk about the Flood. Lamech died while Noah was building the ark. Noah's grandfather Methuselah died in the Flood (or just before it). This means that when God looked on the earth and saw it was wicked, He meant Noah's father and grandfather too.



Get a piece of paper. Write a note or draw a picture for someone that teaches you about God and the Bible. Thank them for telling you about God.

Pray to God to thank Him for all He has created. Thank Him for sending His Son to die on the cross and come back to life so you could be saved.

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LESSON SEVEN - Noah builds an ark

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Adam and Eve were smart. They were not cavemen. But people still disobeyed God. We now come to the days of Noah. He was 500 years old when God told him to build the ark.



READ GENESIS 6:5-8

A lot of evil was on earth. Man disobeyed God. They did what they wanted to do. This made God sad. God had to destroy the wicked people.

God chose to save one man's family. His name was _____. He had a wife and three sons. His sons had wives. Eight people in the family.

READ GENESIS 6:14

God's plan to save Noah and his family was for Noah to build a ark. The ark was like a boat. It would float and keep them safe. The ark was a big boat! It was made of gopher wood. We don't know what kind of wood that is. He was to cover it inside and outside with something to keep the water out.



Here's something fun to do. Get an adult to help you measure 450 feet. Mark where you began and where you end. This is how long the ark was. To get how wide the ark was, measure 75 feet. Mark it. Stand in the middle of where you marked and imagine the top is as high as a school gym, or 8 adults standing on top of one another. (45 feet high). Pretty big, huh? Use the area to pretend you are Noah's family in the ark.

READ GENESIS 7:2

Noah was told to take a boy and girl of all of the animal kinds. He was told to take seven of the clean animals. He was told to take food for the animals and his family. How did he fit all the animals on the ark? He only had to take one kind of cat. He did not have to take tigers, lions, panthers. They are all cats. Also, some of the animals may have been babies. They could all fit on the ark.

READ GENESIS 6:22



Noah obeyed God.

You should obey God even if it is hard. Even when other kids make fun of you. Even when you do not know how it will work out. Building the ark was hard work, but Noah obeyed God. Others may have made fun of him, but Noah obeyed God. Noah may not have known how it was going to work, but Noah obeyed God. You should obey God too. He knows what is best for you. He wants to keep you safe.

How did Noah get all of the animals to come to him? God did not tell him to get them. God could bring the animals to Noah. God just told Noah to take them on the ark.

How did Noah build the big ark all by himself? God did not tell Noah that he had to build it alone. His three sons could help. Noah may have also paid people to help. We don't know for sure, but he did not have to do it alone.

There came a day when God told Noah to take his family and get in the ark. He obeyed. Noah was 600 years old. Seven days after they went in the ark the Flood began.



Write the letter of the correct match next to each problem.

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| 1. ____ Shem, Ham, and Japheth were Noah's ____. | a. Flood |
| 2. ____ God told Noah to build an ____. | b. Seven |
| 3. ____ The world was ____. | c. Two |
| 4. ____ Take ____ of every unclean animal. | d. Wicked |
| 5. ____ God would destroy the earth with a ____. | e. Obeyed |
| 6. ____ Take ____ of every clean animal. | f. Ark |
| 7. ____ Noah ____ God. | g. Noah's sons |

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LESSON EIGHT - The days of the Flood

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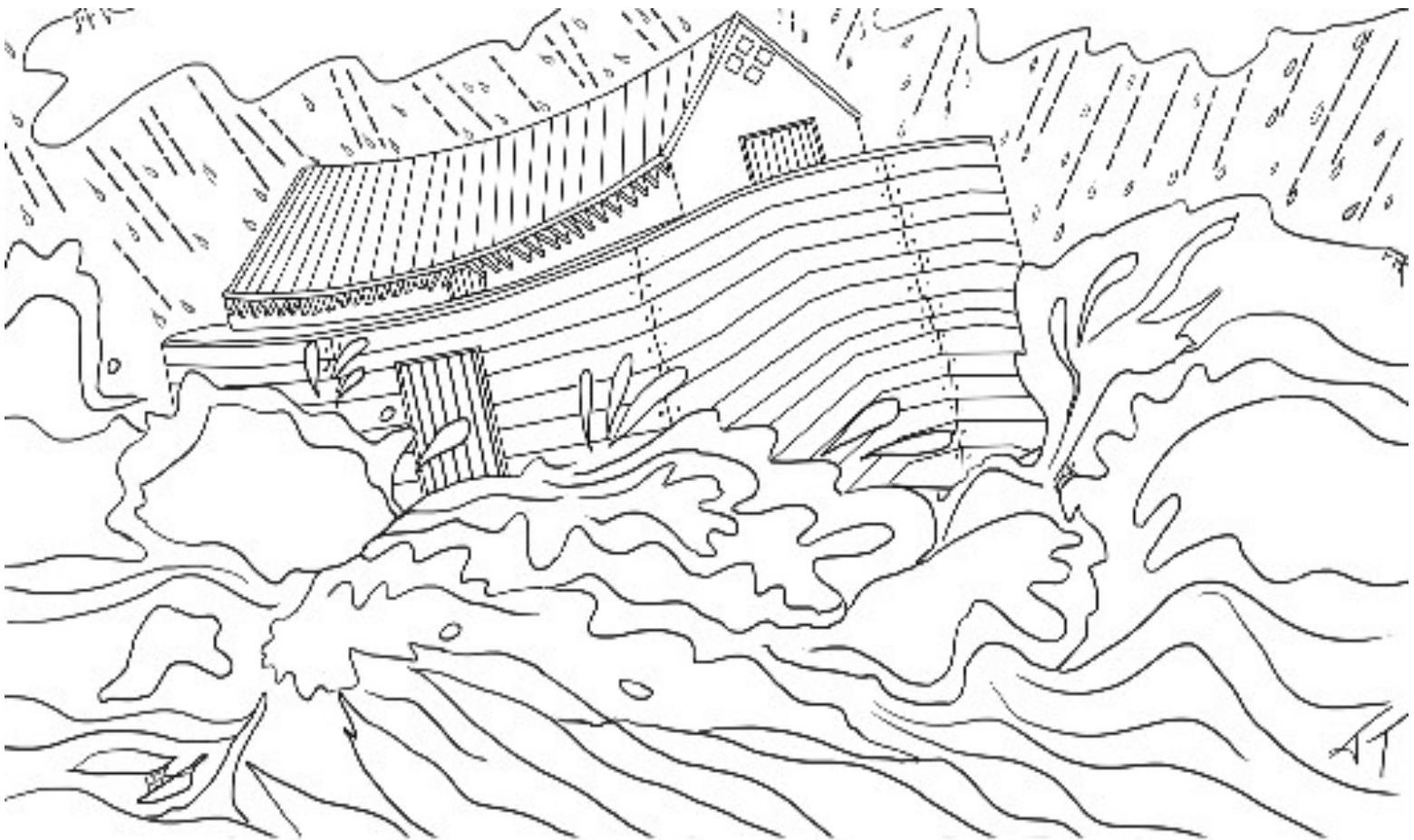
God was going to send a flood. He told Noah to build an ark. Noah, his family, and the animals went into the ark to be safe. God shut the door. Seven days later it began to rain.



READ GENESIS 7:17-19

The Flood was an event the world will never see again. It was very awful and sad. It was worse than a big, scary storm. Water shot up from under the earth. Hard rain fell from the sky above. It rained for 40 days! That is a long time! The water kept getting higher and higher. The water covered the whole earth. It was deeper than the highest mountain. That is a lot of water!

Color the picture below.



Genesis 7:12 And rain fell on the earth forty days and forty nights.

READ GENESIS 7:23-24



Every person or animal that was not on the ark died. Many fossils were made during the Flood. The only things still alive were the people and animals that were on the ark. God saved them. The waters kept going higher for 150 days. Then, the Bible says that God sent a wind to make the water go down.

A few months later the ark came to rest on Mount Ararat. Noah opened a window in the ark and sent out two birds: a raven and a dove. The raven did not return. The dove did. One week later, Noah sent the dove out again. This time the dove came back with an olive leaf. Noah knew it was almost time to exit. One more week went by, Noah sent out the dove for the third time. This time it did not return. Fifty days after the dove didn't return, God told Noah to exit the ark.



READ 2 PETER 3:5-6

The earth was a lot different before the Flood. What was the weather like? Did it rain? Was it ever too cold? How high were the mountains then? What were the oceans like? Were there canyons? What about earthquakes? Where were the rivers and lakes? We don't really know. The earth was changed by the Flood. We can only dream about what the earth was like before it.

The Flood was God's judgment for wickedness on the earth. God saved Noah in the ark. God will judge the wicked again one day. God wants to save you from His judgment by Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ went to the cross for your sin, was buried and rose again so you could be saved from God's judgment. Like Noah had to get on the boat, you have to trust in what Jesus Christ did for you.

Have you believed?

If you have you don't have to fear God's judgment!

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LESSON NINE - A Reminder and A Prophecy

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God judged the earth with a flood. Only Noah, his family, and the animals on the ark were alive. The land, water, and weather had changed. Now the animals would fear people. God said people could eat meat. God also told Noah that men were to have leaders to punish people who killed other people. Then, God gave Noah (and us) a reminder that He is good, just, and full of mercy.



READ GENESIS 8:20-22

Noah offered the clean animals to God after getting off the ark. This may be one reason God told him to take seven of the clean animals on the ark.

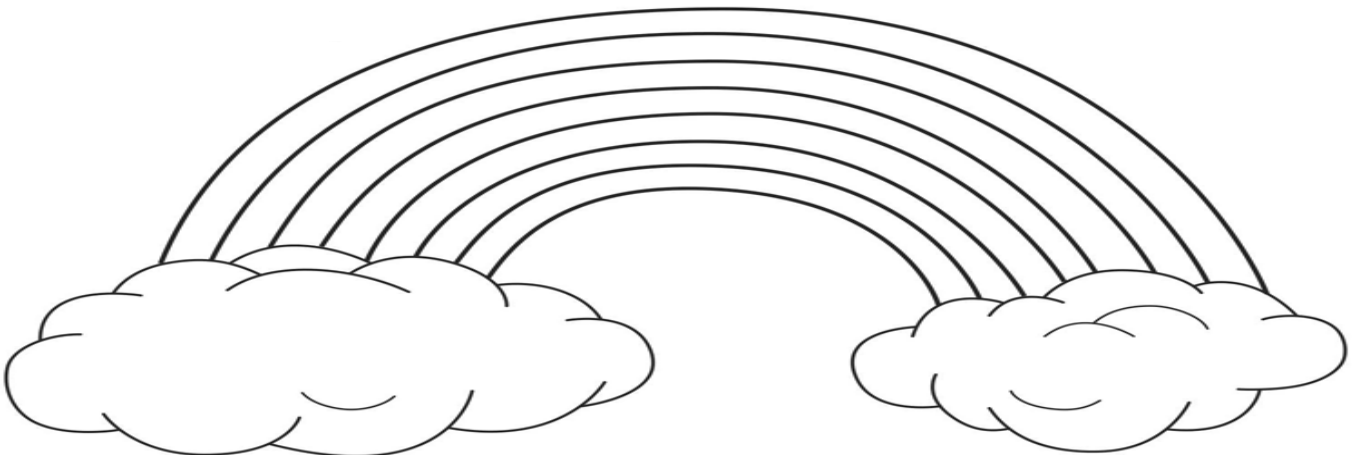
Was God happy with Noah's sacrifice?

READ GENESIS 9:8-16

God makes a special promise. The earth is still full of sinners. God is patient and kind. God said He will never again judge the whole earth with a Flood. But one day the wicked will be judged again. The next time the earth will be judged by fire. God does not want anyone to be there. He has provided His Son Jesus Christ so anyone can be saved. For someone to be saved, they must trust in that Christ died for their sins, was buried, and came back to life. There will be many that will not trust in Him. Sadly, God must punish those who will not trust in Jesus Christ.

God has given us a reminder of His mercy and longsuffering. You can see this reminder on rainy days when the sun shines.

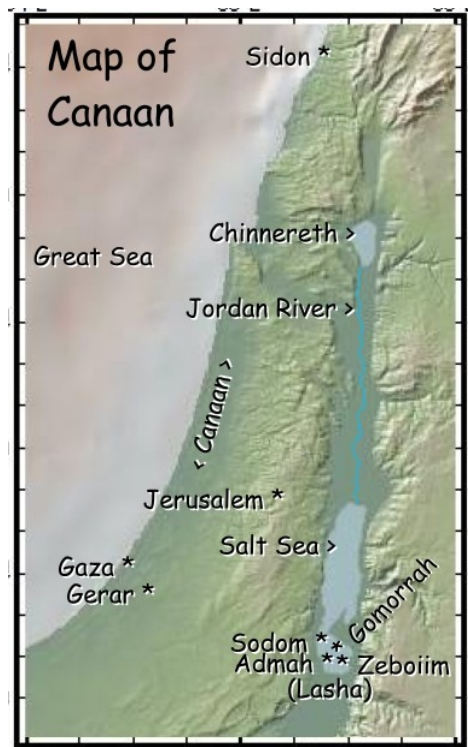
Color God's reminder.



READ GENESIS 9:20-21

After the Flood, Noah was a farmer. Noah was saved from the Flood, but he still sinned. He grew grapes and made wine. He got drunk from the wine and fell asleep in his tent. His son Ham saw his dad and sinned. Noah's other two sons tried to cover up the sin, but it was done.

Noah wakes up and says that Ham's son Canaan would serve the sons of Shem. What Noah said came true when the Lord said Israel (Shem's family) could have the land of Canaan (Ham's family).



Genesis 10:19 gives the land borders of the Canaanites. Circle the cities on the map that are in Genesis 10:19. Keep in mind, this is the land that God would promise to the nation of Israel in later years. God's word in Genesis 9:26 would come true.



Does this land look the same? →

This is a map from the time Israel entered Canaan. Don't forget. God's Word always comes true! You can trust it!

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LESSON TEN - The Origin of Languages

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Only four families were alive after the Flood. Noah's sons and their wives had to have babies. Their children were to have more babies and spread out over the earth. They did not obey. They wanted to stay in the same place. God had to make them spread out.



READ GENESIS 11:4-8

At this time everyone spoke the same language. They could talk and work together. Sadly, they worked together to disobey God. They wanted to build a city so they could stay in the same place. Also, they made bricks in order to build a tall tower. They would worship the heavens.

The Lord saw that they had disobeyed. He knew the people were working together to disobey Him. He knew they could work together because they could understand each other.

From verse 7, what did the Lord do to stop it?

From verse 8, What else did the Lord do?

The Lord made it so they could not talk to each other. He spread them out on the earth. Have you ever heard someone talking in a language you did not know? You did not know what they were saying, did you? It is hard to work with someone if you can not talk. God did this to make it harder for people to disobey Him as a group.

When God spread people out, people started to look a little different. A man would marry a woman he could talk to. Some families began to have dark skin. Some families began to have lighter skin. Some families began to have white skin. We did not evolve. We were created. We were separated, but we all still come from the same two people - Adam and Eve.



READ GENESIS 10:32

People may look different, but there is no such thing as races of people. We all come from the same two people - Adam and Eve. The verse you read also says all people are a relative of Noah's sons. The real difference is not what color of skin a person has or how they talk. The big difference is are they saved or not.

READ ROMANS 5:12

We all come from Adam, but there is a big problem. Adam died spiritually when he ate of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. This spiritual death passed to everyone that has ever been born. We cannot get into Heaven the way we were born. We need someone to give us new spiritual life.

READ ROMANS 5:21

Adam gave us death and sin. It does not matter if your skin is black, brown, or white. We are all children of Adam. We are all born dead sinners.

Jesus Christ gives us life and grace. We can be reborn into Christ as living children of God. God offers the way to new spiritual life by the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Christ died for the sins of all people of all skin colors. Anyone can have eternal life if they trust in the work of Jesus Christ.

Have you trusted in the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ to save you?

You are not saved by the good things that you do, but only by trusting that Christ paid to have your sins forgiven.

Have you thanked Christ for saving you?

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