

LESSON 3: NOAH OBEYS GOD

from Genesis 5:1 - 9:29

Adam and Eve had children and grandchildren. Nine generations after Adam and Eve, there were a lot of people on the earth.

Just like Adam and Eve, the people disobeyed God. The people were so bad that God was sorry that He had made them.

There was one man, Noah, who did what was right, and God was pleased with him. God told him, "I have seen how bad the other people are. I am going to get rid of them.

"Make a big boat for yourself, your wife, your three sons, and their wives. I am going to send a big flood. Everyone who is not on the boat will die.

"When you go in the boat, bring along two of every kind of bird and animal, one male and one female. Bring along seven of some kinds of animals. Bring along enough food for your family and the animals."

Then Noah did everything that God asked him to do.

When the boat was ready, and Noah's family and the animals were ready, it started to rain. It rained for forty days and forty nights. The water rose until it covered the whole earth, even the mountains.

Noah and his family, and the birds and animals were safe on the boat. All the people, birds, and animals outside the boat died.

After 150 days, the waters started to go down. Noah sent out a bird three times. The first time the bird came right back because there was no place to land. A week later, he sent the bird again; this time the bird brought back a leaf from a tree. The third time, a week later, the bird did not come back. It had found a new home! It was time to leave the boat.

God promised Noah, his family, and all the birds and animals that He would never send a flood to get rid of everyone again. He put rainbows in the sky to remind Noah and us of His promise.

1. In this story, who did not obey God?

2. What were three things that God asked Noah to do?

3. Did Noah obey God?

4. What did God send in the middle of the story?

5. How many people were safe?

6. What was God's promise?

7. What is the reminder of God's promise?

EXTRA QUESTIONS (Lesson 3)

8. Find and read Matthew 24:36-44. Who is talking? (If you're not sure, read Matthew 24:4 to see who is talking in this chapter.)

9. He said that Someone will come suddenly, just like the flood. Who does He say will come? (See Matthew 24:39).

The _____ of _____,
which is one of the names of Jesus.

10. Finish this verse (Matthew 24:44): Therefore you also be _____,

for the _____ of _____ is coming at an hour you do not
_____.

11. Find and read I Peter 3:20-21, which talks about Noah and the people who were saved in the flood. There are a lot of big words in this passage. What one word can you find that relates to water?

This can help to save us from bad things, just like the boat saved Noah and his family from the bad people and the flood.

12. The part of the church building where we stand during the Divine Liturgy is called the Nave. The word Nave means Boat.

Can you think of some words that start with Nav- that relate to boats?

Just like the boat saved Noah and his family, we have a boat ("Nave") where we can come to be saved from the bad things of the world. When we come to Church, we leave behind all the bad things and are safe.