

Family Worship

Noah, Lot & Jesus' Return

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Opening Prayer

Our Heavenly Father, thank you for our family.

And thank you for the privilege of coming together for worship.

Help us to understand Your Word and obey it with a joyful heart.

In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

There Is A Higher Throne

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zvDSG4s5FJw>



Catechism Time!

Bible truths for teaching children

Question 51

Q: Of what advantage to us is Christ's ascension?

A: Christ is now advocating for us in the presence of his Father and also sends us his Spirit.

Ascension

Jesus ascended to heaven to receive glory, power and authority from the Father.

Bible verses (Romans 8:34, Ephesians 1:20,21)

- Christ Jesus who died - more than that, who was raised to life - is at the right hand of God and is also interceding (advocating) for us.
- He (God) raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion...

- ❑ Today's Catechism teaches us that Jesus ascended to heaven.
- ❑ He will come again. The angel said to the disciples who just saw Jesus' ascension:

"Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven".

- ❑ Yes, Jesus will come to judge the living and the dead.

Let's Open Up the Bible

Luke 17:26-30

Jesus said these words to his disciples...

“Just as it was in the days of Noah, so also will it be in the days of the Son of Man. People were eating, drinking, marrying and being given in marriage up to the day Noah entered the ark. Then the flood came and destroyed them all.

It was the same in the days of Lot. People were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building. But the day Lot left Sodom, fire and sulphur rained down from heaven and destroyed them all.

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What did Jesus mean by the "days of Noah" and "days of Lot"?

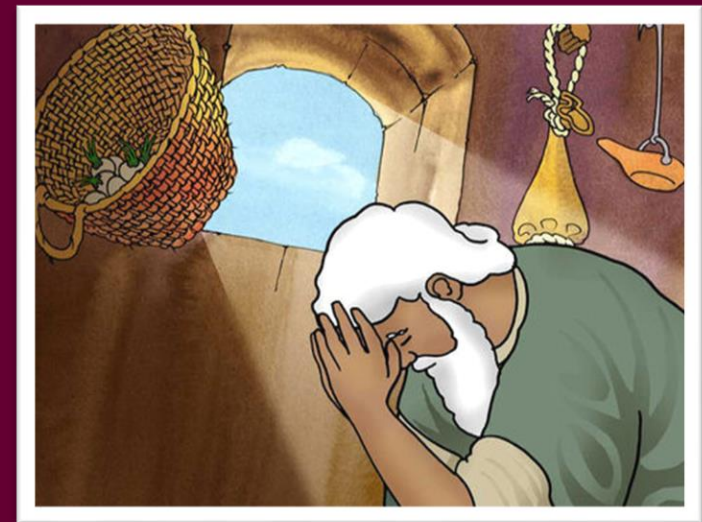
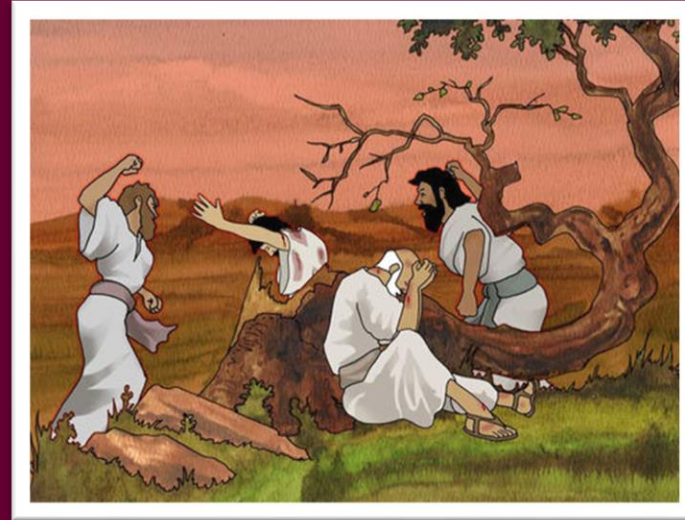


Genesis 6:5-22

The Lord saw how great the wickedness of the human race had become on the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time. The Lord regretted that he had made human beings on the earth, and his heart was deeply troubled.

So the Lord said, 'I will wipe from the face of the earth the human race I have created - and with them the animals, the birds and the creatures that move along the ground - for I regret that I have made them.'

But Noah found favour in the eyes of the Lord.

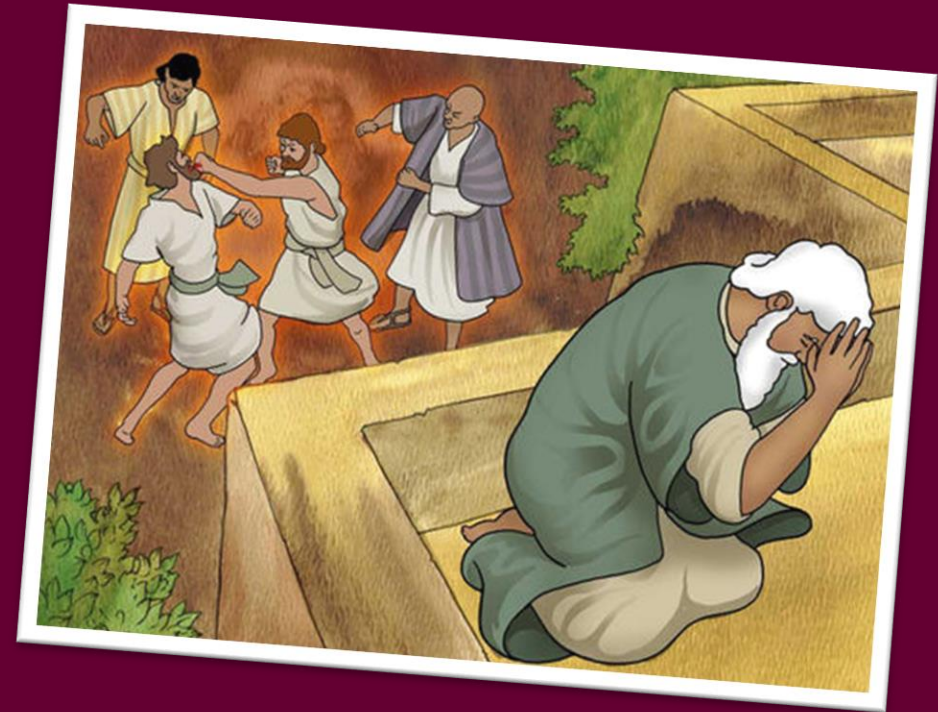


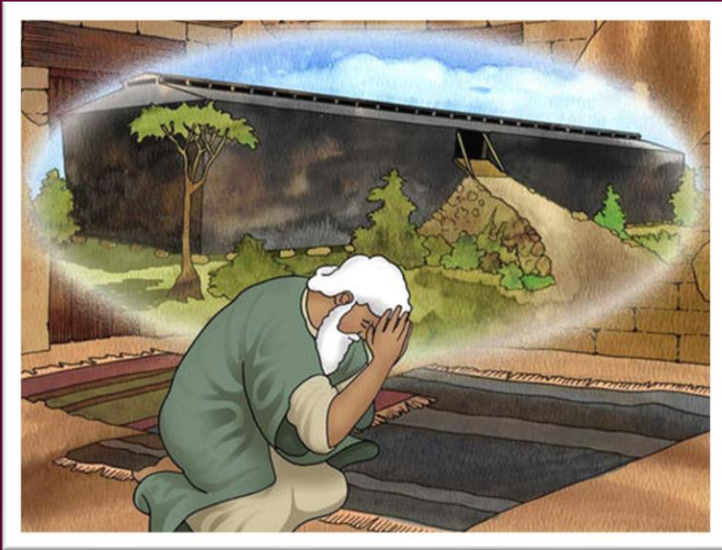
Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked faithfully with God. Noah had three sons: Shem, Ham and Japheth.

Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight and was full of violence. God saw how corrupt the earth had become, for all the people on earth had corrupted their ways.

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.

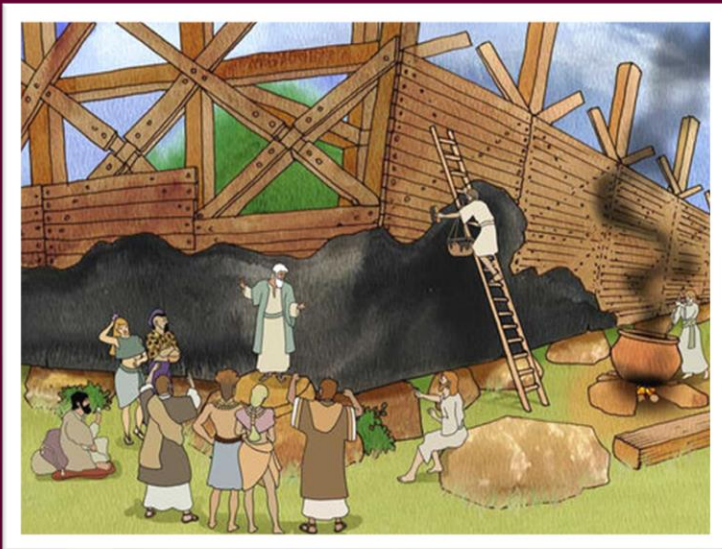
So make yourself an ark of cypress wood; make rooms in it and coat it with pitch inside and out. This is how you are to build it: the ark is to be three hundred cubits long, fifty cubits wide and thirty cubits high. Make a roof for it, leaving below the roof an opening one cubit high all around. Put a door in the side of the ark and make lower, middle and upper decks.





I am going to bring floodwaters on the earth to destroy all life under the heavens, every creature that has the breath of life in it. Everything on earth will perish.

But I will establish my covenant with you, and you will enter the ark - you and your sons and your wife and your sons' wives with you.



You are to bring into the ark two of all living creatures, male and female, to keep them alive with you. Two of every kind of bird, of every kind of animal and of every kind of creature that moves along the ground will come to you to be kept alive. You are to take every kind of food that is to be eaten and store it away as food for you and for them.'

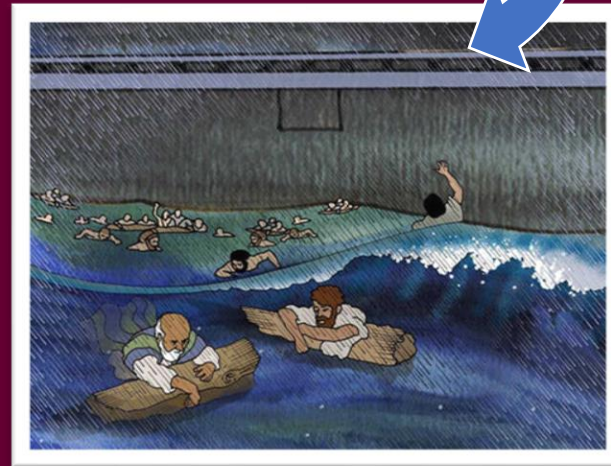
Noah did everything just as God commanded him.

What happened to Noah and his ark?

You see, after Noah completed building the ark, God told him to enter the ark with his family. 7 days later, rain fell on the earth for 40 days and 40 nights. Everything was destroyed.



The ark was coated with pitch. It is 300 cubits long, 50 cubits wide and 30 cubits high. A cubit is an arm's length (about 18 inches).



Now let's learn about Lot...



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The Bible tells us that Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed because the people committed grievous sin against God. When the 2 visitors came to Lot, all the men in the city demanded Lot to hand over the visitors so they could commit homosexual sins with the visitors. Lot said, "Don't do this wicked thing!"

Abraham actually made a bargain with God to save the two cities from destruction. God agreed not to destroy the cities if there were 10 righteous people there. But there weren't.



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(Hint: Compare the left and right below)

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2. "People were eating, drinking, marrying and being given in marriage..." This seems to be nothing wrong on the surface. But what was actually happening in the society in the days of Noah and Lot that displeased God? (Review pages 10 and 16)
3. Were people expecting they would be destroyed? Why or why not?
4. Is our society today any better in pleasing God compared to the days of Noah and Lot?
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*For answers,
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3. Were people expecting they would be destroyed? Why or why not?  People did not expect destruction. They just continued their ways of life and ignored God altogether.
4. Is our society today any better in pleasing God compared to the days of Noah and Lot?  Society is the same today. The human heart is just as wicked as before.
5. It can be said that Noah was (i) obedient (ii) faithful (iii) courageous. Do you agree? Why?  Noah was obedient and faithful in building the ark. To do God's will while everyone else disobeyed God requires courage.
6. Who were saved in the days of Noah?  Noah and his family who went into the ark were saved.

Jesus then said, "It will be just like this on the day the Son of Man is revealed".

"Son of Man" was a title Jesus used for himself. Here Jesus is warning us about his return to judge all mankind. It will be very sudden when no one is expecting it, like a thief at night.

When the flood came, Noah and his family were saved because they were in the ark. When Jesus returns, believers are saved because they are in Christ Jesus (1 Peter 3:18-22).

- Are you prepared for Jesus to return anytime?
- How should you prepare for Jesus' return?



Summary

- ❖ People were evil in Noah's and Lot's days. They went about their daily lives, ignoring God, until it was too late - destruction was sudden.
- ❖ It is the same today. People ignore God and teach others to do sinful things.
- ❖ One day Jesus will return as Judge. Destruction will come to those who reject Jesus.
- ❖ Noah and his family survived because they were in the ark. Believers are saved because they are in Christ Jesus.

A Testimony of Faith and Courage

- ❑ Amy is a high school student. She is a Christian.
- ❑ An event was planned at her school to collect money to support LGBTQ+. Amy's classmates were all talking about that. They knew Amy is a Christian and said they hate Christians because Christians disagree with LGBTQ+.
- ❑ Amy's mom knew she was very upset. She told Amy's teacher that Christians do not hate others and should not be bullied because of their faith.
- ❑ The teacher then spoke with Amy and other students. She told Amy that she is also a Christian !
- ❑ An auntie at Amy's church was very touched with her courage in standing up for her faith. "Amy is my hero", said she.
- ❑ The day finally came. No collection took place. Praise God !

Family Prayer Time

1. Thank God for His Word and help so we may learn from Him.
2. Ask your children to pray for what they have learned just now.
3. Ask your family how you can pray for them specifically.

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