

# NOAH'S ARK

Genesis 6-8

## SINFUL DEPRAVITY

Far too many (nearly all) Children's Bibles and depictions of the Ark account depict Noah as the one man who deserved, by his good behavior, to enter into the ark. This, however, is not the way that the Word actually portrays the story.

Genesis 6.5-8 // Hebrews 11.7

We are not "basically good" people. We have been marred by sin and, left to ourselves, only move toward sin.

Psalms 51.5 // Jeremiah 17.9 // Romans 3.9-18, 23, 7.15-25

## GOD'S JUDGMENT UPON SIN

Genesis 6.9-22

- Shipbuilding ratio of 6:1, with displacement of 20,000 tons, with 14,000 tons of cargo
- Could withstand 200 foot waves according to modern research
- 101,265 sq.ft., with 1.4 million cu.ft. of space, equal to 522 train cattle cars, each of which could hold 240 sheep, equaling 125,280 sheep. Only 188 cars needed to carry 45,000 sheep, leaving 334 trains for family, food, supplies. Since there are 17,600 species of animals today, 45,000 is a plausible number, with plenty to spare. The median animal size is a rat, and only 11% of animals are bigger than a sheep.
- Food could be stored in about 12% of the space, with water taking up 10%.
- Max weight of 48 million pounds would be buoyant with only half the ark submerged.
- Whale bones, oysters, and other marine life fossils have been found in the highest mountains, such as the Himalayas, the Andes, as well as in places like Vermont, Montreal, and England, which are all well above sea level.
- Also evidence of ocean life in areas like Salt Lake City.

## GOD REMEMBERED NOAH

Genesis 8.1-9.17

A Violence in God's Creation	6.11, 12
B First divine address: resolution to destroy	6.13-22
C Second divine address: command to enter the ark	7.1-10
D 40 days of the beginning of the flood	7.17a
E 150 days of prevailing flood waters	7.24
<b>God's Remembrance of Noah</b>	<b>8.1</b>
E' 150 days of receding flood waters	8.3
D' 40 days of the drying of the earth	8.6
C' Third divine address: command to leave the ark	8.15-19
B' God's resolution to preserve order	8.20-22
A' Fourth divine address: covenant blessing and peace	9.1-17

Matthew 24.37-44 // Hebrews 11.7 // 1 Peter 2.4-10 // Revelation 19.11-21



# NOTES:

## Recommended Resources

### The Gospel Transformation Bible

Published by Crossway, this bible is not *so much* a study bible, but a bible with commentary to help you see the bigger picture of Christ and His Gospel in and through all the Scriptures.

# CONNECT WITH US:

## ARE YOU NEW HERE?

Welcome to Life Mission Church! We're so glad you joined us today! We'd LOVE for you to **fill out the green Connection Card** on your seat to let us know you were here today. You can drop it in the offering at the end of service or take it to one of our **teammates in a Green Shirt** at the **Connection Booth** outside - we'd love to give you some welcome information.

Feel free to **grab some food or coffee** out in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

## SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

If you've ever taken your child to one of our Kids on Mission classes, or enjoyed a cup of coffee after service, chances are there was a **faithful servant** behind each of those examples. By giving your time and talent on Sundays, you're **an essential part** of helping others meet Jesus, and serving is one of the **most fun & rewarding ways we experience community** with our church family! Fill out a connection card or visit the **Connection Booth** to learn about the serving opportunities available today.

## COMMUNITY GROUPS

The best way to **get connected** in the church is by joining one of our **Community Groups!** You'll **forge friendships**, be encouraged, and take the sermon deeper into your heart every week. **Sign up for a Group** on a **Connection Card** or visit the **Connection Booth**. You won't regret it!

## GIVING

**Gospel-centered generosity** should never be fueled by obligation or guilt; it should be motivated by the sacrificial love God has already shown us. If you're a guest or visitor, we don't at all expect you to give. If you call Life Mission your Home, you can place your gift in the offering baskets at the end of service, give online at [lifemissionchurch.com/blog/give](http://lifemissionchurch.com/blog/give) or mail a check to our PO Box. **Thank you so much for your love & support!**

## KIDS ON MISSION

Our Kids are incredibly important to us! The Kids on Mission ministry has classrooms for **newborns - 6<sup>th</sup> grade** & is passionately overseen by **Audra Napolitano**. Please Visit [lifemissionchurch.com/blog/kids](http://lifemissionchurch.com/blog/kids) to read more about the vision and plan we have for our kids, including Pastor Jobey's heart and his walkthrough of our curriculum.

## JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Our Junior High students (**7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders**) worship with the adults, and then head to their class for the rest of service. We challenge them to **dig deeper into Sunday's message** throughout the week.

Our **High School students** stay in the adult service because we believe that its critical for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate school. For questions on our student ministries, contact **Casey Barnes** at [hbarnes5@yahoo.com](mailto:hbarnes5@yahoo.com)

## SAVE.

Jesus was sent to save. We have been saved to be sent. We are sent into our community to share the Good News that Christ came to save us, and we hope to see many who find new life.

## EQUIP.

We want to equip those very people in the Word so that they can continue to grow as disciples of Christ. From our preschool to our adults, our passion is to see everyone equipped in the Gospel to live a life of freedom and joy.

## SEND.

Lastly, we then want to see those equipped people sent into their community and world. From schools and playgrounds, to families and work places, we want to see people who are spiritual leaders in their life, showing people the truth of Christ's Good News.

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## COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Read **Genesis 6.5-8**. What stuck out to you the most or was the most impactful from the message on Sunday or from these verses? \_\_\_\_\_

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Read **Psalms 51.5, Jeremiah 17.9, and Romans 3.9-18, 23**. What is your initial thought when reading these, and what do you think the average person would say after hearing these verses? \_\_\_\_\_

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Most of us point to particular deeds or actions that unbelievers do and we say, "see, look, they are loving their wife or being honest, so therefore there IS good in them!" What do you think about that statement, in light of these Scriptures? \_\_\_\_\_

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Read **Isaiah 64.6**. Why do you suppose even our best "good" deeds are considered like filthy rags? \_\_\_\_\_

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Now read **Hebrews 11.6, 7**. Why is faith the only way that our "good" deeds can please God? \_\_\_\_\_

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Think of the story of the Prodigal Son. He was given everything from his father, but he rejected his father. Imagine you give your children millions of dollars and they spend it by doing "good things," like raising their family and giving to charity, all the while taking full credit for it all and rejecting you and turning their back on you. How do these two examples show us more about our "good" or "righteous" deeds apart from faith in God, and why they really aren't as "good" as we may have previously thought? \_\_\_\_\_

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Read **Genesis 6.9-14**. What do these verses tell you about God's attitude about human sin? What do they tell you about His attitude toward your sin? \_\_\_\_\_

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Knowing this, and that on your own you are as a sheep who had gone astray and had nothing good in you (**Romans 7.18**), how does this make you see the gift of God's grace? \_\_\_\_\_

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Read **Genesis 7.16** and **8.1**. What do these verses show you about God's attitude towards those whom He has given His grace (**6.8**)? \_\_\_\_\_

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Now read **1 Peter 2.4-10**, then end with a reading of **Romans 8.18-39**. Discuss them and then pray as a group, thanking God for these truths.