**May 30th, 2021: Pre-K Thru 2nd Grade Sunday school lesson
NOAH AND THE ARK lesson 5: noah listened**

***This lesson reviews the past four lessons on Noah and reinforces the importance of listening to God and obeying Him.***

**AS KIDS ARRIVE: FAITHFUL NOAH SONG (Materials: optional song sheet printed)**

***Children have fun singing about the different animals and sounds aboard Noah's Ark. Sung to "Old McDonald Had a Farm."***

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| **SONG LYRICS***Faithful Noah had an ark.Oh yeah, Oh yeah, Whoa!* |  |
| And on that ark he had a bear,Oh yeah, Oh yeah, Whoa!with a grr-grr here and a grr-grr there.Here a grr, there a grr, everywhere a grr-grr.*Faithful Noah had an ark.Oh yeah, Oh yeah, Whoa!* | And on that ark he had an elephant,Oh yeah, Oh yeah, Whoa!with a trump-trump here and a trump-trump there.Here a trump, there a trump, everywhere a trump-trump.*Faithful Noah had an ark.Oh yeah, Oh yeah, Whoa!* |
| And on that ark he had a dove,Oh yeah, Oh yeah, Whoa!with a flap-flap here and a flap-flap there.Here a flap, there a flap, everywhere a flap-flap.*Faithful Noah had an ark.Oh yeah, Oh yeah, Whoa!* | And on that ark he had a zebra,Oh yeah, Oh yeah, Whoa!with a whinny-whinny here and a whinnie-whinny there.Here a whinny, there a whinny, everywhere a whinny-whinny.*Faithful Noah had an ark.Oh yeah, Oh yeah, Whoa!* |

**WORSHIP TIME AND BIBLE VERSE**

**"Noah walked with God." Genesis 6:9b NKJV
"Come my children, listen to me." Psalm 34:11a NIV
"The Lord watches over all who love Him." Psalm 145:20a** **NIV**
Review all three verses today. Remind the children that Noah was a good man who walked with God. He also listened to God. Because he obeyed God and built the ark, God watched over him and his family. God protected Noah from the flood.

**BIBLE STORY:** Gather the children around you for story time. Using your own words, review the stories about Noah from the past three lessons: "Noah Obeys God," "Noah's Big Job," and "The Great Flood." **Discussion Questions:**
1. Why do you think God choose Noah to build the Ark? (*God knew that Noah would obey*.)
2. How did Noah know how to build the Ark? (*God gave him the instructions*.)
3. Why is it important that Noah listened to the instructions God gave him? (*If Noah didn't listen, the ark may have been too small, maybe the wrong shape or it could have leaked!*)
4. Did you know that God gives us instructions on how to live? Where can we find these instructions? *(The Bible.)*5. Why is it important to obey God? (*Because God knows what is best for us. God wants us to lead happy meaningful lives that will honor Him.*)

**FUN TIME: NOAH LISTENS CRAFT (Materials: paper plates, craft sticks, transparent tape, character pictures printed)**

***A Bible craft to make masks of Noah and the animals which can be used in games, skits, and songs.***

**PREPARATION:** Before class, print and cut out copies of the character pictures. Ideally, you will want to have two of each animal. If you have a small class, you can give the children two pictures of the same animal.

 **WHAT YOU WILL DO:** Give the children a character picture, a paper plate, and a craft stick. First, have the children tape their picture to a paper plate. Then, have them tape a craft stick to the back of the paper plate for a handle. Use the picture of Noah to illustrate how to complete the craft. Children can make more than one mask.

**WHAT YOU WILL SAY:** A long time ago, a man named Noah loved God very much. Noah and his family were the only ones left in the whole world that continued to love and obey God. God was going to send a flood to cover the entire earth, but before He did, He told Noah to build an ark and collect two of every kind of animal. Noah listened and obeyed God. He did everything just as God said.

We made paper plate masks of some of the animals Noah put on the Ark. Help me name some others. (Take time to let the children name all kinds of animals.) We can use the masks we made today to act out the story, play a game or even sing a song!

**ALTERNATE FUN TIME: NOAH OBEYS SKIT (Materials: Noah mask from Noah Listens craft, skit handout)**

***A skit that teaches children it is important to obey God (****Skit for two, Noah puppet and person acting the part of God)*

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| *Before starting the play, give every child in the class (audience) an animal mask or a picture of an animal*. |
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| **God:** | Of all the people in the world only you and your family continue to love and obey me. |
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| **Noah:** | Yes Lord, the people have become very wicked and do evil things all day long! |
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| **God:** | I am going to send a flood that will cover the entire earth. |
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| **Noah:** | *(Swallows hard and stutters)* The entire earth Lord? |
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| **God:** | Yes, but don't worry I have a plan to save you, your family and all the animals. I want you to build a giant boat - which is called an ark. |
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| **Noah:** | Yes Lord I will obey. |
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| *(Noah goes off stage and you hear a lot of sawing and hammering. After a couple minutes Noah comes back on stage.)* |
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| **Noah:** | Man, that was a big job and it took a long time to complete the ark. But I stayed faithful to God and completed it, even when others made fun of me for following God. Now to get those animals on board the ark! |
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| *(Noah points at the audience and calls out to the animals one by one to come into the ark. As the children's animal is called they will come and sit in front of the stage. Ensure that all the kids are "In the ark" before proceeding. If need be, God can help Noah remember which animals still have to be called to come into the ark.)* |
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| **Noah:** | *(Wiping forehead and whistling)*Phew, what a big job, but I did it! All the animals and my family are in the ark!"*(Then looking up into the sky)* Was that a rain drop I felt?*(Noah goes off stage as you hear him saying)*Hang on everyone a big storm is on its way, but don't worry, God will take care of us! |

**PRAYER/SNACK:** Thank God for His loving kindness. Give the children a snack of animal crackers..

 **CLOSING ACTIVITY: DO WE MATCH? GAME (Materials: masks from “Noah Listens” craft)**

***In this Sunday school game, children eagerly move around the room trying to find their matching animal.***

**PREPARATION:** Use the masks from the craft "Noah Listens" to play this game. Either have the children make the craft before playing the game or make the masks before class.

**WHAT YOU WILL DO:** Spread the children out around the room. Give each child a paper plate mask that contains a picture of an animal. Instruct them to take a good look at their picture but not to show it to any of the other children until the game begins. The children will then hold their mask facing their chests so the other kids cannot see their picture.

Tell the kids that the object of the game is to move quietly around the room to find the other child in the room that have the same picture that they do. As children approach each other they will quickly show each other their pictures and then put them back towards their chest. The first couple to find each other and sit down are the winners.

**What We Learned:** Today, your child reviewed the previous three lessons about Noah and how important it was for Noah to obey God. Your child also learned how he or she needs to obey God when He wants us to do something for Him. Whether it is something big or small, when we choose to obey God, He'll help us finish the task.

**Words to Remember:** (Bible versions used are selected to help young children learn and understand the meaning of scripture.) "Noah walked with God." Genesis 6:9b NKJV "Come my children, listen to me." Psalm 34:11a NIV "The Lord watches over all who love Him." Psalm 145:20a NIV "I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth." Genesis 9:13 NIV Practice all four verses several times with your child during the week. This will help him or her remember the full meaning of the story about Noah and the flood.

**Suggested Parent/Child Activity:** Prepare a task with a few simple instructions. Explain what it is, then have your child work on completing the task. While working, remind your child that by following the instructions exactly, it will turn out great! Award him or her with a small token or snack after completing the task. Remind your child that when we listen and follow God’s instructions, He will help us get the task done, and it will be great! Obeying is such an important thing to do.

**Daily Prayer:** Dear Lord, thank You for giving us the help we need to do the jobs You give us. Remind us to always ask for Your help to do what You ask us to do. Thank You for sharing this great story about Noah, how he obeyed You, and how You saved him from the flood. Thank You also for the beautiful rainbow, so we can remember Your great promise. Amen.