

Noah—Lesson talking points and worksheet review

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Noah

Lesson:

The work of faith...He prepared
The reward of faith...Salvation

Verse: By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house. Hebrews 11:7

Introduction:

- Set up four matchsticks in cross formation and ask if they can move only one to make a square.
- If they can't, ask if they believe me when I say I can. Ask why or why not they believe me.
- What would make them sure? Seeing – we like to see. But the Bible is clear that seeing is not believing and believing is not seeing. (For answer, see bottom of the page)
This is what makes Noah's faith so remarkable (review verse).

Story:

- Today we're going to look at a familiar Bible story – the story of Noah and the ark. Why was he included in the Hall of Faith? What was so special about his faith?
- Start out with the facts – what did he not see, what could have prevented him from believing and prevented him from acting upon what God said.
 - Never seen rain (Genesis 2:5-6)
 - Lived inland, 100's of miles from the nearest ocean – never seen a large body of water
 - God says He will judge sin – the last instance of this is Adam and Eve, ? years earlier. Noah had not seen this, only heard about it.
 - He lives on the Euphrates river – has seen river boats but not sea boats – God is asking him to build one the length of 1 ½ football fields and 800 railroad cars in volume.
 - Animal are no longer tame (because of sin) – men have learned to work with sheep (Genesis 4:4) and cattle (Genesis 4:20) but not other wild animals that we know of. God says to take two of every living thing (Genesis 6:19).

- His age – 480 years old (Genesis 7:11, 6:3), just starting a family (Genesis 5:32)
- God asks him to provide food for all the animals (Genesis 6:21). Does he know what they eat, how much they eat – scientific knowledge minimal.
- What excuses could he have made? Ask them to work in groups of 2-3 and fill out sheet.
- Review excuses
 - There's no such thing as rain
 - I can't believe there could be so much water
 - I've never seen You judge sin before
 - How do you build a boat that big? Where do I get the supplies? What about the cost?
 - How am I supposed to catch lions and bears?
 - I'm too old for this
 - I'm too busy for this – I'm just starting a family
 - I don't know what these animals eat.
 - I don't know how much food they'll need.
- Now let's see what Noah asked about and said – review God's instructions (Genesis 6:14-21). Read Genesis 6:22; 7:5, 9, 16. Cross out questions, excuses, etc.
- For 120 years, Noah prepares – all he has is God's word from before. On the basis of that, in faith, he works, he prepares. Warns others but they are not interested. The result? Read Genesis 7:23-24. Salvation.

Lesson:

Believing is not seeing. God asks us to trust Him even though we may not always understand. He offers us salvation. Have you prepared for eternity (Amos 4:12). Salvation is only for those who are prepared. Have trusted the Lord Jesus for the forgiveness of sins?

Verse:

Have them write out Hebrews 11:4. Review “things not seen” – this is what makes his faith remarkable. Break them into two groups and have them create actions for the verse – then present to each other.

Quiet Time Reading:

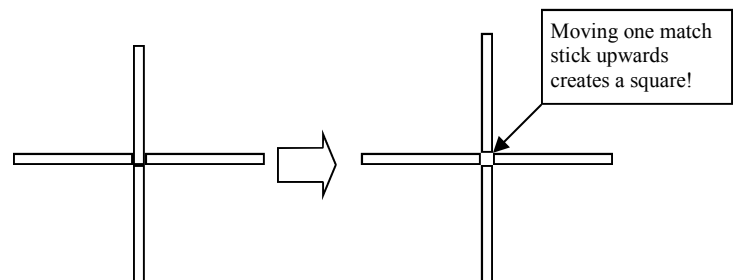
Genesis 9:2-17

What special blessings does God promise for Noah as a result of his faith?

What promise does God make?

What reminder of His promise does He give?

Something to think about...What other promises has God made to us?

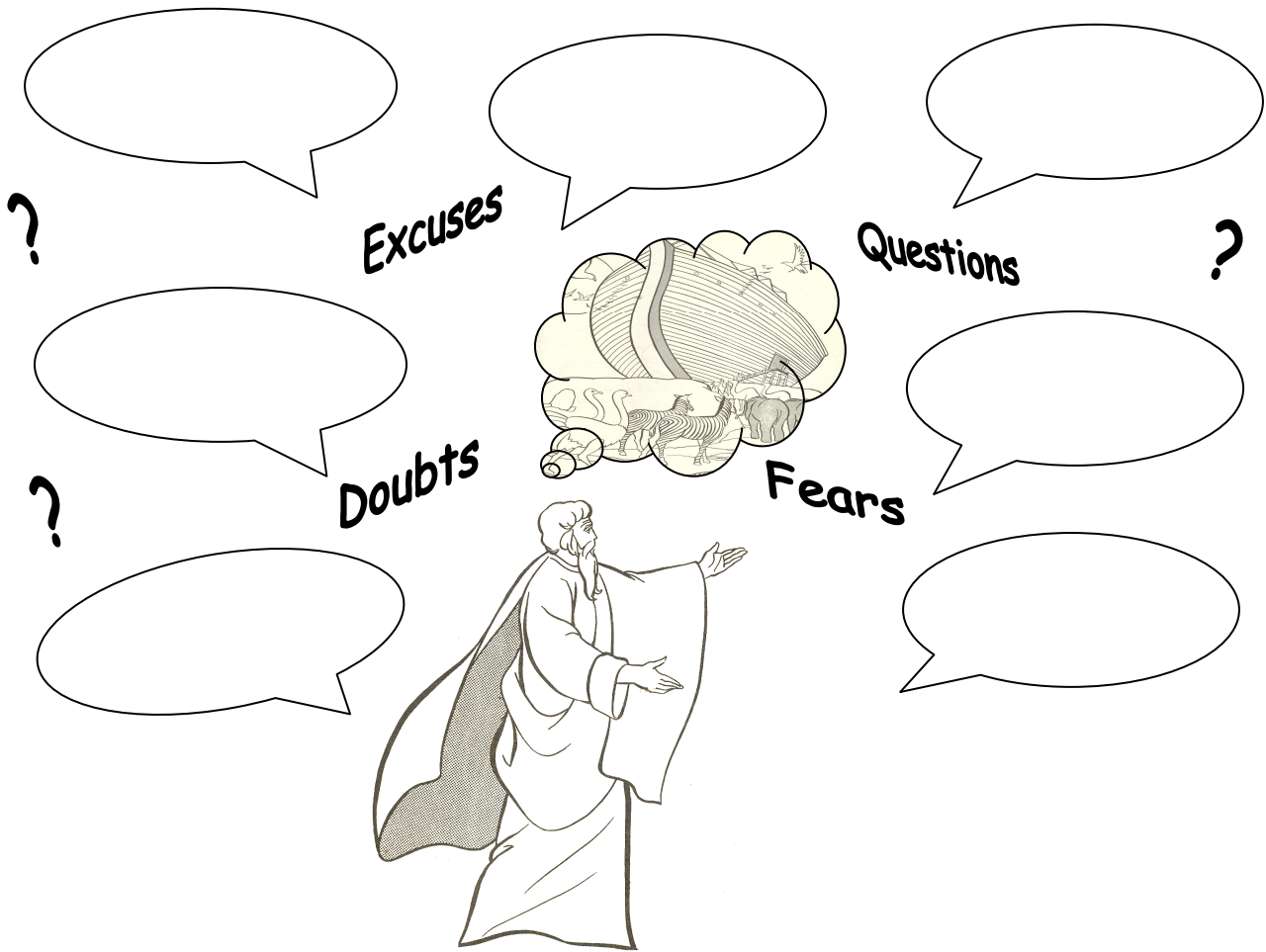


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The Facts

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Verse: _____

