



Noah Builds the Ark

Genesis 6:5-22

First- and second-graders want the approval of parents and important adults in their lives and want to obey in order to gain that approval. Their decisions about obedience often depend upon whether they think they'll benefit from obeying. Use this lesson to help kids discover the meaning of obeying God, and show them how they can practice obedience in their everyday lives. Remember to affirm them for their acts of obedience and remind them that God wants all of us to obey him.



► **Bible Point**
God wants us to obey.

Key Verse
"We must obey God rather than men!"
(Acts 5:29).

Weaving Faith Into Life
Children will obey God.

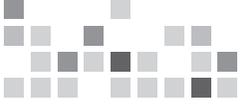
LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
1 Getting Started	Some Strange Rules <i>(about 10 min.)</i> Obey strange rules to find a special message in Acts 5:29.	Bible, bookmark, CD player Teacher Pack: CD	Put a bookmark in your Bible at Acts 5:29. Then put the Bible in one corner of the room.
2 Bible Exploration	Ark Achievement <i>(about 20 min.)</i> Read about the ark in Genesis 6:5-18, and obey instructions to create arks.	Bible, My Bible Fun, several pairs of scissors, markers, CD player Teacher Pack: CD, Bible Timeline, "Noah's Ark" poster (from the Big Bible Poster Pack) 	Tear out the Lesson 5 pages from each My Bible Fun student book.
	Animal Tag <i>(about 10 min.)</i> Take turns playing Noah and try to get the "animals" into the ark as Noah did in Genesis 6:19-22.	Bibles, poster board, markers Teacher Pack: animal stencils	

Bold text within the lesson is spoken text.



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<p>3</p> <p>Weaving Faith Into Life</p>	<p>Obedience Lessons <i>(about 15 min.)</i> Learn about examples of obedience.</p>	<p>CD player, copies of the lyrics page (at the end of the lesson) Teacher Pack: CD, “Christina/ Joseph” poster</p> 	
<p>4</p> <p>Lasting Impressions</p>	<p>Daily Challenges <i>(about 5 min.)</i> Choose a Daily Challenge to apply God’s Word.</p>	My Bible Fun	
	<p>Weaving Faith at Home <i>(about 2 min.)</i> Talk about how to share what they learned with their families.</p>		

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Some Strange Rules Supplies

Bible
bookmark
CD player
Teacher Pack
CD: "Marching Music"
(track 12)

Some Strange Rules Easy Prep

Put a bookmark in your Bible at Acts 5:29. Then put the Bible in one corner of the room.

1 GETTING STARTED

Some Strange Rules

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Welcome kids warmly as they arrive, and ask them how their week went.

Have kids line up single file.

Say: **The first thing we'll do today is see how well you can obey my instructions. If you obey them correctly, you'll find a special message.** Play "Marching Music" (track 12 on the CD).

Call out instructions that cause kids to march around the room and eventually end up at the Bible you placed before your group met. For example, call out the following instructions:

- Turn to your right.
- March ahead for four giant steps.
- Turn half a circle.
- March to your right for seven steps.
- March ahead for 11 steps.

Continue for about a minute. Then call out instructions that lead kids to the Bible. When kids get to the Bible, turn off the CD.

Say: **Splendid! You obeyed the rules so well that you found a Bible marked at a special message. Let's read what our Key Verse, Acts 5:29, says about obeying rules.**

Open the Bible and read aloud the last part of Acts 5:29: **"We must obey God rather than men!" (Acts 5:29).** Then have the kids repeat the verse with you.

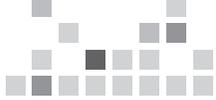
Talk With Kids ■■■■

Lead children in this discussion.

Ask:

- What do you think this verse means?
- Do you think this verse means you don't need to obey your parents or teachers? Explain.
- How was obeying rules to get to the Bible like following God's rules?

Say: ► **GOD WANTS US TO OBEY.** Just as you obeyed strange rules to get to the Bible, Noah in the Bible obeyed some pretty strange rules from God. Today we'll learn what it means to obey God more than anyone else.



2 BIBLE
EXPLORATION

Ark Achievement

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Open your Bible to Genesis 6, and show kids the passage. Say: **The Bible says many years after God made the first man, the people on earth became really evil. God was really sad about how evil everyone was, and he decided to wipe out all the people.**

Ask:

- **What are some things that could be considered evil?** Allow time.

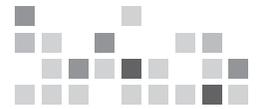
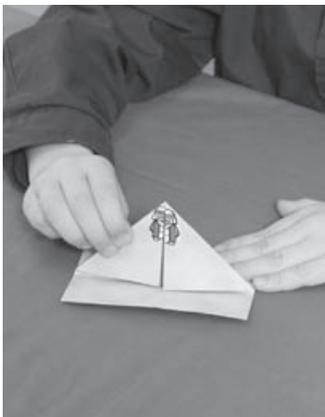
Say: **But there was one man who still followed God—Noah.** Show the “Noah” section on the Bible Timeline. Say: **The Bible says that Noah found favor in the eyes of God, and he was a righteous and blameless man.** Read aloud Genesis 6:9-13.

Ask:

- **What things might make someone righteous?** Allow time.

Say: **Noah was a righteous man because he obeyed God, like our Key Verse for today says: “We must obey God rather than men.” Noah didn’t pay attention to the evil people who lived around him. He obeyed God instead.**

Read aloud Genesis 6:14-16. Show kids the “Noah’s Ark” poster and say: **God told Noah to build a huge boat! To see what it might’ve felt like when Noah was obeying God, I’ll have you obey some of my instructions to build your own boat.** Hand out the My Bible Fun Lesson 5 pages, and lead kids in the following directions, pausing at each step.



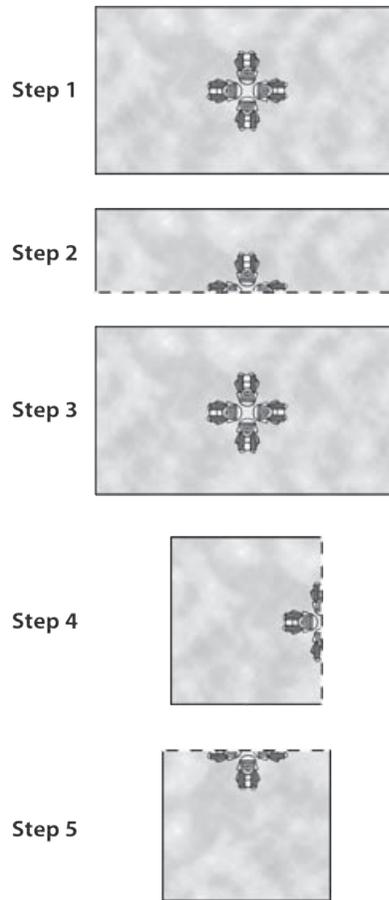
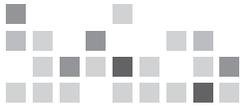
Ark Achievement Supplies

- Bible
- My Bible Fun
- several pairs of scissors
- markers
- CD player
- Teacher Pack**
- CD: “Arky, Arky” (track 13)
- Bible Timeline
- “Noah’s Ark” poster (from the Big Bible Poster Pack)

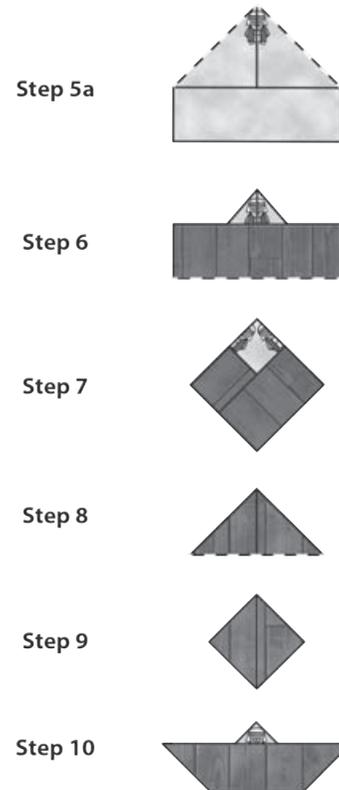
Ark Achievement Easy Prep

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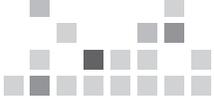




1. Cut out the blue rectangle.
2. Fold the rectangle in half so you can still see the Noaahs and you have a long strip of paper.
3. Unfold the paper.
4. Fold the paper in half the other way so you can still see the Noaahs and you have a square.
5. With the open edge of the paper at the bottom, fold the two top corners in until they meet each other. You'll have a point at the top of your paper.
6. Fold up one bottom edge of paper, and then fold up the other edge. Your paper should look like a little hat.
7. Pull the bottom edges apart from each other and fold so you have a



8. Fold up one edge of your diamond shape so the bottom point meets the top point. Then do the same thing to the other edge. You'll have a triangle.
9. Pull the bottom edges of the triangle apart and fold so you have a diamond again. Press the edges flat.
10. At the top of your diamond, you should see Noah peeking out. Pull the points on each side of Noah away from him. Now you can arrange the edges any way you like to finish your ark! You can use a marker to write your name on your ark.



Have kids pretend to “float” their arks around. Then read aloud Genesis 6:17-18.

Say: **Good thing we have our boats! When Noah obeyed every one of God’s commands, he made a huge boat. It was as long as one and a half football fields and as tall as a five-story building—it must have taken Noah a long time to build!**

Play “Arky, Arky” (track 13 on the CD). Have kids “float” their boats as they listen to the words in the song.

Talk With Kids

Lead children in this discussion.

Ask:

- Explain how easy or hard it was to make your paper ark.
- How do you think that might compare with building an ark the size that Noah built?
- Why was it important for you and for Noah to obey instructions as the arks were made?
- Why is it important to obey God?

Say: **Just as you obeyed my instructions to build a boat even though those instructions may have seemed difficult or strange, Noah obeyed God’s instructions even though they may have seemed difficult or strange. But obeying God doesn’t always mean we have to do something difficult or strange. Sometimes God tells us to do simple things. Whatever the request, ► GOD WANTS US TO OBEY.**

Animal Tag

What You’ll Do

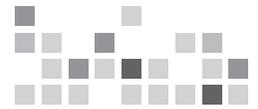
Open your Bible to Genesis 6:19-22, and show kids the passage. Then help kids find the verses in their own Bibles. Read the verses aloud.

Say: **Noah had a big job when God told him to bring two of every animal on earth into the ark! But he always obeyed God. Let’s play a game of Animal Tag now so we can imagine what it might’ve been like for Noah to gather all those animals.**

Choose a person to be Noah, and have each of the other kids choose an animal and pretend to be that animal. Say: **You’ll walk about the room like you would if you were the animal you chose. For example, a bear might walk on all fours, and a kangaroo might hop on two feet.**

Designate one corner of the room as the ark, and explain that Noah will tag the animals and lead each one to the ark.

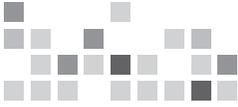
When everyone is ready, have Noah start tagging. Play several rounds so different kids have a chance to be Noah.



Animal Tag Supplies

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- Bibles
 - poster board
 - markers
 - Teacher Pack**
 - animal stencils





After the game, gather everyone in a circle and place the poster board in the middle. Say: **Noah's ark was as long as one and a half football fields and as tall as a five-story building.** Draw a boat on the poster board, filling as much of the space as possible.

Say: **Let's fill this ark with animals, like Noah did.** Let kids use the animal stencils to fill the ark with animals. Have them draw as many animals as they can to fill the ark. Be sure each child has a chance to draw at least one animal. If you have a large group of kids, use the cutouts from the inside of the stencils so that more children can work at once. Then have kids sit in a circle.

Say: **We don't know if Noah ever questioned what God was asking him to do. All we know is that Noah knew God wanted him to obey. So Noah obeyed every time—even when it was an extra-big task, like building a huge boat and gathering two of every kind of animal in the world.**

Talk With Kids ■■■■

Lead children in this discussion.

Ask:

- What can we learn from Noah?
- Tell about a time you obeyed God or your parents.
- What's one way you can obey God this week?

Say: **Even when it's difficult, ► GOD WANTS US TO OBEY. We can trust God as Noah did because we know God will take care of us, like he took care of Noah.**

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3 WEAVING FAITH INTO LIFE

Obedience Lessons

Obedience Lessons Supplies

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CD player
copies of the lyrics
page (at the end of the
lesson)

Teacher Pack

CD: "Obey My
Commandments"
(John 14:15) (track
14), "Christina" (track
15), "Joseph" (track
16)
"Christina/Joseph"
poster

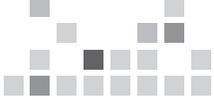
What You'll Do ■■■■

Show kids the "Christina" half of the poster. Say: **Our Bible Point today tells us that ► GOD WANTS US TO OBEY. This is Christina. She has something to say about obeying. As you're listening, think about a similar choice you've made or would like to make.**

Play "Christina" (track 15 on the CD). When it's over, let kids tell about times they've made or would like to make similar choices in the future.

Show kids the "Joseph" half of the poster. Say: **This is Joseph, from the Bible. He's going to tell us something about obedience, too. Let's hear what he has to say. As you're listening, think about a way you can obey God the way Joseph did.**

Play "Joseph" (track 16 on the CD). When it's over, let kids tell about a way they can obey God like Joseph did.



Say: **Christina and Joseph can help us remember our Key Verse: “We must obey God rather than men!” (Acts 5:29).** Have kids repeat the verse with you.

Say: **Jesus also said in John 14:15 that he wants us to obey what he says. He says that if we love him, we will obey him! Let’s sing about that.**

Give kids copies of the lyrics page. Play “Obey My Commandments” (John 14:15) (track 14 on the CD), and lead kids in singing along.



**If you love me,
Obey my commandments.
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Obey my commandments.
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If you love me.**

(Repeat from the beginning.)

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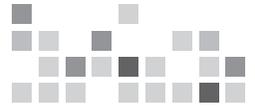
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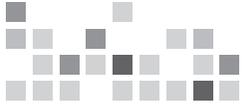
Lead children in this discussion.

Ask:

- Tell which person’s message about obedience stood out to you and why.
- Tell about someone in your own life who obeys God.
- How can knowing others who obey God help us to make good choices, too?

Say: **We can learn to trust God and obey what he tells us to do just as Noah, Christina, and Joseph did. ► GOD WANTS US TO OBEY because he knows what’s best for us. We can trust everything he asks of us—even when it’s something that doesn’t make sense to us right away, like when God told Noah to build a huge boat!**





Daily Challenges Supplies

My Bible Fun

4 LASTING IMPRESSIONS

Daily Challenges

What You'll Do

Say: **Let's think about how ► GOD WANTS US TO OBEY.**

Have kids find this week's Daily Challenges in their My Bible Fun pages and choose one to do this week. They can choose one or more of these three options:

- **When your mom or dad tells you to do something this week, do it the first time they ask.**
- **Pray and ask God to show you when you're not obeying.**
- **Tell the Key Verse to a friend, and explain what it means to you.**

Make sure you choose a Daily Challenge as well, and tell kids what you chose. Kids will be more inclined to follow through on their commitments when they see you doing the same.

Talk With Kids

Ask:

- **What's a practical way you're going to do your Daily Challenge? Share a time, a place, or other ideas.** Allow time.

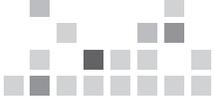
Say: ► **GOD WANTS US TO OBEY. During Noah's life, the people had become evil. But Noah was a righteous man who obeyed God—and God noticed that. God took care of Noah and protected him. We can trust and obey God, too, as we follow through on our Daily Challenges this week.**

Weaving Faith at Home

Encourage kids to talk with their parents about the Daily Challenges they chose and what they learned about obeying God. Kids can also do the activities in the "HomeConnect" section of their My Bible Fun pages with their families.

Talk to your Director about emailing the FREE FamilyConnect to all your church's families. Available at group.com/digital.

Take a couple of minutes to pray with your kids. Pray: **God, you know what's best for us, and we want to obey you. Help us listen to you and do what you say this week. In Jesus' name, amen.**



Lyrics ■■■■

Obey My Commandments (John 14:15)

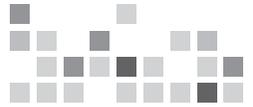
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