

K-3rd

Large Group

August — Week 2

Large Group Leader Guide

Today's Suggested Schedule

Prelude: Setting the tone for the experience

See the Getting Ready pages at the end of this document for a detailed description of what you'll need for today. In the Prelude folder of your curriculum, you'll find a variety of other resources to help you prepare.

Small Group (10 minutes)

Social: Providing time for fun interaction

1. Opening Activity

Large Group (30 minutes)

Story: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

Worship: Inviting people to respond to God

Small Group (20 minutes)

Groups: Creating a safe place to connect 1. Bible Story

Home: Prompting action beyond the experience

- Parent Cue Card (Print or Email)
- Devotionals for Kids
- Parent Cue App and ParentCue.org

THIS MONTH



Today's Bible Story

Noah Genesis 6-9

Bottom Line

You can trust God even when you don't understand.

Memory Verse

**Faith is being sure of what we hope for. It is being sure of what we do not see.
Hebrews 11:1 (NIRV)**



Inclusive Pro Tips

Loud sounds, bright lights, and large groups can be overwhelming or overstimulating for some children. To create a more inclusive large group experience, consider offering adaptive tools like noise-canceling headphones, sunglasses, sensory-friendly items, or access to modified spaces

10 Minutes

Opener

15 MINUTES

Story

10 MINUTES

Worship

① Opener

AUDIO -> Play high-energy music as kids enter.
SLIDE -> Theme
OPTIONAL VIDEO -> Theme Loop

→ *Worship Leader enters.*

OPTIONAL VIDEO -> Countdown
OPTIONAL VIDEO -> Theme Intro
OPTIONAL VIDEO -> Theme Loop

HOST: "Hi, my friends! I'm so glad you're here because we're going to have so much fun, learning more about God! This month, all month, we're talking about faith!"

"Faith is trusting in what you can't see because of what you can see."

"Let's all say our Memory Verse together."

SLIDE -> Memory Verse

→ *Open Bible to Hebrews 11:1 (NirV) and read.*

Faith is being sure of what we hope for. It is being sure of what we do not see. (NirV)

"We'll get into that soon, but first, let's play a game! Our theme this month is origin story, so all month long we're going through our own version of superhero training! Superheroes have to be really strong, so today, we're doing strength training with a game called Superhero Smash! I'm going to need two small groups to come up and play!"

→ *Choose 2 small groups and bring them up on stage with you. Bring the Superhero Smash Punch Wall out and explain how the game works.*

"Today we're going to play a game I like to call 'Superhero Smash'. Inside each of these cups is a card with a superhero on it. Teams will take turns punching through a cup to get a superhero card. When it's your turn, you'll punch a cup and get the card inside. Then you'll bring back your card to your team and try to find matches as you go. When all the cups have been punched, the team with the most matches, wins! Are we **ready?** (PAUSE) Okay, let's get started in 3...2...1...GO!"

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Worship

SFX -> Upbeat music

→ *Cheer on the kids and provide funny commentary as they go. Once all the cups have been punched, celebrate both teams as they go back to their seats.*

“Way to go, friends! Let’s give them a hand as they head back to their seats. And let’s all get on our feet and get ready to tell God we love Him with our amazing worship team!”

10 MINUTES

Worship

② Worship

→ *Worship Leaders enter as Host exits.*

WORSHIP LEADER: "Hey! I'm excited to worship with you today! Worship is giving honor to God through singing and dancing. Let's go ahead and worship together.

VIDEO: "CAN'T STOP SINGING" LIVE LYRICS

"That was great! We know we can trust God because He is always with us. Let's go ahead and sing this song together!

VIDEO: "MY LIGHTHOUSE" LIVE LYRICS

"Great job everyone! Let's go ahead and sit down and hear our Bible Story today.

15 MINUTES

Story

③ Bible Story

SLIDE -> Theme Background

- *Storyteller enters as Worship Leaders exit.*
- *Storyteller points to the timeline as while referencing the stories from previous weeks.*

SETTING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: “Hey, friends! Last week, we talked about how we’re doing something really cool this year. We’re going through the entire Bible to learn more about God. Each week, to see the entire story of the Bible, we’ll add a picture to this timeline. We’re going to go through God’s Big Story!”

SLIDE -> God’s Big Story

“Today we’re in the book of Genesis at the very beginning of the Bible. **(HOLD UP BIBLE.)** Last week, we learned that in the beginning of Genesis, God created the whole world and everything in it . . . including people!”

We are the only creations God made in His image! That means that we were created to show each other what God is like. God is loving, so we can love others like He does! God is kind, so we can be kind! God is fair, so we can be fair! And He made us to be His friends.

“Sin is anything that goes against God’s way—who He is and what He said. When Adam and Eve sinned, it broke their friendship with God and the curse of sin made everything more difficult.

“After that, people kept choosing their own way instead of God’s way. Let’s hear what the Bible says about Noah!

- *Open to Genesis 6:9 (NirV) and read.*

Noah was a godly man. He was without blame among the people of his time. He walked faithfully with God. (NirV)

GOD’S INSTRUCTIONS

STORYTELLER: “While Noah loved and obeyed God, everyone else had chosen to turn away from God. Everyone only cared about themselves and did hurtful things to others. This made God really sad. So, God spoke to Noah.

15 MINUTES

Story

→ *Open to Genesis 6:13-15 (NirV) and read.*

So God said to Noah, "I am going to put an end to everyone. They have filled the earth with their harmful acts. I am certainly going to destroy them and the earth. So make yourself an ark out of cypress wood. Make rooms in it. Cover it with tar inside and out. Here is how I want you to build it. The ark has to be 450 feet long. It has to be 75 feet wide and 45 feet high." (NirV)

→ *Point out the painter's tape shape on the floor that looks like a boat.*

"God chose to flood the Earth because people had filled the world with their harmful acts. God's whole creation on Earth was filled with bad things. But He loved people so much and saw that Noah chose to follow Him. So He told Noah to build the ark. Now this ark was so big it was longer than two giant airplanes! Then God told Noah what would happen after the ark was finished.

→ *Open to Genesis 6:18-20 (NirV) and read.*

"But I will make my covenant with you. You will go into the ark. Your sons and your wife and your sons' wives will enter it with you. Bring a male and a female of every living thing into the ark. They will be kept alive with you. Two of every kind of bird will come to you. Two of every kind of animal will also come to you. And so will two of every kind of creature that moves along the ground. All of them will be kept alive with you. (NirV)

"God told Noah to take food into the ark and to be ready to be there when the rain came for forty days and forty nights!

ALL ABOARD!

STORYTELLER: "So, Noah got to work on the ark, just as God had told him. This boat was SO big that it most likely took Noah and his family decades and decades to finish building it by hand with no power tools or machines. But Noah trusted God and obeyed. When the ark was finally finished, God sent pairs of every animal on earth, along with seven pairs of some special animals and some others. Noah entered the ark along with his wife and three sons and their wives . . . and ALL THOSE ANIMALS. I think I might need some help with this next part."

→ *Assign each small group an animal to be: cows, horses, dogs, lizards, etc.*

"Okay, so let's try to get a little picture of what this might have been like. Each small group will be a different kind of animal. So, when I point to your small group, make your group's animal sound. Then I want your group to come and stand on this giant boat on the floor!"

→ *Point to each group separately to let them make their animal sounds and move inside the boat. Once they've stood in the "boat" for a bit, instruct them to return back to their seats.*

"Once they were all inside, God shut the door. Then the rain came."

15 MINUTES

Story

SFX -> Pouring rain

“It rained hard for forty days and forty nights! The flood waters rose higher and higher until even the highest mountains on Earth were covered! Everything on Earth was gone. Only Noah’s family and the animals survived. And even after the rain stopped, the flood waters still covered the Earth for 150 more days.”

GOD’S PROMISE

STORYTELLER: “It took a LONG TIME for all those flood waters to go down. But at last, the ark came to rest on the mountains of Ararat. But Noah and his family had to stay in the ark several MORE months as the water continued to dry up.”

“At last, Noah sent out several birds to see if there was dry land. When the final bird didn’t return, Noah knew there was dry land.”

“Finally, about a year after the rain began, God told Noah to come out of the ark. Noah was so thankful and relieved that he built an altar and made a sacrifice to honor God. Then God spoke to Noah again.

→ *Open to Genesis 9:11-13 (NirV) and read.*

“Here is my covenant I am making with you. The waters of a flood will never again destroy all life. A flood will never again destroy the earth.”

God continued, “My covenant is between me and you and every living creature with you. It is a covenant for all time to come. Here is the sign of the covenant I am making. I have put my rainbow in the clouds. It will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth. (NirV)

④ Bottom Line

WRAPPING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: “Through many long years of building the ark and through the epic flood, Noah chose to trust, even when he didn’t understand God’s plan. And God kept His promise to Noah and kept him and his family safe through the flood.

SLIDE -> Bottom Line

[BOTTOM LINE] “You can trust God even when you don’t understand. Say that with me.”

STORYTELLER and KIDS: **[BOTTOM LINE]** “You can trust God even when you don’t understand.”

15 MINUTES

Story

→ *Host enters.*

STORYTELLER, HOST, and KIDS:[BOTTOM LINE] “You can trust God even when you don’t understand.”

SLIDE -> Theme
OPTIONAL VIDEO -> Theme Loop

⑤ What's Our Part in The Story?

HOST: “After more than a year in the ark, it must have been such a huge relief for Noah and his family to get out into fresh air on the dry ground again.

“When God told Noah to build an ark, Noah chose to trust and obey, even though he didn’t understand the big picture. Noah trusted that God would do what He said He would, and God did! God protected Noah, just like He promised. God is faithful, so we can have faith. Faith is trusting what you can’t see because of what you can see.”

“Part of the reason God gave us His Word, the Bible, is so we can know who He is. And the Bible is filled of stories of God being faithful and keeping His promises.

“One of those stories where God keeps His promises is this story of the flood! And at the end of this true story God did even more to show that He is faithful! He made a promise, and then He gave us a sign to show that He would always keep it. God promised that He’d never flood the Earth again—and He created the rainbow in the sky to be a sign that He would keep His promise. And He has kept His promise. He has never, ever flooded the Earth again.

“Since we have His entire Word, the Bible, that is full of stories of God keeping His promises, we can trust Him. He has never, ever broken a promise. So when God promises to always be with us, we can trust Him. When we face hard things that we don’t understand, like Noah did, we can trust Him. We can trust that God is at work and He is with us. We have story after story after story in the Bible—God has never broken a promise.

“Let’s take a look at the timeline.”

SLIDE-> God’s Big Story

“From the beginning, God knew that we would need rescue. As we saw last week, Adam and Eve disobeyed God and ushered in this awful curse of sin. But God wasn’t going to leave things that way. So as we’ll see

15 MINUTES

Story

over the next year, God faithfully worked and worked and worked on His rescue plan. Today's story is one more part of that rescue plan.

"Let's hang up the picture of today's story on our timeline and talk about what we learned in this part of God's rescue plan.

SLIDE -> Week 2 Timeline Image

"When we think of Noah, we can remember that even though we might not know exactly what God is doing, we can have faith or trust in what we can't see because of what we can see. We can see that through this timeline, God has been faithful to us!

→ *If you're making a timeline of printed images on your wall, take this moment to place today's timeline image on the clothesline.*

"God is worthy to be trusted, even when we face hard things and don't understand what is happening. All we have to do is ask for help. Let's do that now and pray."

SLIDE -> Theme
OPTIONAL VIDEO -> Theme Loop

⑥ Prayer

STORYTELLER or HOST: "Dear God, thank You so much for the way You were faithful in the story of Noah. Help us know how to trust You even when we don't understand what is happening. Thank You for Your plan to send Jesus for us. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

→ *Dismiss kids to their small groups.*

AUDIO -> Play high-energy music as the kids exit.
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