

Week 3 Family Letter

God Remembers and Cares for Noah (and Me): The Flood

(Genesis 6:11–8:22)

Many, many years ago, the air was filled with angry noises. People were shouting at one another. People were crying. This made God sad, so He decided to start all over again making the world.

God knew that one man, Noah, still loved Him. So God decided to save Noah and his family. God told Noah to build a big boat. For many, many years, the air was filled with the sound of sawing and hammering. Finally, one day, the ark was done and the air was filled with the sounds of hooves pounding, birds squawking, horses neighing, and dogs barking. God wanted to save every kind of animal that He had made.

Soon the air was filled with clouds and rain. But Noah and his family and all the animals were safe on the ship. God had mercy on them and didn't destroy His entire creation. After a long, long, time, the day came for everyone to get off the ship and start a new life. The air was filled with the smell of springtime, when everything is growing again. God was happy with the smell of Noah's altar. God filled the sky with a beautiful rainbow and promised that never again would He send such a big flood.

Bible Words

Your steadfast love, O LORD,
extends to the heavens.

Psalms 36:5

Dear Family,

As you look at the picture together, ask your child whom God saved . . . who are the two people in the picture? God saved Noah and his family. Can they point to the ark? Why did they need such a big boat? God wanted to save the animals He had created too! What's not colored? God placed a rainbow in the sky to remind Noah, his family, *and your family* of His great love for you—a love that is faithful and will never end, a love that extends to the heavens.

What dangers or evil surrounds you? Trust in God to be with you during the storms of life. No matter what is going on in the world, can you see that God is still in control, still holding you safe in His arms? The rainbow can remind us of God's love, but the cross is an even more special reminder of God's mercy because through Jesus' death on the cross, we have a new life and we won't drown in our sins.

Ask your child what Noah is doing in the picture. He is praising and thanking God for keeping him safe! Set up a cross in your home as your own family altar. Regularly worship God together and thank Him for His care, protection, and steadfast love. Read the story on page 41 of *The Story Bible* together.

