Sunday School July 19, 2020

**“But Noah found favor with the Lord.” – Genesis 6:8 Genesis 6-9**

 If you’re tempted to think that things could not get any worse than facing another day being stuck at home, the story of Noah should bring you some comfort. Imagine being quarantined with two of every species?! And the resulting mess? Things are already looking somewhat better, right?

The world had become so sinful at the time of Noah that God was heartbroken. We don’t often think about the fact that our sinful choices and behaviors can break God’s heart, but they can and do. Think about the piercing your heart feels when you watch your kids make a bad choice and have to deal with the consequences. God experiences the same heartbreak watching his children sin.

Our world and culture can feel chaotic, just like Noah’s must have. It can be hard to follow God and make choices that honor him in a world that assaults us with temptations to choose things that are wrong. Noah found favor with God because he was walking with Him. He found the courage to obey God, even when the people around him didn’t, because he had learned to trust him. He didn’t fall into peer pressure based on the actions of others.

We can follow God like Noah did. When we have a track record of walking with him and seeking his help and guidance for each decision, it becomes part of our nature to obey him. It doesn’t mean we will never sin, but we will definitely know where to turn when we do. And the closer we walk with him, the more likely we will be to make choices that are pleasing to Him.

May you be blessed this week as you walk humbly with our God.

Lots of Love

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**Lesson for Our Youngest Kids:**

Video fount at:

[**https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\_continue=286&v=uXgne-T6JbI&feature=emb\_logo**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=286&v=uXgne-T6JbI&feature=emb_logo)

Hey parents! Use these questions as a guide to talk over this week’s lesson about Noah with your child after they’ve watched the video service!

1. What was your favorite part of the video we just watched?
2. Why did God pick Noah to build the ark?
*Noah loved and followed God.*
3. Did everyone listen to God?
*No!*
4. Why should we listen to God?
*God loves you and he wants what’s best for you. You can trust God’s good plans and always do what God says.*
5. What did the Skuppets learn about God’s good plans?
*God has a plan for all of us! And when we do what God says, it makes him happy! We can read the Bible to learn about all the good plans God has for us. He wants everyone to love him and others and to know Jesus and so many more good things for his children!*

Pray with your child and thank God for his love and good plans! Ask God to help you do the things he says so people will know you love and follow God, just like Noah.

**Lesson for Elementary Kids:**

Video found at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=2&v=6lHffnOTXCY&feature=emb_logo>

Hey parents! This week your child learned that they can do what God says even when others don’t. They heard the Bible story of Noah, too! Use these questions as a guide to talk over this week’s lesson after they’ve watched the video service!

1. What was your favorite part of the video we just watched?
2. Why did God pick Noah to build the ark?
*Noah loved and followed God.*
3. Would God have chosen you to build the ark?
*There is no way to know for sure. But what we do know is why God picked Noah. It was because of Noah’s heart. He loved and followed God so God knew he could trust Noah with this responsibility, even when the plan may not have made sense and others didn’t follow. If you love and follow God, he will know he can trust you with the things he asks you to do.*
4. What is something God asks you to do that is hard for you to obey?
*It’s not always easy to do the things God asks. But it’s important to always remember that God loves you and he always asks us to do things that are good and right. He also will help you and provide ways for you to do the things he says. Doing the things God says is a choice that you get to make. (Pray for your children to do the things God is asking them to do and ask them how they would like you to help them know and do what is right.*

**Parent challenge:** What is something God has asked you to do that you haven’t done yet, or something that was difficult for you to follow but you chose to anyway? Can you share with your child?

Pray together as a family about these things and ask God to give you the strength, wisdom, and help to do the things he asks us to do. Trust in him to help you know what is right and then to have the courage to do it.