

OVERVIEWS FOR October 2008



**Faith Weaver Yellow Book
Preschool 3 & 4's
Saturday 4:45 & 7:30 Sunday 9:00**

October News



Happy Birthday to all our leaders this month!!!

Important Dates

October 11th & 12th: Begin bringing candy for Fall Festival

October 31st: Fall Festival

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October 4 & 5: 4:45p.m. & 9:15 a.m. - 3 & 4 yrs.

Lesson 5: Noah Builds the Ark

Genesis 6:5-22

Bible Point: God wants us to obey.

Key Verse: "Love God with your whole heart." (Adapted from Deuteronomy 6:5).

Base Camp Today

Getting Started: Set out some puzzles and books for the children to play with while people are arriving. Make sure to greet each child as they come in to the class.

Craft: In class have your children stick an animal sticker in the window of the ark. Place lines of glue on the pictures and have your children glue craft sticks to the picture to finish. Glue the Bible verse on the bottom of the page.

You Will Be Provided: One boat template printed on card stock per child, jumbo craft sticks, regular-sized craft sticks, small craft sticks, crayons, small animal stickers, and glue.

Bible Story Time: He saw what a terrible place the world had become. He saw that everyone was lying, and cheating, and killing. He saw that no one cared about doing what was good and right anymore. And God knew that in their hearts all they wanted to do was evil and bad. But, God saw one good man. His name was Noah. Noah still cared about God. He listened to God, and he always tried to do what God said. And God was pleased with Noah. God said to Noah, "Noah, I have decided to put an end to this mess people have made of my world, and start all over." So God said to Noah, "I want you to build a boat." It was going to be a very BIG boat. God told Noah exactly how to make it. It was going to be longer than a football field, and higher than a three story house. It was going to have one door, and a window all around beneath the roof. God called the boat an "ark." This was going to be a big job for a 500 year old man! That's how old Noah was when God gave him his little project to do. Now, Noah might have thought, "This job is too big, and I am too old!" And he didn't even have any power tools out back in his shed. But he did have God, and with God on your side, anything is possible. So Noah went right to work. He did everything just as God had told him to. His neighbors must have thought he was crazy. While they were spending all their time doing wicked things just to please themselves, Noah was hard at work, pleasing God. Noah kept on working, day after day, year after year. And day after day, year after year, people laughed at him. And then one day Noah put down his hammer. The ark was finished.

Transition Activity: Guess the Animal (p. 62)

Play Track 15 of the Preschool CD on the CD player located in the room. Have the children listen to the "Animal Sounds" and try to guess which animal is making each sound. Reminding the children that even the animals obeyed God and went into the ark.

Ask: What do you think it was like on the ark with all those animals?

How can you obey God?

Say: God wants us to obey. God knows what's best for us, and when we obey God, we are doing the right thing. We can obey God, just as Noah obeyed God.

Song/Snack Activity: Yes, God! (p. 62)

Give each child a paper towel and some animal crackers. Encourage the children to make the animal sounds that match the crackers they pick up to eat. Have them tell their neighbor how an elephant might have said yes to God before it got on the ark. When the children are finished with their snack, sing "God Wants Us to Obey" to the tune of "Mary Had a Little Lamb."

God wants us to obey,

To obey, to obey.

God wants us to obey.

"Yes, I will obey."

(Repeat.)

Ask: When can you say yes to God?

Say: Noah chose to say yes to God and obey. God wants us to obey, too.

You will be provided: Animal crackers

Key Verse Activity: Work of Ark (p. 58)

Follow the script on page 58 of the Fall 2008 Preschool Teacher Guide. In this activity you will be building an ark with the children using 8 preschool chairs and the crepe paper provided. The key verse this week is: **Love God with your whole heart.**

You will be provided: 2 packages of crepe paper per room.

If you do not want to do the entire activity or time does not permit, you can ask the following questions to reiterate the lesson for this week.

Ask: What are some hard jobs you have to do at home?
How can you love God while you are doing your job?

Say: It took Noah many years to finish the huge ark. Noah did not give up, though. Noah showed that he loved God with his whole heart by doing the job God asked him to do.

Extra Impact Activity: Bring out the "Animal" matching cards from the Teacher Pack, and turn them all face down. Allow children to take turns turning over two cards at a time. Each child who finds a match should put both card on a sheet of brown construction paper that represents the ark. Remind the children that God told Noah to take two of every animal on the ark and that Noah obeyed God.

You will be provided with: One sheet of brown construction paper per class and animal cards in the Teacher Pack.

Prayer: Gather the children around for prayer time. Say the following prayer with the children;

Dear God,

Help me to obey my parents and teachers.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

October 11 & 12: 4:45p.m. & 9:15 a.m. - 3 & 4 yrs.

Lesson 6: God Floods the Earth

Genesis 7:1-8:22; 9:8-16

Bible Point: God keeps all promises.

Key Verse: "Love God with your whole heart." (Adapted from Deuteronomy 6:5)

Base Camp today

Getting Started: Greet each child warmly as they arrive and praise God through music. Make sure to have books and puzzles out on the tables for the children who arrive early to play with.

Key Verse Activity: Filled Up with Love (p. 70)
This is not an activity we can provide the materials for, but you are more than welcome to use the script on page 70 and include this activity during your Bible Fellowship class.

Song Activity: A Rainbow of Color (p. 74)
Give each child 2 or 3 streamers. Turn on "The Lord Will Keep His Promises," (Track 14 of the Preschool CD) which is sung to the tune of "The Muffin Man." Encourage kids to walk around waving their streamers from side to side to the rhythm of the music. During the last line, "God never tells a lie," have the children hold the streamers high above their heads as they spin around.
You Will Be Provided: 2 packs of streamers per class.
Ask: What has God promised us?
Say: We can always trust God to keep his promises! God keeps all promises.

Craft: Celebration Streamers
Give each child one drinking straw and 6 different color of ribbon. Encourage children to tape the various colors of ribbon to one end of the straw. Make sure each child makes one celebration streamer.
You will be provided: One drinking straw per child, 6 different colors of ribbon per room, and roll of tape per room.
Ask: What do you think Noah was thankful for?
What are you thankful for?
How do you show God you are thankful?

Activity: Find the Matching Animal
In class give each child an animal picture. Tell them not to let anyone else know what their animal is. Make sure that each child has an animal that will match another child's animal. On the word "go" the children should act out or make the animal sound on their card and try to find the other child in the room that is acting out the same animal that they are. When they find their partner, they should both sit down together until everyone has found their partner.

Prayer: Have the children gather around to say the following prayer with you:
Dear God,
Thank you for always keeping your promises.
In Jesus name, Amen.

Bible Story Time: The sky was turning gray, and Noah thought to himself, "It looks like rain." 100 years is a long time to work on one job! Noah sat down by the door of the ark and wiped the sweat from his forehead. At last he was finished with all that God had asked him to do. Noah was 600 years old when he did all that God asked him to. And then the flood came. "Now it's time for you and your family to get into the ark!" The Lord said to Noah. So Noah and his wife, and his three sons; Shem, Ham, and Japheth and their wives; all got into the ark. Then the Lord himself reached down from heaven and shut the door. Water poured from the sky and rushed up from the ground. The Great Flood had come. Lightning flashed. Thunder crashed. The winds blew huge waves across the water. The water lifted the giant wooden boat from the ground. It lifted it above Noah's house. It lifted it above the trees in his backyard. The ark tossed in the storm above Noah's neighbor's house, above the whole town, and everyone who lived there. It rained for forty days and forty nights. It rained so hard that Noah's ark floated above even the highest mountains. There was no dry ground left at all. And everything that breathed on the earth died. What terrible things happen when people sin. Noah and his family waited in the ark. Up and down, and up and down, they tossed on the waves. Everywhere they looked, they saw nothing but water. But there was probably enough work to do every day, just trying to keep all those animals fed and the ark cleaned up. God hadn't forgotten about them. One day God caused a warm wind to blow. The rain stopped, and the water began to go down. Noah and his family and all those animals had all been together in that ark for almost a year! After 40 more days, Noah opened the window of the ark and let a raven fly out. He wanted to see whether it could find some dry ground. Noah waited and waited, but the raven never came back. So Noah tried again. This time he sent out a dove. The dove flew around and around. But it couldn't find any dry ground, and it had to come back. Noah waited seven more days, and then he let the dove fly out again. That evening the dove came back with a fresh olive leaf in its beak. That was a sign for Noah. Now he knew the water had gone down, because the dove had found an olive bush growing on dry land. Noah waited another seven days, and then he sent the dove out again. This time it didn't come back. It had found a new place to live. Finally, God told Noah it was all right to leave the ark. Noah opened the door, and all those animals rushed out! They found new homes in the world God had washed clean. God had saved them! God provided the ark, and it had brought them all safely through the water. It carried them to a new life. God made this promise to Noah, "Never again will I destroy the world with a flood. I make this covenant with you and with all creatures." God said to Noah, "You see, I have set my rainbow in the sky. This will be the sign of the covenant I have made with you and all creatures, never again to destroy the earth by a flood. It will always remind us of the promise between you and me."

Transition Activity: Arky, Arky
Designate an area of the room to be the "ark." Have children form two equal teams. Have the first child in each line come to you standing in the center of the room. Count to three and have the two children show you an animal hand motion at the same time. If the signs match, have the children get into the ark. Continue until all the children are in the ark.
Motions:
Bird- place thumbs under arms and flap twice.
Fish- place hands together and make swimming motions with hands.
Mammal- use one hand to fan face, to demonstrate that you are warm-blooded as mammals are.
Reptile- move one arm to make an "s."

October 18 & 19: 4:45p.m. & 9:15 a.m. – 3's & 4's

Lesson 7: People Build a Tower at Babel

Genesis 11:1-9

Bible Point: We need God.

Key Verse: "Love God with your whole heart." (Adapted from Deuteronomy 6:5)

Base Camp Today

Getting Started: Greet each child warmly as they arrive and assist them as they choose an activity to work on that you set out before they arrived. Put out puzzles and books for those who arrive early.

Key Verse Activity: With Your Whole Heart (p.82)

Follow the script on page 82 of the Teacher book. Have the children gather into groups of 2 or 3, and give each group a piece of the Hart Puzzle from the Resource Pack.

Ask: What are some ways we show people that we love them?

Say: We know lots of people, and we all go to different places. We have our life at school, life at day care, life at church, life at home, life with grandparents, life with friends, life at the park, and life in sports. Have the groups put their pieces on the table, and help them put the heart together.

Ask: Where can we love God?

How can we show God that we love Him?

You will be provided: The heart shaped puzzle in the Teacher Resource pack.

Bible Story Time: The people who came after Noah were at it again. How quickly they forgot that everything they had came from God. And God is far, far more wonderful than they were. But still, they said one to another, "Let's build a glorious city to ourselves. And in that city, let's build a tower that reaches into heaven!" "Splendid idea!" And so they all agreed. And, the thing was, they COULD all agree, because in the time after the flood, everyone spoke the same language. They all could work together. And when you work together, you can do almost anything. (But that can be dangerous too, when you don't do the right thing.) So one day God came to visit the magnificent city the people were building, and to see the great tower. "This isn't good," God said. "Because they all speak the same language, there won't be anything they can't do! Every great thing they do, they will think that they are even greater - and there will be no end to the trouble that will bring. We will have to put a stop to this." (God said, "We" because remember, there is God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. There is one God, but three persons together as one God.) And so right then, God began to confuse the language of the people on earth. People started calling things by different names. "Hand me that hammer," one worker said to the other one day under the hot sun, while they were working together way up on the tower. And the other worker handed him a brick instead. He didn't know what the other worker was talking about anymore. Well, they couldn't get much work done like that! And soon the people weren't getting along so well anymore. They quit building the great city and the tower. All the people that spoke one new language decided to get together and move to a new place, while the people who spoke another language went to find a nice place somewhere else. And because of that, people began to move all over the earth. So the magnificent tower never got finished. It became known as the tower of Babel ("Babel" is like the Hebrew word for confusion), because that's where God made all the people's language sound like babbling to each other.

Prayer/Extra Impact Activity: (p. 88)

Ask kids what they want God to help them with. Have the children who want to pray aloud during the prayer time take turns asking God to help them.

Have them pray the following:

Dear God,

Please help me (the child's words).

In Jesus' name, amen.

Craft: Tower Builders

Cut eight small squares of sandpaper per child. Give each child one sheet of construction paper. Have them glue the sandpaper squares vertically onto the sheet of construction paper making a tower. Let children draw small people next to the tower to show how tall it is.

You Will Be Provided: Sandpaper, one sheet of construction paper per child, glue, and crayons.

Ask: Who did the people in the story forget about?
When do you sometimes forget about God?

Song Activity: The Tower of Babel

Sing to the tune of "On Top of Old Smokie"
Way back in the Bible,
Many years ago,
Men tried to build a tower,
Seeing how far they'd go.

God was not happy,
With what they had built,
So He changed their languages,
To discourage them.

So then when they all talked,
They were so surprised,
They couldn't understand,
Any one else.

It sounded so strange,
And weird to hear,
It sounded like babel,
To all of their ears.

Find Genesis 11:1,
In your Bible,
You can read all about,
The tower of Babel.

Activity: Friendly Helpers (p. 86) Use this game to reinforce the Bible story.

Say: We need God to help us. Let's play a game to show us that we always need God's help.

Group the children into threes. Have one child sit cross legged. On the floor with arms folded stiffly across the chest. Have that child try to get up without uncrossing their arms or legs. Then have the other two children stand on either side and gently lift the child by the elbows. Let each child try to get up then get help from the others.

Ask: How did you feel when you could not get up?

How were your two friends like God?

What can you ask God to help you with?

Say: Your friends gave you a "helping hand" the way God does. We often need helping hands, and with God's help, anything is possible. We need God.

October 25 & 26: 4:45p.m. & 9:15 a.m. - 3 & 4 yrs.

Lesson 8: Abram Follows God's Direction

Genesis 12:1-8

Bible Point: We can trust God.

Key Verse: "Trust the Lord with all your heart." (Proverbs 3:5a)

Base Camp today

Getting Started: Warmly greet each child as they arrive. Have books, puzzles, or another fun activity for the children who arrive early.

Song Activity: Come On in to God's Church

Play the Preschool CD Track 20. Sing the following song to the tune of "This Old Man."

Come on in to God's church.

We're glad to have you here with us.

With a hello, how are you, nice to shake your hand,

Welcome, friend, to God's church.

(Repeat)

Key Verse Activity: Trusting in the Lord (p. 94)

Have the children sit on the floor in a circle. Show them the words from the Bible of Proverbs 3:5a.

Say: Our key verse from the Bible says, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart."

Have the children repeat it.

Today we are learning to trust the Lord.

Ask: What do you think it means to trust someone?

Say: When we trust someone, we believe that person. We trust our moms and dads to give us dinner each night. We trust our teachers to help us learn about the Bible. We trust an apple will taste like an apple. We trust that we won't fall through the floor when we sit down. Let's use actions to help us remember our Key Verse from the Bible.

Trust in (each child leans on the child to the right)

The Lord (point up)

With all (hands stretched wide to the sides)

Your heart. (Make a heart shape with thumbs and index fingers, and place over your heart.)

Ask: How can you trust God?

Say: We can trust God to provide many things for us. He provides us with a home, a family, a church, food, and water, and He watches over us. God wants us to trust Him.

Craft: Map Bookmarks

Cut strips from the card stock and the map paper. Give each child one card stock strip and one map strip. Have the children glue the map strip onto the card stock. Punch a hole to make a hole in each bookmark. Have the children thread a piece of yarn through the hole.

You will be provided: Card stock paper, maps, yarn, and glue sticks.

Snack Activity: Happy Home (p. 97)

Give each child two Graham crackers. Show the children how to lean the crackers together to make tents. Give each child three Hershey's Kisses to represent Abram, Sarai, and Lot. Encourage the kids to use their snack to replay the Bible story.

Ask: How do you think Abram, Lot, and Sarai felt when they finally reached the end of their journey?

What can you trust God to provide for you?

Say: Abram, Sarai, and Lot were so happy to be in the land of Canaan- their new home- that the Bible says they thanked God for bringing them there. We can trust God, just as Abram, Sarai, and Lot trusted God.

Bible Story Time: Many years after the time of Noah there was a man named Abram. Abram was a good man who owned many sheep and cattle. He lived with his wife Sarai in the land of Haran. But he had no children. One day, God came to Abram. Whether it was in a vision, or in a dream we don't know for sure. But God did come to Abram and He said to him, "Abram! I want you to pack up all your things and leave your home! "I want you to go to the land I will give you. I promise that I will bless you, and make your family great. I will be with you in all you do, and because of you all the families of the earth will be blessed." Wow! That was quite a promise! But a scary one too. It meant that Abram would have to leave the place he knew and go to a place he didn't know. He would have to trust God that everything would be okay. But that's just what Abram did. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother Lot. They packed up everything they owned in the land of Haran and moved to the land of Canaan - that was the land that God was going to lead him to. It couldn't have been an easy move to make. Abram was 75 years old when God told him to pack up everything he owned and leave his home - and if you look at a map, Canaan is a long way away from Haran!

Activity: The Trusting Journey (p. 97)

Group the children into pairs. In each pair use a bandana to tie a leg of one child to a leg of the other. Tell the children that they are Abram and Sarai, and have them put their arms around each other. Have the children say the Bible point: we can trust God. Then have them walk in a rhythmic beat to a designated area. Give all the children an opportunity to play the game and say the Bible point again.

Ask: How did Abram, Sarai, and Lot trust God in or Bible story? When have you trusted God?

Say: Abram, Sarai, and Lot trusted God to take care of them during their trip to a new home. We can trust God just as they did.

You will be provided: One bandana per two children

Prayer: Have the children gather around as you lead the following prayer:

Dear Lord,

Thank you for all you have given me.

Help me to trust you with all my heart no matter what.

In Jesus name, Amen.