



CREATION AND THE BEGINNING OF HUMAN HISTORY

#31 - The Waters Recede

Genesis 8:1-19

PICTURES NEEDED

31-4 The dove Noah sent out

REVIEW

- **Big Question:** What does it take to please God?

A person must have faith to please God.

- **Lesson Rhyme:** Review the lesson rhyme.

F—F

Flood

For 40 days

rain

didn't stop

F—F—Flood

Covered every

mountain top

Make sign of "F"

Wiggle fingers & move hands in outward waves

Flash 10 fingers four times

Wiggle fingers down like rain

Put up hands palms out like "stop" and shake head "no"

Same as above

Same as for flood

Form mountain peak with hands



F

LESSON CONTENT

- **Introduction:** Show visual (**picture 31-4**)

What is this a picture of?

After 40 days God shut the floodgates of the heavens and it stopped raining. All that water had to go somewhere so God caused a wind to blow. The mountains must have been pushed up and the ocean basins must have sunk. As the waters were flowing back into the ocean basins, the ark came to rest on Mt. Ararat.

When Noah thought the land was dry he first sent out a black bird called a raven, but it didn't come back. Then he sent out a dove and it came back. When he sent out the dove a second time it came back with an olive branch in its mouth. What did the olive branch tell Noah? Noah knew from the dove bringing a branch that plants were growing on the earth and the ground must be exposed and dry.)

How do you think Noah felt then? Noah and his family must have been happy knowing that there was now dry land where an olive tree could be found. After one year on the ark God told Noah to come off it, bring all the animals off and spread out and fill the earth.

God watches over us when we trust in him, and keeps us safe as he did Noah and his family on the ark.

The big question for this week is: What can we trust in times of trouble?

Listen as I read the lesson book and see if you can answer the question afterwards.

- **Lesson Book:** Read the book. Refer to the attached daily discussion questions.

Title: What did Noah have to wait for?

Page 1 – Genesis 7:24-8:1

(picture of the ark floating on water)

Noah and his family

in the ark were safely found

While water poured from heaven

and came up from the ground.

Once the rain did stop,

God caused a wind to blow.

The water into basins,

it did have to flow.

Page 2 – Genesis 8:3-4

(picture of ark resting on mountain)

The ark was tossed around;

it moved both east and west

Until on the Mount of Ararat,

it finally came to rest.

Noah's heart was steadfast

and faithful he was found,

He had waited patiently,

while the flood covered the ground.

Page 3 – Genesis 8:5

(picture of a mountain)

The mountains pushed up high;
the ocean floor did sink.
I wonder as he waited,
what Noah's mind did think.
Noah knew that God was with him,
as God is everywhere.
So even through the flood,
he surely felt God's love and care.

Page 4 – Genesis 8:8-9

(picture of a dove)

Then a window Noah opened
so a dove could be sent out.
But it found no place to rest;
it could only fly about.
So Noah and his family
still would have to wait.
Knowing that the water
at some time would abate.

Page 5 – Genesis 8:10-11

(picture of a dove with a branch)

A second time the dove was sent;
it flew all around
Would it find a place to rest?
Would it find dry ground?
When the dove came back,
it had a leaf inside its bill.
Noah and his fam-i-ly
must have felt a thrill.

Page 6 – Genesis 8:15-17

(picture of animals coming off the ark)

The sun was shining brightly
way up in the sky
So it wasn't too much longer
before the earth was dry.
The time had come to disembark
and leave the ark behind,
Noah and his family,
and the animals of each kind.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Page 1: Where did the water that flooded the earth come from? What happened after the rain stopped?

Page 2: Where did the ark finally come to rest? What does it mean to be steadfast? How was Noah steadfast?

Page 3: What did Noah know about God? What did knowing that do for Noah?

Page 4: What happened when Noah sent a dove out? What does abate mean? Why did Noah know the water would abate?

Page 5: What happened the second time the dove was sent out? Why would that have thrilled Noah and his family?

Page 6: What does it mean to disembark? Who came off the ark when the land was dry? What do you think happened then?

Review: Select a couple questions from above to ask the students again

- Prayer: Thank God that he is faithful and will do all that he has promised. Pray that you would learn to wait for God to do things in his time and in his way as Noah did.
- The Big Question: **What can we trust in times of trouble?**
We can always trust that God is our rock and keeps us safe.

ACTIVITIES

Any age appropriate activity can be included which fits into the club time. The activities with a star are included on the class notes handout sheet.

★ **Lesson Rhyme:** Practice the lesson rhyme with movements.

W—W	Make sign of “W”
Wait	Hands up, palms out like “stop”
A dove was sent to fly	Hook thumbs together, palms up, hands crossed Wiggle fingers like flying
W—W—Wait	Same as above
Until the land was dry	Move hands apart palms down in front of body Wipe hands off like wiping dry



★ **Activity:** Drawing

Draw a picture of the dove and olive branch.

★ **Letter/Sound Recognition:** Say the sound of and trace over each letter in the boxes.
With which sound does Wait begin?

★ **Coloring:** Color in the lesson picture.

• **Craft:** Make a Card

As a reminder that God watched over Noah and his family on the ark and caused the waters to recede, make a card that reminds you of his love and protection. You can send the card to someone who is going through trouble.

Materials: light blue cover stock paper, white copy paper, scissors, glue sticks

Preparation: Run off the card of craft 31 on light blue cover stock paper and the doves on white copy paper. Cut apart.

Instructions: Cut out the dove and paste it on the card. Cut out and paste the olive branch to its mouth. Cut out and paste olive leaves on the branch.

• **Song:** Rise and Shine (on last page)

JOURNAL

The journal is passed out at the end of class for the students to complete at home. It has six poetic readings and related Bible verses. It would be beneficial for the teacher to read through and be familiar with its content.

Rise and Shine

Chorus:

Rise and shine, And give God the glory, glory
Rise and shine, And give God the glory, glory
Rise and shine, And give God the glory, glory
Children of the Lord

Sing the chorus after each verse.

The Lord said to Noah: There's gonna be a floody, floody
The Lord said to Noah: There's gonna be a floody, floody
Get those children out of the muddy, muddy
Children of the Lord

So Noah, He built him, he built him an arky, arky
Noah, He built him, he built him an arky, arky
Built it out of gopher barky, barky
Children of the Lord

The animals, they came: Two by twosie, twosies
The animals, they came: They came in by twosie, twosies
Elephants and kangaroosie, roosies
Children of the Lord

It rained and poured: For forty daysie, daysies
It rained and poured: For forty daysie, daysies
Nearly drove those animals crazy, crazies,
Children of the Lord

The sun came out and dried up the landy landy
The sun came out and dried up the landy landy
Everything was fine and dandy, dandy
Children of the Lord

The animals they came off: Three by three-sies three-sies
The animals they came off: Three by three-sies three-sies
Grizzly bears and chimpanzee-sies zee-sies
Children of the Lord

That is the end of, The end of my story, story
That is the end of, The end of my story, story
Everything is hunky dory, dory
Children of the Lord