

Outline to Noah and the Ark ~ Interactive Kids Bible Software

A special resource for installing and teaching with the software

The Noah software is being provided to the members of Rotation.org for their free use at church and at home by Educational Publishing Concepts. While older, it is still fun to teach with, but you'll want to make two tweaks to do so, read on!

Before teaching with the software, check to make sure the VIDEOS work in the Bible Time Theater. If the curtain just opens and closes without playing the video, you need to install Quicktime 2.1 from the downloaded software. Open the QT21 folder, RIGHT click the QT32 installer and select "Run as Admin," then run the installation. If Windows gives you a caution message, bypass it. The program is safe to install. If Quicktime asks to "check for other versions," select SKIP and continue.

To make the program appear BIGGER on your screen, you will want to adjust your Windows Display Scale setting to 150% before you start the software. To do so, read the instructions <https://www.rotation.org/topic/important-technical-notes-and-helps>



Theological Notes: Please be aware of how your church and tradition interprets the story of Noah (either literally or figuratively). Regardless, be prepared to deal with children's questions about a story that has God drowning human beings and animals. From a modern point of view, we understand that most ancient and prehistoric cultures around the world told stories of a huge flood, some similar to the one found in Genesis. There's a simple explanation for this, prior to the scientific age, human beings had to explain the existence of fossilized sea creatures found on the tops of hills and mountains everywhere around the world. "Flood waters rising that high" was their answer, though today we understand it had to do with plate tectonics. What separates the Genesis account from those in other cultures, is the intimate covenantal (promising) relationship between Noah and God, the promise of a new beginning, and the promise that God would never again try to solve the problem of evil by killing people. We believe the truth that ancient people were trying to express without having to believe in their limited understanding of how the world was made. It is important to teach children how a story can be "true" without required it to be historically accurate –Jesus did it all the time with his parables.

What is the story of Noah about? It's about obedience to God even in the face of great obstacles, and it is about God's ultimate answer to the existence of evil –which Noah's story only begins to point to. At the end of Noah's story, God makes a promise to never kill humanity again. Instead, in the rest of Genesis, God unfolds a plan to wipe out sin itself and forgive his children –a plan that will consummate in the coming of the Messiah.

The Kids Application Bible study notes found throughout the Discover the Bible scripture readings contain a number of interesting discussion starters which could be the basis for other complete lessons. The subject of each of these notes is listed in this outline. Because of the familiarity of the Noah story, you might choose to use this software as a refresher and then jump into one of the tangential subjects in the study notes.

****In the Hall of Fame section**, the Life of Noah has three pages of pictures with narration which walk students in order through the events of the Noah story. This could be an excellent supplement, enhancement or replacement for the Great Flood or Discover the Bible.

Outline of the Noah and the Ark Software

Main Animated Story: The Great Flood

This is a rather abbreviated telling of the story and somewhat "sanitized." Older children would greatly benefit from comparing the Great Flood story with the actual scripture in the Discover the Bible section or their own Bibles. Tip: Limit the amount of screen clicking in order to stay focused on the story.

Discover the Bible

Genesis 6-9, and Hebrews 11.

Particularly good notes are asterisked below.

Genesis 6-7

- I Wonder: Why did God flood the earth? (Here's a difficult question and answer!)**
- I Wonder: Does God see everything we do?
- Verse: "...yet God will show compassion according to his lovingkindness"
- Lamentations 3:32** (Compare and Contrast these two *I Wonder* statements)
- Memory Verse: "...the eyes of the Lord...looking for people whose hearts are perfect"**
- 2 Chronicles 16:9 (Discuss: the concept of "perfection" is more akin to "wholeness.")

Genesis 8

- I Wonder: Why doesn't God kill all evil people? "I have no pleasure in death of the wicked " Ezekiel 33:11
- Amazing Facts: Some people say that God allowed people to live longer so they could populate the earth back then. (How does your tradition interpret this?)

Hebrews 11

- Memory Verse: "...by faith Noah built the ark..... He obeyed God."



Hall of Fame (these are short animated info bits)

People Noah Knew:

Lamech (his father, Noah means "relief") Shem, Ham, Japheth (Noah's three sons) Canaan (Noah's grandson)

Life of Noah: There are 3 pages here of narrated pictures. Click on the hand to change screens.

Each picture recounts a scene from the story of Noah. This section would make a good section to introduce the whole story. While not as fun as the Great Flood interactive section, it contains some additional content.

Bible Time Theatre (3 video clips)

Rain Comes - Noah Builds the Ark - God sends the Rainbow

Bible Games

The Art Center: The Art Center is a rudimentary drawing pad that doesn't have much content and is rather primitive. Puzzles has a number of story graphic choices,

Bible Memory (in the games section)

Don't dismiss these just because they aren't in your preferred translation. Ask "What does the verse mean?"

- Genesis 9:16 "...when I see the rainbow I will remember"
- Joshua 1:5 "I will not abandon you."
- Psalm 46:1 "God is our refuge and strength"
- James 4:8 "Draw close to God and he will"
- Psalm 119:50 "Your promise revives me...comforts"
- Proverbs 16:3 "Commit your work to the Lord"
- Isaiah 41:10 "Don't be afraid, I am with you"
- Isaiah 43:2 "When you go through deep waters and troubles I will be with you"
- Jeremiah 29:11 "I know the plans I have for you"
- Matthew 18:20 "Where 2 or 3 are gathered"
- Matthew 28:20 "I am with you always even til the"
- Acts 16:31 Believe and be saved."

