

# “NOAH” - LESSON 1

## “Living For God In A Wicked World”

### Main Focus:

We can live a righteous life in a wicked world just like Noah did!



### Power Verse:

“The paths of the LORD are true and right, and righteous people live by walking in them.”

– Hosea 14:9



### Watt's Up:

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## LEADER'S INFO

The world we live in is full of sin. It's not much different than the world that Noah lived in. In Noah's day, there was NO ONE else living for God except Noah.

How did Noah do it? How did he manage to live a righteous life in the midst of all that wickedness and sin? In this lesson, we examine the life of Noah and what set him apart from those around him. We will learn how he became the one God chose to save the human race from extinction.

The children will learn how they, too, can live a life that stands out for God. Even in the midst of a wicked world, they can still live a righteous life.



### “The Spark” Intro Video

“Breaking Weather Bulletin”



### “Watt's Up?” Teaching Video

Skittles teaches “Watt's Up?”



### Character Skit

“Salty”



### Offering Time



### Game On!

“Surviving The Storm”



### Bible Story

“God Chooses Noah”



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### Call To Action

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### Brain Drain

Review Game



### Small Group Experience

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## Watt’s Up:

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## Lesson 1 Materials Needed:

### “The Spark” Intro Video

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### “Watt’s Up?” Teaching Video

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- “Watt’s Up?” Trigger Video

### Character Skit

- “Salty” Theme Graphic/Music
- Sea captain costume

### Offering Time

- “Offering Time” Bumper Video

### Game On!

- “Game On!” Bumper Video
- “Surviving The Storm” Game

### Bible Story

- “God Chooses Noah” Graphics
- Bible

### Power Verse Video

- “Power Verse” Video

### Call To Action

- “Living For God In A Wicked World” Graphics
- Flashlight
- Journal
- Bible
- Phone

### Brain Drain

- “Brain Drain” Bumper Video
- “Brain Drain” Lesson 1 Graphics

### Small Group Experience

- Play-doh

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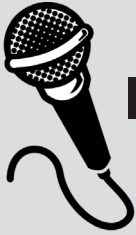
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## **Introduction to “The Spark” Intro Video**

**Leader:** Hey kids! Today, we are starting a brand new series called “NOAH!” In this series, we are going to look at one of the most famous guys in the Bible - Noah! Do you know what Noah is famous for? *(allow kids to respond)* That’s right! Noah was the man in the Bible who built the ark for the flood that destroyed the Earth! But that’s not all that is special about Noah!

In your lesson, you’ll find out why God picked Noah to build the ark and be saved from the flood and how you can be just like Noah! But first, we need to check in for our weekly weather report with Rusty Nimrod!

***(play “The Spark” Intro Video)***

**Leader:** Today, we’re learning how we can live for God in a wicked, evil world - just like Noah did. We will look at what made God choose Noah and learn how to be like him in our own lives!

We’ll find out more about that in a few minutes, but right now, it’s time to check in with Skittles and find out “Watt’s Up?”

***(play “Watt’s Up?” Teaching Video)***



## CHARACTER SKIT

**Character:** “Salton ‘Salty’ Sidney” (*larger than life ship builder who has questionable knowledge on how to build ships*)

**SALTY:** (*strolls out to his music, larger than life, dressed as a sea captain. Lets out a big belly laugh*) AHOY, MATEYS!

**Leader:** WOAH!

**SALTY:** Woah? WOAH, says ye? “Woah” be for horses, and I see none ‘round these parts!

**Leader:** Huh?

**SALTY:** (*belly laugh, slaps the leader on the back*) Ay, you’re a funny one! I think I’m gonna call you (*thinks for a moment*) Daisy!

**Leader:** Daisy? My name’s not Daisy!

**SALTY:** And neither is mine! Salton Sidney, master ship builder at your service! (*shakes the leader hand like crazy*) But you can call me “Salty!” Everybody else does!

**Leader:** Why do they call you Salty?

**SALTY:** I love french fries - but that’s besides the point. The point is - I’m a ship builder! And you’re talkin’ all about Noah! The first great ship builder to ever exist!

**Leader:** Why yes, we are! You said that you built ships. too? What kind of ships?

**SALTY:** (*leans in close, whispers loud enough for everyone to hear*) Ya ever heard of the Titanic?

**Leader:** (*gasps*) Woah! The Titanic? Really?? (*pauses*) Hey! Didn’t that sink?

**SALTY:** Aye, yes it did! That’s because I DIDN’T build it! If they would’ve listened to me, we would have built the whole thing out of marshmallows!

**Leader:** Marshmallows?!

**SALTY:** AYE! MARSHMALLOWS! The big ones you can get at the store! They float, and if that ship had been built out of those fluffy white pillows of goodness, it would have hit that iceberg and BOUNCED RIGHT OFF! (*belly laugh, slaps the leader on the back*)

**Leader:** Um, yeah - I don’t think that would have happened.

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## CHARACTER SKIT

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**SALTY:** *(slowly, sadly takes off his hat, and places it over his heart)* Aye. No it wouldn't. *(takes in a deep breath and begins to sob)*

**Leader:** Oh dear, Salty! I'm so sorry! I didn't mean to upset you.

**SALTY:** *(still sobbing)* That's so nice of you to say, Daisy! *(grabs the leader and pulls them into a bear hug, crying on their shoulder)* This world can be so cruel!

**Leader:** *(awkwardly struggling in Salty's bear hug, tries to pat him for comfort)* I know, Salty - we do live in sinful world.

**SALTY:** *(shoves the leader away, back to normal)* AYE, that we do! This world is full of all kinds of mischief! Lying! Cheating! War! People that cut the crust off of their peanut butter and fish stick sandwiches! *(gets really intense)* SEA MONSTERS.

**Leader:** Salty, I don't think that sea monsters exist.

**SALTY:** OF COURSE THEY DO! But that don't matter! It don't matter how crazy this ol' world gets, as a Christian, we gotta show them what we're all about! The worse it gets, the BETTER we gotta be!

**Leader:** Wow, that's actually really good advice, Salty!

**SALTY:** Aye, *(takes his hat back off, puts it over his heart)* It's just like Noah. He lived his life, staying close to God. It's like my great-great-grandpappy used to say, anybody can pilot a ship when the sea is calm! But it's when the storm hits that really matters!

**Leader:** That's so inspiring! Your great-great-grandpappy must have been a great man.

**SALTY:** Eh, sometimes he was great. Other times he would accidentally eat a jellyfish and howl at the moon for three hours. But nobody is perfect! *(BIG belly laugh, slaps the leader on the back again)* Well, I best be off! I'll see you later, landlubbers! *(to the leader)* So long, DAISY! May the wind ever be in your sails! ANCHORS AWAY!

*(exit music plays, sings along and dances a jig around the leader on his way out)*



# **GAME ON!**

## **“Surviving The Storm”**

### **Items Needed For Game:**

The graphic slides for Lesson 1

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### **Preparation:**

Start with the game title slide, “Surviving The Storm”. Choose an even number of boys and girls to compete against each other. This game can also be played with the whole group by dividing the kids into two groups.

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### **How To Play:**

Explain that the captain of the ship they have been traveling on has gotten very sick and can no longer be in charge. It’s up to the kids to navigate the ship through the storm. Each team will get to decide which way to turn - either left or right. At each turn, the team will discover either a life jacket, sunshine, a life preserver, or a hurricane. If they find a life jacket, their team gets 25 pts. If they find sunshine, they get 50 points. If they find a life preserver, they get 100 points. However, if they find a hurricane they lose all the points they have accumulated so far and their turn is over.

Every time a team gets a correct answer, they can choose either to continue or pass to the other team. They can play as long as they like, but as soon as they hit a hurricane they lose all their points and their turn is over. The goal is to get correct answers and pass it on to the other team and try to make them choose a hurricane and lose their points.

The team that survives the storm and gains the most points after twenty rounds wins!



# Bible Story

## “God Chooses Noah”

### Materials Needed:

The graphic slides for Lesson 1; begin with the slide that says “Bible Story”; follow the instructions below, changing the slides to follow along with the story (*as shown*)

### Preparation:

Familiarize yourself with the passage in Genesis 6-7; have your open Bible in your hands as you tell the story

### The Story:

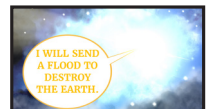
Today’s Bible Story is found in the book of Genesis chapter 6-7. It is one of the most famous stories in the Bible - “Noah and the Ark.” But, the truth is Noah’s story started long before the ark ever was built. The story starts in Genesis chapter 6 verse 5. Listen to what the Bible says: “Now the LORD observed the extent of the people’s wickedness, and He saw that all their thoughts were consistently and totally evil.”

The world was filled with evil. (*show pic*) God knew the people were evil. He saw the way they treated each other. He saw the way they hurt each other. And, how do you think God felt about all this sin? How did it make God feel that the people He had created had become sinful, evil people? Genesis 6:6 says, “It broke his heart.” Sin makes God sad. When we sin, we’re not just breaking God’s rules, we’re breaking God’s heart. God was so sad that His people had become so evil that He made a very strong decision. He decided that He was going to destroy the WHOLE Earth and EVERYTHING in it. That’s hard to believe isn’t it? But, that’s how much God wanted things to change. He wanted evil GONE from the world.

(*show pic*) He decided to send so much rain to the earth that it would FLOOD the whole Earth and kill everything in it. Now, you’re probably thinking, “So, what does this have to do with Noah?” I’m glad you asked. You see, God searched the whole world looking for someone who was living for Him. He looked over the whole world and only found ONE man who was living for God in the evil world. Guess who it was? That’s right, Noah. The Bible says the Noah was a blameless man. (*show pic*)

Because Noah was the only righteous man of his time, God called on Noah. (*show pic*) He told Noah, “I want you to build a boat...” God had a plan for Noah and his family. Noah lived for God in a very wicked world, and because of that, God chose to save him from the flood.

In your lesson today, you’re going to learn how you can be like Noah. You’ll learn how you can live a life that stands out for God in the midst of the wickedness in the world today. Listen carefully!







# Call To Action

## “Living For God In A Wicked World”

### Materials Needed:

The graphic slides for Lesson 1; flashlight; journal; Bible; phone

### Preparation:

Begin with the slide titled “Living For God In A Wicked World”

### The Message: *(title slide)*



How many of you wish you could be at church all the time? You could play with your friends and get to play with all the toys for free all the time. You could get candy and prizes all the time! It would be pretty awesome, right?

There’s another cool thing about being at church – it’s easy to be a Christian. When you’re at church, you are around people that are usually doing right! It’s different than being at places like school, where you are around kids that are making bad choices a lot of the time. Maybe they are using bad language, or talking about shows and movies they shouldn’t be watching, or bullying others. Maybe you feel like Noah did – like you’re the only one that is trying to do right. It’s harder to be a Christian in places like that because living for God in a wicked world isn’t easy. So how do you live for God in a wicked world?

### Do What’s Right *(slide)*



If you want to stand out, do what is right – be righteous. Righteousness is doing what is right before God. If you want to stand out in a world filled with wickedness, do what is right. No matter what! When people treat you wrong, do what is right. When everyone around you doesn’t do right, do right.

Do what is right. How? Righteous is doing what the Bible says is right. Not what feels right – but live by everything the Bible says. By doing right, you will...

### Let Others See The Difference In Your Life *(slide)*



When you consistently do right instead of wrong, others will notice. You will stand out from the crowd.

Let’s say that someone runs up to your teacher and tells her that you did something wrong. The teacher didn’t see it. She has no proof whether you did it or not. But who is she going to believe? Is she going to think that you made a bad decision and did what you are being accused of? Or is she going to say, “I know her. That does not sound like her at all! She makes better choices than that.”

The way you behave and the choices you make affect how others see you. If you are doing right, others will see that you are different because of Jesus.

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## **Call To Action** *(Continued)*

Even though you live in a sinful world, you should talk differently, act differently, and think differently than others because of Jesus. Have you ever heard the saying, “the darker the night, the brighter the light?” When you are surrounded by people who are not living for God, it’s like you are surrounded by darkness (*turn off all the lights*). It’s dark and scary. What does everyone do when the lights suddenly go out? They scream! You can’t see anything. You feel like you can’t move because you don’t know where to go or what is really going on around you. You’re blind. But what happens when just a small amount of light shines in that darkness? (*Turn on flashlight*) Everyone looks at that light. Nobody is staring into the darkness anymore. Every eye is focused on that one beam of light that stands out. That’s us as Christians. Your actions are a light in the dark that reflect Jesus.

So how do you choose to make the right decisions when sometimes it feels like it would just be easier to go along with the crowd and do what everyone else is doing?

**Stay Close To God** *(slide)*



To live for God in a wicked world, we must stay close to God. This doesn’t just mean you go to church on Sunday and then forget about Him the rest of the week. It is an active, ongoing, day-to-day relationship that you have to pay attention to. You don’t expect to talk to your best friend for an hour, once a week do you? No! You talk to them as much as you can!

We can spend time with God in prayer. We can go to God with our requests and pray for Him to speak to us. (*hold up journal*) It may help to use a journal and write down a list of prayer requests or write down what God is speaking to you.

We can also spend time with God by reading the Bible. (*hold up Bible*) It is words that God has already given us. If we want to know more about Him, all you have to do is open His word.

Lastly, you can spend time with God by worshipping - not just here at church but at home. You can ask your parents or grandparents to make a worship playlist on their phone (*hold up phone*) or computer. Then spend time worshipping Him.

When you do these things, He will help you do what is right. When you stay close to God, He will help you make decisions that reflect Him to others instead of decisions that cause you to blend in with the crowd and do things you know He would not approve of.

Just because you live in a sinful world does not mean you have to make the mistakes everyone else does. Jesus can help you instead to do what is right, stand out as being different from others, and stay close to God. Sometimes it may feel like you are the only one that is doing right, but remember Noah. Noah really was the only one doing right, but God saw him and rewarded him for it. He will do the same for you.

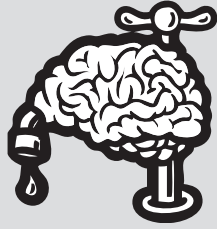
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## **Call To Action** *(Continued)*

**ALTAR RESPONSE:** *(play soft music)*

Allow those who feel like they haven't been living for God like they should to come forward for prayer. Pray that God would help them to live their lives so that others will see the difference in them.



## **BRAIN DRAIN**

### **Materials Needed:**

The graphic slides for Lesson 1; “Brain Drain” Bumper Video

### **Preparation:**

Play the “Brain Drain” Bumper Video; Begin with the slide titled “Brain Drain”; there is a slide for each question

**1. Watt’s Up today?**

**Answer:** “I’m Gonna Walk With God Every Day, Living Righteous Is The Only Way!”

**2. Who was the man in the Bible Story?**

**Answer:** Noah

**3. Did Noah do what was right?**

**Answer:** Yes

**4. What did God say He was going to send to the Earth?**

**Answer:** A Flood

**5. True Or False: It’s impossible to live for God in a wicked world.**

**Answer:** False

**6. According to our lesson today, “Do What’s \_\_\_\_.”**

**Answer:** Right

**7. According to our lesson today, “Let Others See The \_\_\_\_ In Your Life.”**

**Answer:** Difference

**8. According to our lesson today, “Stay Close To \_\_\_\_.”**

**Answer:** God

**9. True or False: If you want to stay close to God, you need to pray and spend time with Him every day.**

**Answer:** True

**10. Where was our Power Verse found?**

**Answer:** Hosea 14:9

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