

# Adventures with GOD!

## INTRODUCTION: GOD'S WORLD (B.1. FALL)

### LESSONS FOR CHILDREN AGES 6- 8

**GOAL FOR THE TRIMESTER:** Help children foster a relationship with God. Learn that God is faithful when we follow and obey him. Learn how to follow God when God talks through the Bible. Study the life of Noah, who demonstrated at all times his true faith in God and obeyed God.

### MESSAGE FOR THE TEACHER:

As you enter into God's word, keep in mind the focus is first about fostering a relationship with God. This is why every session begins and ends with a special time of prayer. We prayerfully enter into the presence of God and we end remembering God is with us and goes with us.

All of the lessons for this trimester have to do with the life of Noah. Noah was a person who walked with God even in dark and difficult times. Noah decided to obey God even when he was given a very difficult task. The story of Noah is a story of faith and obedience even in the face of a difficult situation. Noah's actions show us what it means to follow God even when others don't understand and they make fun of us. That's why, God blessed Noah, saving him and his family from dying in the great flood that destroyed the earth.

The great flood was sent by God because of the evil that was so prevalent during this time. But, before the flood, God had ordered Noah to warn his neighbors about the coming judgment. The people were so caught up in themselves and in doing what was wrong that they didn't listen to Noah's warning. God made a Covenant with Noah because he obeyed everything God commanded.

Before beginning the trimester it is important to read the complete story of Noah's life. There are Bible study books and commentaries that could be of help to understand the complete story. Also, be sure to read the Key Concepts of each lesson in order to have a more panoramic vision of what the children will be studying during the trimester.

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Each lesson has a lot of ideas for activities, games, crafts, etc. Choose the activities and the order of the class that works best for your situation. Each church and each group of children are different. The ideas that are found here will help you put into practice your own creative ideas.

Following this introduction you will find an illustration that you can use during the trimester. As a suggestion, you can enlarge the illustration or you can draw your own illustration. Use the example to draw your own ark on pieces of big paper and put together. So that the children can see each week how the drawing of the animals have come together inside the ark. In the lessons you will find illustrations of some of the animals which you can make copies of or you can draw them for this activity.

Each week you will be making a model display out of modeling clay or play doh. Use a small plastic bin or a plastic container that can get wet. It's important to find a place in the room to store every week because the children will put various figures made of play doh or modeling clay in the container. At the end, when the time comes to talk about the flood they should fill the plastic container with water and the ark that they've built should float to show what happened in the story. It's an activity that will get their attention and will also provide a way for each student to participate during the trimester.

Obedience to God is an important theme for children this age. We need to help them learn above all things that God loves us, created us and gives us all things. We show our love by obeying God. In order for children to understand the importance of obeying God, it's important for you to be a living example of someone who is obedient to God.

It's possible that you may have children in your class that have not taken the step to receive the gift of salvation that is given through Jesus Christ. The themes that you will talk about will give them the opportunity to think about their own lives, the need for salvation and how God has provided salvation for us in Jesus Christ. Remember that you don't have to use big words or concepts to communicate this gift that we've been given. Children will understand better when you speak clear and simple.

It is important to prepare for this trimester by spending time alone with God to study his word and pray. Prepare your heart to understand God's plan for your life as well as for the children in your class. God has given you this important responsibility, but remember that we are guided by the Holy Spirit. It takes patience and lots of love to teach this age group of children. Remember, that it is God who will work in your life and the lives of the children.

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ILLUSTRATION FOR THE TRIMESTER

