

LESSONS FOR JUNE

UNDER CONSTRUCTION

BLUEPRINTS

HEAR THE STORY

You can either go to the link that was emailed to you to listen to a video that introduces this month's theme and read our scripture. Or, read from your favorite Bible, Genesis 6:9-22. Another option is to read the story below if you desire.

God told Noah to build a huge ark. Much has been written about Noah's boat; first let's look at what the Bible tells us. God told Noah to build the ark 300 cubits long, 50 cubits wide and 30 cubits high. A cubit was a unit of measure – the distance from a person's elbow to the tip of the middle finger, which is approximately 18 inches. This makes the ark 450 feet long (about one and a half American football fields), 75 feet wide (equivalent to seven parking spaces), and 45 feet tall (a four-story building). Noah was to build three decks and to put rooms in it and to cover it with pitch inside and out (Genesis 6:14-17).

There have been many theories about what the ark could have looked like. The word "ark" means a box or chest, and not strictly a boat. It could have looked more like a rectangular box; after all, they didn't need to steer it, it just needed to float. It is interesting to note that this boat was built according to the standards used by modern ship builders: a size six times longer than it is wide. The remnants of Noah's ark have been searched for over the years. Eyewitnesses claim to have seen a boat-like structure sticking out of the ice on Mount Ararat. There is, however, no hard data to back up these claims.

The Bible doesn't talk about Noah's neighbors' response to his boat – but we can imagine that they mocked him. This is an example of real faith – building a boat on dry ground especially while being harassed! It is unclear when God told Noah that he planned to destroy the earth. Perhaps Noah had finished building the ark when God told him this. That would surely be an example of blind faith! Regardless of when he knew, Noah was obedient to God: "Noah did everything just as God commanded him" (Genesis 6:22).

There are no words recorded that Noah spoke! But Noah obviously decided to obey and trust God with the "blueprints" he was given.



SAFETY FIRST!

Every Construction worker needs their own hard hat to be safe. Decorate your hard hat anyway you want with materials you have around your house.

Time to Discuss

Together discuss the following questions:

- What made Noah different from other people?
- What did God tell Noah to do?
- What specific instructions did God give Noah?
- What specific instructions has God given us?
- Why do we need to read the Bible daily?
- How can the Bible give us instructions for our lives?
- What can you do today to be more like Noah?

LET'S MEET!

Join me for a Zoom group gathering. During our Zoom meeting we will have a discussion, play a game and do an activity together.

If you are unable to attend the meeting it will be recorded and emailed after.

BIBLE VERSE:

"If the Lord doesn't build a house, the work of the builders is useless."

Psalms 127:1a

HANGING OUT

Make this month's lesson real: If you have a project this week that includes specific instructions - like making a recipe or building a new piece of furniture - let the kids help. Ask them what things might have gone wrong if you had not followed the instructions.

EXPLORE SOME MORE!

- How big of an ark can you build using materials at home? Try using boxes, blankets, sheets, or pillows. Get creative and HAVE FUN! Don't forget to bring two of every animal.
- If you had to create a list for Noah with all the different animals, mammals and birds he would need to take, how many can you come up with?



CREATIVE IN THE KITCHEN

Materials Needed:

- *Pretzels (stick)
- *Frosting
- *Animal Crackers
- *Pound Cake
- *Twinkies
- *Plate



Together create an edible Noah's Ark! Place the twinkie on top of the pound cake and cover them in icing. Then take the pretzels and place them all around the 'Ark' to create a ship look. Take the frosting and smear it all in front of the ark so that the animal crackers will stand up in it. Place the animals in the icing. Finally enjoy your delicious and creative Noah's Ark!

LETS GET CREATIVE!

Create your own blueprint! God gave Noah a blueprint in Genesis 6:14-16. Using this scripture and the blueprint paper in your "work bag" draw what you think God was describing to Noah to build. When you are done take a picture and send to me.

If you prefer you can draw or create anything on your blueprint paper.

SCIENCE FUN

Find building materials around the house. Using a bucket or tub see which items will sink or float. Don't forget to make a hypothesis (guess) before putting them in the water.

Using your modeling clay in your "work bag" create a boat. When you're done see if it floats. See how many pennies you can add before it sinks.

To go further: Make a boat out of other items (tin foil, paper, etc.) . Can that boat hold more or less pennies?

PLAY TOGETHER.....FOREMAN SAYS

This game is played like Simon Says except the Foreman will replace Simon.

The Foreman must say "Foreman says..." for the others to perform the action. If they perform the action and the foreman doesn't say, that person is out of the game. Suggested ideas the foreman could ask the participants to perform are: dig a hole, saw some wood, hammer a nail, look at the blueprint.

