

Noah Builds a Boat

Genesis 6; Patriarchs and Prophets, pp. 90-96

Lesson
6



When your parents ask you to do something, do you do it without asking why? Do you do it because you love them? Noah was asked by God to build a huge boat. He could have said no. What do you think he did?

Noah believed in God at a time when godly men were hard to find. The earth was still young. Only ten generations had passed since the creation of the world. But people had become so wicked that God decided He should start over. Just one family of righteous people was left on earth. Through that family God would save the human race and all the creatures He had created. That family included Noah, his wife, and his three sons.

God told Noah His plan to destroy the earth with a flood. He also told Noah to build a boat. The boat was to carry Noah, his family, and each kind of animal safely through the flood. The boat Noah was to build was no ordinary boat. It was huge! It was as long as one-and-a-half football (soccer) fields! It was taller than a four-story building! God gave Noah instructions to be followed very carefully, and Noah set to work.

Building a boat so big was such a huge job! It must have become the family business very quickly. In fact, the idea for the Noah Construction Company had been in the family for quite a while.

Noah's great-grandfather, Enoch, had been a righteous man. God took him to heaven so he wouldn't die. God had told Enoch of his plan to destroy the earth with a flood.

Enoch had passed on the family heritage of godliness. He also gave the warning of a coming flood to his son, Methusaleh. Methusaleh, in turn, passed it on to his sons and to his grandson, Noah.



The Message

People in God's family want to do His will.

Memory Verse

“Teach me to do your will, for you are my God”

(Psalm 143:10, NIV).

And then Noah had three sons of his own—Shem, Ham, and Japheth. So one righteous family, a small group of godly people, was still left on the earth. And they helped Noah build the big boat. That big boat would save the human race and all the different creatures God had created. What an awesome responsibility!

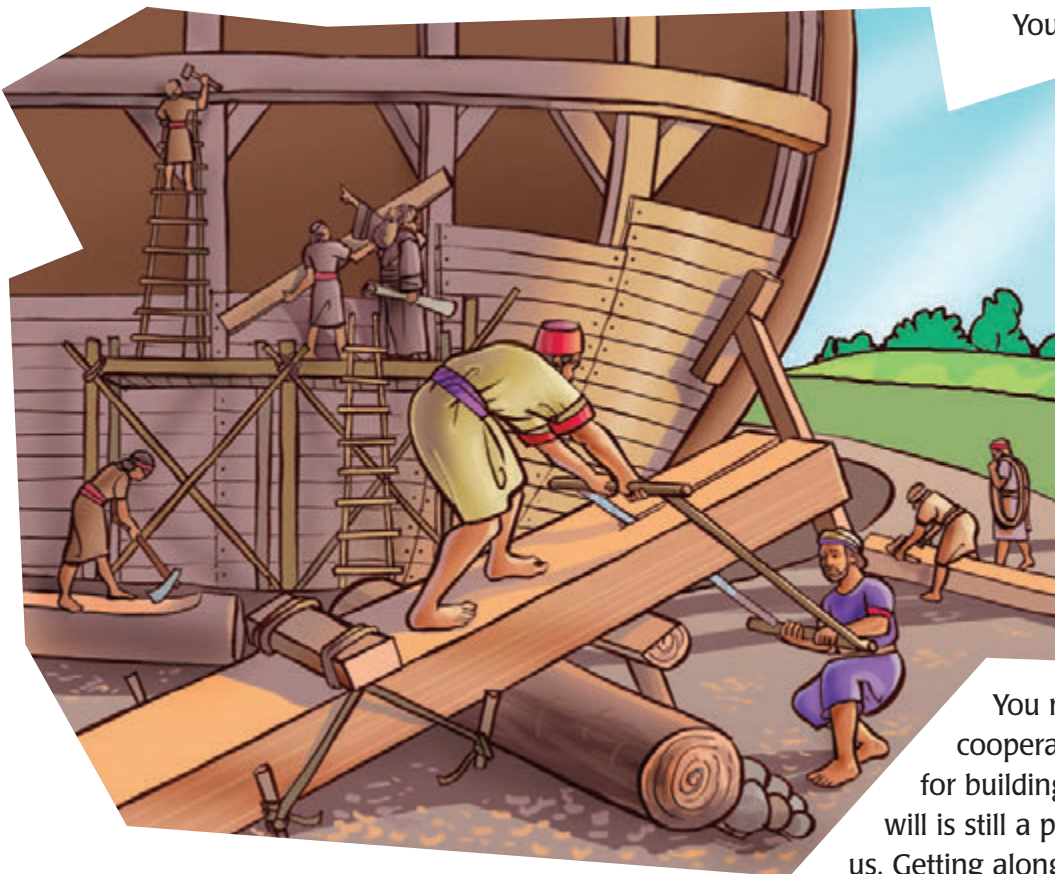
Noah and his sons, his uncles and his grandfather were all human. In 120 years of working together they probably had some

God's will. Before the boat was finished, God took Enoch to live in heaven. And Noah's other relatives died. Only Noah and his family were left.

You will never be asked to build a huge boat. You will never be asked to help save the world from another flood. But God still wants His people to do what He asks. He still wants His people to work together to fulfill His wishes. He may ask you to do another job that requires just as much teamwork.

You may need just as much cooperation as was needed for building the ark. Doing God's will is still a part of God's plan for us. Getting along with others is still a part of God's plan too. Listening and working for God was important for the Noah Construction Company. And it's important for us today.

disagreements. But they had an important goal. They had a huge project to finish. They had to work together to follow God's plan. They had to put aside their differences in order to do





S A B B A T H

SHARE If possible, find a quiet outdoor setting and share the Bible story with your family.

DO Talk about the memory verse and teach it to your family. Ask: How do we know God's will for our family?

PRAY Ask God to help you know His will.

S U N D A Y

READ Read and discuss Genesis 6:1-8 for family worship. Describe people who lived before the Flood. What did God think when He saw how wicked the people had become? What did God think of Noah?

SHARE Share the tool cut-out you made in Sabbath School with someone this week. Tell them about Noah's boat. (If you didn't make a tool, draw a picture of one and write your memory verse on it.)

PRAY Pray for that person today.

M O N D A Y

READ Read and discuss Genesis 6:9-22 during worship. What kind of person was Noah? What were Noah's sons' names? What kind of wood was the ark made of? Where was the door?

ASK Ask an adult about a time they felt God was asking them to do something they didn't quite understand. Or about a time they felt strongly led to do what God wanted them to do.

PRAY Thank God for His leading in your family.

T U E S D A Y

DO Name some of the tasks that Noah and his helpers had to do when building the ark. Find out how lumber is made today. How did Noah and his sons do it?

DO Look for ways God is leading you to do what He wants you to do this week. Make a list (such as washing dishes for your mom; cleaning your room without being asked; helping a new student at school). Which will you do today?

PRAY Ask God to help you know what He wants you to do.

W E D N E S D A Y

DRAW The ark had three stories—first floor, second floor, third floor (Genesis 6:16). How do you think Noah's family got from the ground floor to the third floor? Draw a picture of the inside of the ark.

DO Act out or describe the different responses people had when Noah asked them for help.

PRAY Thank God for people who help you.

Noah was happy when God first promised to save his children in the ark because he was 480 years old and didn't have children yet!*



*See *The SDA Bible Commentary*, Vol. 1, pp. 247, 248.



T H U R S D A Y

SING During worship with your family, sing “I Want to Be” (*Sing for Joy*, No. 124) or “Teach Me, Lord” (*Sing for Joy*, No. 110).

MAKE Ask your family to help you build an ark. Use newspaper, wooden sticks, modeling clay, a box—things you find at home.

DO Imagine that you are in the ark with Noah. Write or draw about your day in the ark.

PRAY Thank God for your family.



F R I D A Y

DO With someone in your family, act out building the ark charade-style. Have the others guess what you are doing.

ASK Ask: What do you think God’s will is for our family?

DO Show your model of the ark and share about a day on the ark with Noah.

PRAY Ask God to help you be willing to do what He wants you to do every day.

Noah Builds A Boat

PUZZLE

Directions: Each item has a letter and is linked to one or more lines. Write the letter on the lines to find out our prayer to God that is found in this week’s memory verse.

