

THE THREAD | BEGINNINGS

Lesson 4: The Faith Of Noah And God's Hatred Of Sin

Dear Parents,

Hello again! We are already on the fourth of 13 lessons looking at *Beginnings* as part of teaching students the big-picture story of the Bible through our study called *The Thread*. This lesson was entitled “The Faith of Noah and God’s Hatred of Sin.” It was a really wonderful time learning about Noah and God’s covenant promises. In God’s covenant with Noah, we see a measure of grace and forgiveness. After all, God allowed humankind a second chance even though He certainly knew that we would be a sinful people. This is a foreshadowing of the perfect covenant that Christ would usher in—a covenant that once and for all provided perfect forgiveness of our sins.

Lesson Overview: Your teenager has probably heard the story of Noah more than just a few times. Yet, how often do they take the time to stop and dwell on how Noah’s life foreshadowed a new covenant? While they take a look at the overview of the story, we will be helping them understand how all of this connects to Christ. Through Noah’s line would come a man named Abraham, a King named David, and then the Messiah, Jesus. Long after Noah, we look at a rainbow and remember that God would never wipe out His people for their sin but instead would make a way to wipe out sin and restore our relationship with Him.

What We Want Your Teenager To Learn: Understand how God chose to deal with a world consumed with sin, how His grace shines through in the end, and how God’s covenant with Noah foreshadowed a more perfect covenant of eternal grace and forgiveness through Jesus’ sacrifice on the Cross.

What We Want Your Teenager To Do With What They’ve Learned: Consider what their emotional reaction is to the forgiveness Jesus offers them through the Cross.

Scripture Passages We Studied: Genesis 6:9-22; Genesis 7:11-24; Genesis 8:13-19; Genesis 9:8-17; Matthew 26:26-29
Please Take A Few Minutes This Week To Read These Passages.

NEXT STEPS...

During the next week, as you engage in conversations with your teenager, remember that one way that will help them to understand and apply what they have learned is to explain it to someone else. Use the following questions to guide your conversation:

- You talked a lot about what a covenant is this week. What was the difference between the covenant God made with Noah and the one that Jesus made with us?
- How does Jesus confirming His covenant with us through His sacrifice on the cross make you feel? (As a parent, share what it means for you to belong to the Lord.)
- How do we see Noah’s life changed through the covenant God made with Him? How would your life be changed if God did the same thing for you?

Thank you for all you do. As a parent, you are the primary spiritual influence in the life of your teenager, and they desperately need you. I’m praying for you! If you have any questions or if I can help with anything, please don’t hesitate to let me know.