



Session 1

Noah

week starting February 2

Many familiar “classic” Bible stories are sanitized and simplified for younger audiences—a choice that’s understandable but can strip these stories of their depth. As a result, these “PG” versions can seem like clean, fairytale-like narratives. What if these stories were meant to convey more? We’ll examine five well-known Bible stories, uncover their richer meanings, and live out a deeper faith.

Leaders, feel free to choose the questions that best fit your group. No pressure to answer every question!

OPENER

- What are your childhood memories of the Bible? Did you have a favorite Bible story? How was or wasn’t the Bible part of your life?
- Growing up, what was your experience of the “Noah and the Ark” story?

MESSAGE

- What stood out to you in the re-examination of Noah this week?
- What tension is present in the story? How do we understand that as Christians?
- If Scripture is one unified story that leads to Jesus (Tim Mackie, *The Bible Project*), how specifically does this story point to Jesus?

SCRIPTURE

- Read Genesis 1:1–2 and Genesis 7:17–19. What links these two passages? What connections do you see?
- What is significant about the covenant in Genesis 9:8–16? What can we learn about God’s character from it? (For more info on covenants, watch this video: [bibleproject.com/explore/video/covenants/](https://www.bibleproject.com/explore/video/covenants/))
- Read 1 Peter 3:18–22 and explain how the story of Noah connects to this passage. How does what Jesus has done inform how you view Noah’s story?

APPLICATION

- In what ways does this story influence your picture of God?
- How do you typically deal with the more difficult or uncomfortable parts of the Bible?
- What does this story tell us about how God views our own sin?

CLOSE

- Pray for each other.
- This week, reflect on your takeaways from the story of Noah. Read about the other covenants that God makes with humanity. As you do, what do you learn about God from each covenant? [bibleproject.com/articles/covenants-the-backbone-bible](https://www.bibleproject.com/articles/covenants-the-backbone-bible) (Abrahamic Covenant: Genesis 12,15, and 17; Mosaic Covenant: Deuteronomy 2; Davidic Covenant 2 Samuel:7; The New Covenant: Jeremiah 31:3–34, Matthew 26:2–29, Hebrews 7:22)