

This resource is designed to allow your family to have time in God's Word **BEFORE** your children attend church. Because God's plan is for **parents to be the primary spiritual nurturers** of their children's faith, *we want YOU to be the one to introduce* this part of The Big God Story to them.

HomeFront: A Spiritual Parenting Resource This monthly magazine gives your family ideas for creating fun, spiritually forming times in your home—setting aside sacred space in the midst of your active, everyday lives.

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GOD IS A COVENANT KEEPER, PART I

Noah

Genesis 6—9

Noah loves and obeys God. God uses Noah to build the ark, and Noah's family, along with many animals, take refuge in the ark to survive the worldwide flood.

JUST FOR FUN

Ask your children to build an ark or a boat. They can use boxes, chairs, tables, blankets, or sheets, etc. If it's big enough, go inside the structure and read **Genesis 7:1–19**. (Encourage your older kids to read part of the passage aloud.) When you reach the part where it rains for 40 days and nights, have your kids create a storm by clapping, stomping, or snapping until you say, "Stop!" Have them imagine what it might have been like to wait for the water to subside after the rain stopped.

REMEMBER VERSE

Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

Psalm 90:2

DID YOU KNOW?

- Many scientists and Bible scholars believe that prior to the flood, it had never rained on the earth.
- The Bible doesn't mention any steering devices inside the ark. Those on board needed to trust God completely to guide them.
- The first thing Noah did when he left the ark was worship God.
- The rainbow Noah saw was a visual reminder of God's promise to never again destroy all living things with a flood. We can remember God's promise when we see a rainbow in our sky today.

YOUNGER KIDS

Your younger child may be starting to read on his own. To encourage his reading abilities, allow him to read this portion of The Big God Story out of a children's Bible or storybook Bible. Help him pronounce any unfamiliar words.

OLDER KIDS

Your child may have heard the story of Noah several times and feel as though there's nothing new to learn. Encourage your child to listen closely as you read and find at least one thing in this part of The Big God Story that she's never noticed before.

TEACHABLE MOMENTS

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss the following together:

- **How did the animals get to the ark?**
- **How do you think Noah felt while watching water flood the earth?**
- **How does it feel to know you can always trust God to keep His promises?**

BLESSING

A blessing can be a spoken prayer of commission, a portion of Scripture, or words of encouragement and guidance over your child. For more information about blessing your child, see the Blessing section in **HomeFront: A Spiritual Parenting Resource** @ HomeFrontMag.com

A blessing to pray over your child:

(Child's name), **may you know and experience God as Covenant Keeper this week. May you see God's faithfulness in your life.**