

# WEEK 3

# GOD IS JUST GOD MAKES A WAY

PRIMARY LESSON GUIDE

## THE FOUR KEYS

### KEY VERSE

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
Romans 6:23

### KEY IDEAS

1. Sin leads to death.
2. God gives life.
3. God forgives our sin and gives us life when we believe in Him.

### KEY PASSAGE

Genesis 6-8

### KEY PRINCIPLES

 **EVERY CHILD SHOULD KNOW ...**

sin is rebellion against God and leads to death which separates us from Him forever.

 **EVERY CHILD SHOULD FEEL ...**

loved by the God who made a way for us to be rescued from sin and death through His Son Jesus who died for us.

 **EVERY CHILD SHOULD BE ABLE TO ...**

understand that God is merciful to forgive us.

 **EVERY CHILD SHOULD WANT ...**

to be forgiven of sin through Jesus and know the God who loves them.

# INTRODUCTION

God alone is Lord over everything that exists because He is the One who created all things. Everything God created He declared to be good, and every good thing that exists comes from God! All good things come from Him because goodness is a part of His nature. There is nothing God creates or gives that is not good. God gave us life, and He declared life to be good. God desires to give us life abundantly, and that means He must judge sin. Because sin is rebellion against God and leads to death and destruction, it must be punished. Because God punishes sin, we can know and trust that He is good and all His ways are just. God's law shows us what is good and what God desires. God's law reveals our sin and our need for Him to save us!

## OPENING ILLUSTRATION

Begin class by acting out the story of Noah's ark. Have the children pretend to be different animals of their own choosing. Lead the "animals" to the ark (use the treehouse as the ark). Have the children enter the ark while they pretend to be their animals, each different kind at a time. Once all animals are in the ark, read the story from the Jesus Storybook Bible and the notes below. Explain that all the animals got on the ark because God told them to. God was going to bring a great flood, and He gave Noah and all of the animals instructions for what to do. When the animals and Noah's family got on the ark, God kept them alive until the flood stopped and the waters went away. God makes a way for life to continue. He is the great giver of life!

## STORY

The story of God's rescue of Noah's family and all of His created animals is a shadow of Jesus saving His followers from God's final judgement of sin. This is a great opportunity to remind children of the great salvation promised in the Gospel to all who believe and follow Jesus.

Introduce the story by asking, "Have you ever done something wrong? (allow time for responses and answer, "Of course you have! We all have!") Then ask, "Have you ever done something right?" (allow for responses). Do you follow God and what God's Word tells you to do? Can you imagine if you and your family were the only ones on earth who followed God? That is exactly how the story of Noah begins.

Read and summarize Genesis 6-8 or use the Jesus Storybook Bible.

- Why do you think God decided to destroy the earth and all He had made?
- How do you think Noah must have felt when God said He would destroy the whole earth? God told him this would happen before God told him that he and his family would be spared!
- How did Noah respond to God's instructions?

## ACTIVITY

Using paper plates, crayons, construction paper, and yarn, help the kids create a rainbow craft as a reminder of God's promise and great love for us. Give each child one paper plate that is cut in half to create a half moon shape. Help the children color a rainbow on their plates. Next, tape a few strings of yarn to the back of the rainbow so they hang down vertically from the bottom of the plate. Cut out large raindrops from construction paper to tape to the opposite end of the yarn. (You might want to do this before class to save time). Help the children think of all the things God provides each day to keep us alive (air, water, food, clothing, etc.) Write these things on the raindrops.

## PRAYER

Thank God for making a way for sinners to be rescued. Thank Him that He loves us and sent Jesus to rescue us just like the ark rescued Noah from the flood. Ask God to help you understand more about His great love for us and how He can rescue us from our sin.

## SONG

You are Holy by Kids Worship Songs (Veggie Tales)

# FAMILY DEVOTIONAL

Romans 6:23, 1 John 1:9, John 3:16

## ACTIVITY

Using the maze activity sheet and coloring page in your take home packet, continue to discuss the story of Noah with your child. Use the discussion questions below to facilitate conversation and hang the rainbow craft your child made in class up in your home as a reminder throughout the week to thank God, as a family, for keeping His creation alive.

## DISCUSSION

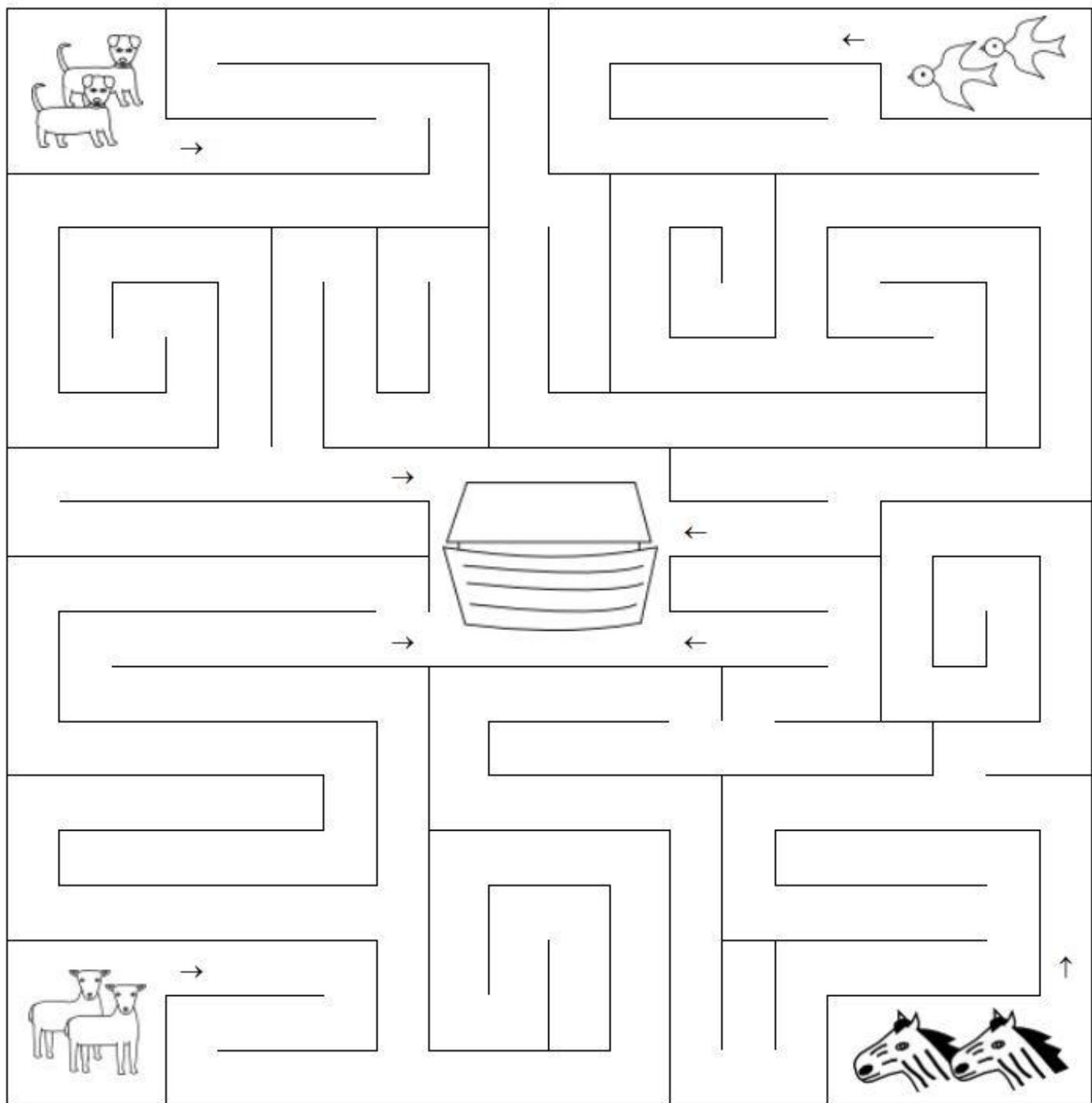
- Why does our sin have to be punished? Why did God bring the flood?  
Sin is disobedience to God who created us and knows what is best for us. God desires for us to have life but sin leads to death. God punishes sin because He loves us and wants to keep us from the things that cause us harm. Just like our parents punish disobedience, God punishes sin to discipline us and show us the way to life that pleases Him. God brought the flood because the world was so evil and lost in sin that they would not turn to Him, but God rescued Noah because Noah loved God. God knew that the world could be restored through Noah's faith and obedience to Him.
- Why did God choose to save Noah and his family?  
Noah was righteous and follow God. He did everything God commanded him to do, even though others made fun of him for it. So God used Noah to saved the world because He loved the world and wanted all humans to know Him and have life.
- What was God's promise to Noah after the flood?  
God promised Noah that He would never flood the earth again. The rainbow is a sign of that promise to us. God keeps all His promises, and every time we see a rainbow, we can be reminded of that!
- How should we respond to God when we sin against Him?  
We should understand that our sin causes death and that there are always consequences to it. Sin is not God's best for us and it only leads to shame and guilt. God doesn't want us to stay in shame and guilt, but He wants us to be restored to relationship with Him! When we repent of our sins, we are not only sorry for them, but we must actively turn away from them and turn toward the God who loves us. When we do this, God promises us that He will forgive and restore us. Jesus paid the penalty for our sin on the cross by dying in our place so that all we must do is believe and follow Him, leaving our sin behind.

## PRAYER

Thank God for making a way through Jesus for us to be forgiven of our sin just like He made a way through the ark for Noah and His family. Ask God to help you trust and obey His word and turn from your sin.

# Noah's Ark Maze

After Noah built the ark, God caused at least two of each kind of animal to go into the ark.  
Draw a line from each pair of animals to the ark.



God used the ark to take care of Noah's family and the animals. How does God take care of you?



God made a promise to Noah.