



LESSON 5 SKIT

Principle: God's judgment. We should obey, and receive God's grace and salvation.

Bible Character(s): Noah and his family

Scripture Reference: Genesis 6-8



PERSONAL PREPARATION: Before this weekend, read Genesis 6-8, the story of Noah and the Ark. The world was corrupt and the people were living in sinful rebellion. It grieved God's heart that His creation had become so evil. God gave the people 120 years to confess their sins, but the people chose not to turn from their sinful ways. God decided to destroy all of creation through a flood. However, a righteous man named Noah found favor with God. God gave Noah instructions to build an ark to save himself and his family, and some animals, from God's wrath and judgment. Noah was obedient, and God fulfilled His promises to wipe out the earth but to spare Noah and his family. In response to God's faithfulness to save himself and his family, Noah built an altar and worshiped God.

How does it make you feel that God decided to wipe out His creation through a flood? Do you think God had the right to do this? How does it help you understand God's character more? How does it help you understand who you are in relation to God?

Noah was asked to build something that had never been built before, designed by God's instructions, going on faith alone. If God asked you to do something that seemed impossible, would you be able to step out in faith and depend on God to help you through it? Would you obey every command of the Lord, even if it did not make sense? Would you trust in God to be faithful?



BIG GROUP TIME - 35-40 minutes

1) Run-through/Prayer

Run-through order of service (assigned parts, transitions, slides for music and skit, video if applicable, etc), assign door greeters, pray, mic check

2) Welcome Cabins

Band member says, "Welcome to Camp Grace!" before intro song

3) Intro Song

4) Camp Competition

Animal Drop

Have one camper from each cabin line up along the front. Place a jar in front of each camper. Give each camper a bag of animals. Explain that on the count of 3 they will have 30 seconds to drop as many animals (one at a time) into a jar holding it from their nose. The camper with the most animals in the jar wins the camp banner for the week.

5) Worship Set

Worship Connector

How many of you have heard of Noah and the ark before? What happened? (Allow response.) Did it seem like a happy event? Do you know why God brought the flood? (Allow responses.) God brought the flood because the people on the earth had become very evil. He was even sorry that He had made man. He was going to destroy everyone on earth, but there was one person who put his faith in God and obeyed Him. It was Noah. God chose to show compassion and grace to Noah, and that is why God told Noah to build the ark. We deserve to be punished for our sin, but God shows us grace through His Son Jesus, who paid the punishment for our sin by dying on the cross. God wants us to love Him and obey His commands. As we sing this last song, think about what it looks like to follow God.

6) Skit

Noah and a Patient God

ProPresenter:

None

Characters:

Staff Member #1: Surfer Dude

Staff Member #2: Noah dressed in Biblical clothes

Props:

2 camp chairs

Thunderstorm fx

Script:

The worship team makes an exit as the lifeguard comes on stage and takes a seat in one of the camp chairs.

Surfer Dude: **What's up, little dudes? Most of you will recognize me as your camp lifeguard. I will now begin to school you on the dos and the don'ts of Lake Swim-or-Drown. (Pause.) NOT! (Surfer laugh) Actually, little dudes, I'm going to take over big group today. Thought I'd dial you little dudes in on a little about my most favorite subject - water. Dude, I almost forgot the theme song! A one, a two, a**

one, two, three and... (to the tune of "Wayne's World" theme) **Water World! Water World! Water World!** (Do air guitar.)

I'm so stoked, man. This is so like having my own talk show. I've always wanted to interview someone really important. Do you shoobies think I've got what it takes to be a talk show guy? (Allow response from campers.) For real? Oh, thanks little dudes!

So, anyway, time to teach you shoobies a thing or two about my most favorite subject – water. Today, on "Water World," I have a most excellent surprise. I've asked Noah to join us in the crib. This is THE Noah, ya know, Noah from the Bible! Give it up for Noah, little dudes. He's the ultimate master water expert.

(Noah makes an entrance and sits on stage. Surfer Dude rises and applauds him.)

Surfer Dude: Shaaa, I forgot the theme song! How can I let this excellent guest come in without theme music? Noah, dude, could you just walk over there and perpetrate like you haven't come on stage, yet? I dissed you with the absence of theme music, man.

Noah: Well, I suppose that would be okay. Just, wait, over there? (Noah walks off stage and waits)

Surfer Dude: Yah, dude. You're most excellent to do this, dude. Thanks. And a one, a two, and a one, two, three, and... "Water World! Water World! Water World!" (Playing air guitar again.)

(Noah hesitantly walks back on stage. The lifeguard rises and applauds once more.)

Surfer Dude: So, Noah, excellent to have you with us, today.

Noah: Thank you, young man. I am happy to be here.

Surfer Dude: We're all, like, familiar with your story. You built a great big boat and put lots of animals in it and sailed around for a while until it stopped raining. So sweet, dude, how you saved the animals and all. Excellent story. Hey dude, I had a Noah's Ark bedroom as a little dude. Maybe it was gazing at your boat on the water as a kid that made me love water so much as a big dude. So, like, you were my inspiration, dude. Up top, brah. (Surfer Dude raises his hand for a high-five. Noah hesitantly slaps his hand.)

Noah: I have to tell you, I am quite disappointed. I am very happy to hear that even after all these years you are familiar with my story. But, maybe you are a bit confused about my story.

Surfer Dude: (Confused.) Huh?

Noah: What I am trying to say is that my story is not a sweet story about me saving some animals. It is actually a story of evil, great human suffering, obedience and judgment.

Surfer Dude: Whoa! That sounds heavy. So, dude, let's get our facts straight. Didn't God pick you to build the boat because you were the only perfect guy and...?

Noah: Let me stop you right there. I wasn't perfect. Only God is perfect. The world was very corrupt. Everyone was doing his or her own thing and not listening to God. I was just a man who tried to listen to God. I made many mistakes. I sinned. What made me different is that I listened to God and tried to do what He wanted.

Surfer Dude: That's righteous dude! (Laughs) Shoobies, I just totally made a funny. Noah *was* a righteous dude and I just said, "Righteous dude." Did you get it? (Laugh)

Noah: Some translations of the Bible call me a righteous man, or dude, if you will. I simply loved God and wanted to do what He wanted me to do. So, when He told me to build the ark, I went right to work on it.

Surfer Dude: Not sure why you would make your abode in a place without water, but dude, I heard there was not even a body of water where you lived.

Noah: You're absolutely right. There was no body of water close by. There wasn't even rain as you know it today. There was only a mist that came up from the ground to give water to the plants. There had never been an ark before, either. I had to depend on God for every detail to know how to build the ark. I had to have faith in God.

Surfer Dude: Dude, you had to score some serious ribbing. I mean, how crazy you must have seemed to everyone who saw you building that huge ark, dude! Oh, dude, the pain of hearing everyone laugh at you had to be epic.

Noah: There may not be a joke you could come up with that I haven't already heard. Remember, I was working on that ark for 120 years.

Surfer Dude: DUDE! That's epic! Why so long?

Noah: God was giving everyone a chance to turn to Him. He is loving, merciful, and gracious. For 120 years, as the people made fun of my family and me I tried to tell them that God planned to destroy them. I tried to warn them to turn from their wicked ways.

Surfer Dude: I've got to ask you, what was it like when the storm came? I've been a surfer for years, dude, and I've seen some excellent storms. How awesome was a rain that destroyed everyone on earth?

Noah: I was 600 years old when the rain came. In 600 years, I had never seen anything like it. In fact, no one will ever see anything like that. We had all the animals that God wanted to save on the ark. We had the food stored on the ark. My family boarded the ark just as the rain began to fall. God shut the door. It seemed that great caverns beneath the earth's surface erupted. (Thunder sound FX) Like earthquakes happening all around us. The giant ark I had spent 120 years building was tossed like a tiny sailboat along giant waves: waves that were taller than the tallest mountains. The cries of people screaming were all around us at first. Then, there was a stillness and quietness except for the sound of the pounding rain for 40 days and 40 nights.

Surfer Dude: Not at all the story I've heard in children's books, dude. I always pictured the ark cookin' fish sticks.

Noah: Cookin' fish sticks? I'm not familiar with that term.

Surfer Dude: Sorry, dude. Translation: cookin' fish sticks means floating along the water. And dude, I never thought about a violent storm tossing that ark around while people screamed when I was a little dude in my Noah's Ark bedroom. Not a happy picture you're painting, dude.

Noah: It wasn't a happy time at all. My family and I were very sad that people would not listen and turn to our loving and patient God. They loved their sin too much to listen to God. It was so hard for us to hear their screams when the flood began. He did as He promised and destroyed them all. He also did as He promised and kept my family and me safe inside the ark.

Surfer Dude: Dude, thank you for coming to give us the 4-I-I on your water experience. Dude, you taught us a lot about God's grace, mercy, and judgment. These little dudes are going back to their cabins now to talk more about your experience. It's all right in the Bible to read.

Noah: I am glad to share what God did in my life with you.

Surfer Dude: Hey little dudes! We're going to cut-out now and go mack with Noah in the cafeteria. Thanks for letting us hang with you in big group. We'll see you the next time your cabin swims at Lake Swim-Or-Drown. You're going to go back to your cabins now to learn more about Noah.

(Noah and Life Guard sing "Water World" while playing air guitar and air drums as they dismiss the cabins.)



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