

## The Big Story Lesson #2 The 2nd Adam

Remember to pick and choose what parts of this lesson will apply best for your family. This is designed as a resource that you can add to, subtract from, or modify.

**Activity #1:** Create an obstacle course through a hallway or room with chairs, pillows, random household objects. One person must try to navigate their way from one end of the course to the other blindfolded, without touching anything in their way. Have the rest of the family yell confusing or incorrect instructions all at once. See how far they get until they touch something. Then, try again with all the same elements (blind fold, obstacles, people yelling false instructions), except this time have one person right next to them telling them how to step and where to go. See if they make it any further.

### Debrief Questions:

- How was it the first time? Did you feel like you had a shot at making it through?
- What changed the 2nd time that made the task more possible?
- Can you think of a time in your life when things weren't going well, then you had someone (or God) step in and intervene?

We are going to call these "But Noah" moments, as you will soon find out in the reading. This is when everything is headed in a certain direction "But" something/someone happens which changes it for the better.

## Grab your Bibles

Genesis 6-9

**Read:** Genesis 6:5-8

What happened to the earth between this story and the last (what were the effects of sin)?

The entire story of earth could've ended in verse 8. God decides the earth is too wicked, wipes it out, and starts over...BUT.....

**Read** 6:8-9

"But Noah"

Why was Noah different than everyone around him?

**Read** (or summarize) 6:13-14, 17-18, 22

Obey- *Asah* (pronounced *aw-saw*) - to do

6:22 literally says that Noah "did everything just as God commanded him"- there truly is no better definition of obedience

### THE JESUS CONNECTION

When the entire world was perfect around him, Adam chose the one wrong thing. However, when the entire world was wicked around him, Noah chose the one right thing and through him all of humanity was saved. In the same way, Jesus is a similar and better Noah because he entered into a world full of wickedness and sin. But, because he chose the right thing- he was righteous and faithful to God, he also was able to save all of humanity, but on an even greater scale, through his death on the cross.

"FOR IN THE GOSPEL THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD IS REVEALED- A RIGHTEOUSNESS THAT IS BY FAITH FROM FIRST TO LAST, JUST AS IT IS WRITTEN: "THE RIGHTEOUS WILL LIVE BY FAITH"-- ROMANS 1:17

"FOR ALL HAVE SINNED AND FALL SHORT OF THE GLORY OF GOD, AND ALL ARE JUSTIFIED FREELY BY HIS GRACE THROUGH THE REDEMPTION THAT CAME BY CHRIST JESUS" ROMANS 3:23-24

Now if I'm being honest, the moment I hear the word obedience, my first reaction is to do the opposite. It is truly my selfish, independent self, but why do you think so many of us have a hard time obeying?

What are the benefits of obeying God? (Make a pros and cons list if you'd like...and be honest)

What are the downsides of obeying God?

Which one requires more faith?

**Read** 7:24-8:5, 8:15-22

### God's Promise:

God promises that he will never again \_\_\_\_\_ all living creatures. As long as the earth endures \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will \_\_\_\_\_ cease.

This covenant to keep the natural order of things constant on earth gives us more information into God's bigger story and plan that he started after Adam and Eve sinned. He says here that he will not destroy the earth and start over, instead he will work something from within in order to restore it.

**THE JESUS CONNECTION**

God's covenant sign of the rainbow reminds him and us that he will never destroy the earth again. Knowing that his intention is to heal and restore the earth instead, gives us a glimpse of what he might have in mind when Jesus comes into the picture...

Covenant signs God gives throughout the Bible:  
The Sabbath- Reminder of Creation  
The rainbow- Reminder of a renewed humanity  
Circumcision- the beginning of the Hebrew Nation and a joining of God's community

### Big Questions

Noah is often called the 2nd Adam. Compare Genesis 1:28-30 with Genesis 9:1,3. What similarities do you notice between the two?

If Noah was a similar, but a better Adam, how was Jesus a similar but better Noah?

How does God's promise to never destroy earth, but rather to heal it from now on, connect to the bigger story in the Bible? And to Jesus?

What's one area in your life right now where you need to obey God and do what he says?