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The Outline to Noah and The Ark CD

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IMPORTANT: Before teaching with this CD, check to make sure the VIDEOS work in the Bible Time Theater section of the program. If the curtain just opens and closes without playing the video, you need to open the CD's files, go into the QT211 folder and double-click on the Quicktime Installation program (often abbreviated QT32.exe). Follow the prompts. The videos require this program to be installed from the CD. If you get a "3mb Virtual Memory" or "xobglu16.dll" error message, see our solution for Noah CD at www.sundaysoftware.com/support

Read our General Teaching Tips for the Interactive Kids Series of CD. They have many lesson plan suggestions. www.sundaysoftware.com/lifeof

Theological Notes: We have noted several spots in CD that bear closer scrutiny and discussion. Many will be particularly uncomfortable with the idea of God killing people. Regardless of your theology, this is an important issue to discuss with your children. The historical or factual nature of this story --according to your church's beliefs --should also be discussed with your students. Resist the temptation to gloss over these difficult issues, even with younger children. Hundreds of cultures around the world have flood stories. Some are similar to Noah's, many are not. Scholars believe the existence of so many flood stories is the result of the fossil sea creatures found on the tops of hills and mountains everywhere around the world.

For those who will not be interpreting the story of Noah literally to their students you will want to discuss the problem (in their minds) of how a story can be non-historical but true. Be aware that doubting teenagers and adults often use the Noah story as an example of how the church creates "myths" and ignores scientific fact. Speak with your pastor or church educator about the best way to teach the story in your church's tradition of understanding.

What is the story of Noah about? It's about the obedience of Noah, and God's answer to evil. God wipes out the evil people, then promises never to do it again. It's an answer to the question "why is there evil in the world." The answer is "Covenant" ...and patience. If you decide to focus on the "Covenant" aspect of the Noah story, it is recommended that you define the word "Covenant" for all ages of students ("binding promise") and come up with an activity that hammers it home.

The Kids Application Bible study notes found throughout the Discover the Bible scripture readings contain a number of interesting discussion starters which could be the basis for other complete lessons. The subject of each of these notes is listed in this outline. Because of the familiarity of the Noah story, you might choose to use this CD as a refresher and then jump into one of the tangential subjects in the study notes.

****In the Hall of Fame section**, the Life of Noah has three pages of pictures with narration which walk students in order through the events of the Noah story. This could be an excellent supplement, enhancement or replacement for the Great Flood or Discover the Bible.

Printing Art Center Pictures...The ART CENTER pictures and other graphics from the program cannot be printed by the program itself. However, in Windows you can press the Print Screen button on the keyboard and this will save it to the Windows clipboard. Open up a wordprocessor program or Wordpad (which comes with Window) and select PASTE from the edit button, then...print out the page.

Outline of the Noah and the Ark CD

Main Story: The Great Flood

Animated Read-Aloud Story. This is a rather abbreviated telling of the story and somewhat "sanitized." Older children would greatly benefit from comparing the Great Flood story with the actual scripture in the Discover the Bible section or their own Bibles. Limit the amount of screen clicking in order to stay focused on the story.

Discover the Bible

Genesis 6-9, and Hebrews 11. Particularly good notes noted with **

Genesis 6-7

I Wonder: Why did god flood the earth? (Here's a difficult question and answer!!)**

I Wonder: Does God see everything we do? Verse: "...yet God will show compassion according to his lovingkindness...." Lamentations 3:32** (Compare and Contrast these two I Wonder statements)



Memory Verse: "...the eyes of the Lord...looking for people whose hearts are perfect..."**

2 Chronicles 16:9 (Discuss: the concept of "perfection" is more akin to "wholeness.")

Genesis 8

I Wonder: Why doesn't God kill all evil people? "I have no pleasure in death of the wicked...." Ezekiel 33:11

Amazing Facts: Some people say that God allowed people to live longer so they could populate the earth back then. (How does your tradition interpret this?)

Hebrews 11

Memory Verse: "...by faith Noah built the ark... .. He obeyed God."

Hall of Fame (short narrated illustrated tidbits)

People Noah Knew:

- Lamech (his father, Noah means "relief")
- Shem, Ham, Japheth (Noah's three sons)
- Canaan (Noah's grandson)

Life of Noah:***

There are 3 pages here of narrated pictures. Click on the hand to change screens.

Each picture recounts a scene from the story of Noah. This section would make a good section to introduce the whole story. While not as fun as the Great Flood interactive section, it contains some additional content.

Bible Time Theatre (3 video clips)

Rain Comes — Noah Builds the Ark — God sends the Rainbow

Bible Memory (in the games section) --our General Tips for this series have a number of good thoughts about making use of this section. Don't dismiss it just because it isn't in the translation of your choice. Ask questions such as "What does the verse mean?"

- Genesis 9:16 "...when I see the rainbow I will remember...."
 - Joshua 1:5 "I will not ...abandon you."
 - Psalm 46:1 "God is our refuge and strength..."
 - James 4:8 "Draw close to God and he will"
 - Psalm 119:50 "Your promise revives me...comforts..."
 - Proverbs 16:3 "Commit your work to the Lord..."
 - Isaiah 41:10 "Don't be afraid, I am with you...."
 - Isaiah 43:2 "When you go through deep waters and troubles I will be with you..."
 - Jeremiah 29:11 "I know the plans I have for you..."
 - Matthew 18:20 "Where 2 or 3 are gathered...."
 - Matthew 28:20 "I am with you always even til the...."
 - Acts 16:31 Believe...and be saved."
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