



Lesson 7

The Righteous Are Saved

Intermediate Small Group Lesson

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| <p>Bible Story</p> <p>The Great Flood</p> <p><i>Genesis 6-9</i></p> | <p>Materials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Name tags• Snacks• How Are You Feeling? emoji chart• A bowl filled with water• Washable colored markers• Coffee filters, one per student |
| <p>Bible Verse</p> <p>“For God chose to save us through our Lord Jesus Christ, not to pour out his anger on us.”</p> <p><i>1 Thessalonians 5:9, New Living Translation</i></p> | |
| <p>Key Teaching Point</p> <p>Receive salvation.</p> | |

Small Group Session 1

(15 Minutes)

Distribute name tags and snacks. Choose one of the following icebreaker activities to do together while students eat their snack:

Icebreaker Options (Choose one):

- Ask children to share their highs and lows (the best and worst things that happened to them either today or from the past week).
- Let children take turns sharing how they're feeling today using the "How Are You Feeling?" emoji chart (from the CKC Games Bag).
- As the children are eating their snacks, ask, "**Have you ever done something wrong? Have you ever done something right? What happened as a result of your actions?**"

Pray Together

[Collect prayer requests from the children](#). The leader or a student can pray for the entire group or a leader can pair up students and invite them to pray for one another.

Small Group Game: Simon Says

Explain that the goal of this game is to do what Simon says. The leader will give commands and the students must follow the commands, but only if the leader says "Simon says . . ." For example, if the leader says, "Simon says hop up and down three times," all the players should hop up and down three times. If the leader doesn't start with "Simon says" and a student follows the command, they must sit down. Play continues until one player remains standing.

Small Group Session 2

(35 Minutes)

Life Application Activity

How did Noah receive God's rescue and protection? How can we receive God's rescue and protection?

Take student responses.

As you can see from this story, God punishes sin. God is holy, which means he is without sin, and so he cannot tolerate any sin in his creation. So because the people he created were disobeying him and living in sin, God destroyed them. But God also shows us his grace: he saved one man and his family!

When God put the rainbow in the sky, he promised Noah that he would

never destroy the earth with a flood again. He was also pointing us to an even bigger promise that he would make a plan to save human beings from the punishment of their sin. Even though we deserve to die because of our sin, God's grace and mercy made a way for us to be saved from the punishment of our sin like Noah and his family were saved from the flood.

Receive the Gift!

Service: Admitting when we haven't believed God or honored the gift he's given us in Jesus.

Set a bowl of water in the middle of the small group. Give each child a coffee filter and a washable colored marker.

In today's story, what was the condition of the hearts of the people?

Take student responses.

They did not acknowledge, honor or love God in their hearts.

Invite children to draw the shape of a heart in the middle of their coffee filter with a washable marker. They may write "Dishonor", "Unloving," "Did not know God," or any other words that come to mind to describe a heart of sin.

What were some of the things the people were doing that expressed that their heart was full of sin?

Invite children to write down things they have done that do not bring honor to God on the outside of the heart but still on the coffee filter.

Hold up a completed coffee filter. **What do we do with this?**

God has created an ark for us, and he has called us on board. This is not an ark made of wood or tar, that sails on a sea, and holds two of each kind of animal. God has called us to follow and believe in his plan of salvation that he has laid out in his son Jesus, that is the only way we can be saved from our sin!

Take the bowl of water and allow students to submerge their coffee filters to see their sin washed away.

Bible Verse Game

Review the Bible verse with a [Bible verse game](#).

"For God chose to save us through our Lord Jesus Christ, not to pour out his

anger on us.” *1 Thessalonians 5:9, New Living Translation*

Reflection

Give each child their reflection journal. Invite them to reflect on the following questions and to record their answers in their journal. They may also draw their responses if they wish:

1. What gift can I receive from God?
2. How can this gift impact my life?