

Lesson 8: SAFE INSIDE THE ARK

Genesis 7:1-24, 2 Peter 3:6, and Noah's Ark and the Lost World by Joh Morris

Noah and this family entered the ark, along with all the animals that the Lord had specified. Then God shut the door, and no one could open the door. No one inside the ark could open the door to let anyone in, and no one outside the ark could open the door to get in. It was too late to have a change of heart. Those who had rejected God's call for repentance were lost forever. How sad it must have made Noah and his family to know that their friends and neighbors had rejected God, and that there was no hope for them. God too was sad, for the Bible says, that God is not willing that any should perish, but that all should be saved.

Then the rain began. The heavens opened up and the water came down. No one today has ever seen it rain like it did when God sent the Flood. The Bible says, "On that day all the fountains of the deep were broken up and windows of heaven were opened." This means that all water below the earth and all the water above the earth rushed to cover the earth. There were countless earthquakes, stronger than any that happen today.

The earth split open everywhere. Buildings collapsed. Geysers of water, lava, and streams shot up from the cracks in the earth. Huge walls of rushing water pounded the earth and swept away all that was left of the great cities. There was no place to hide from all the destruction, it was too late to get into the safety of the ark. All the people and animals left outside were drowned.

Even inside the ark the noise must have been frightening. The water started to lift and the ark. It must have been tossed back and forth as huge waves crashed against it. Noah and his family probably felt like they were on a very scary roller coaster ride that would never end. We can be very thankful that we have never seen or been in such a terrible storm.

The Bible says that it rained for forty days and forty nights. There was so much water that the whole earth was covered. All the high hills and mountains were covered with water. There was no land anywhere to be seen when the rain finally stopped. Even after the rain stopped, the volcanic eruptions continued beneath the water. The earth was being destroyed. It would never again look the same as it had before the Flood.

Today the mountains that we see are made of many many layers of mud, now turned to rock, stacked on top of each other by the waters of the Flood. These layers were originally formed under water, as all the dirt and rocks got sorted and sifted during the Flood and settled out flat on the bottom of the Flood ocean. Today we can see the layers packed together with billions and billions of fossils of creatures which died during the Flood. Bodies of dead plants and animals that were sloshed around and sorted by the waves were buried in these layers, which later dried out and became hard rock.

When these layers (also called "strata") were still soft mud, they could bend like clay and pushed upward into huge mountains by earth movements during Noah's Flood. Many of the other tall mountains we see today were formed during the Flood, but because they were volcanoes they have grown even taller over the years, because of eruptions.

How wonderful it is to think of God's protection for his own Just as God protected Noah and his family at the time of the Flood, so he continues to protect all who are his. He promises that he will never leave us nor forsake us, and we know that God, who can not lie, will keep his promises

Learn:

The Lord is not slack concerning his promise,
As some men count slackness, but is long-suffering to us-ward,
not willing that any should perish,
But that all should come to repentance.
2 Peter 3:9

The word longsuffering means very patient. God is very patient with rebellious man. He is not slow to keep his promise of bringing judgment on those that hate him. He is just very patient, giving, each man, much time to repent and turn from this wicked ways. God wants all men everywhere to be saved. He doesn't want any to die in his sin.

Lesson #8 Craft: Safe Inside the Ark

Needed Supplies:

1 Sheet Black Construction Paper

Various Color Constructio Paper, Blue, Green, Grey, Brown, and Tan

Small piece of construction paper for ark.

Instructions:

1. On black constructio paper draw lighting and black clouds.
2. Paste layers of waves starting at 2/3 of the way up from the bottom mving to th e bottom edge.
Do not paste down top edges.
3. Cut out ark out of brown construction paper using pattern. Draw details of ark.
Do not paste down top edges.
4. Ark sits loose on waves to tell the story.





