

Two by Two

Noah and the flood
Genesis 6:5-9:17

Character Trait: Diligence

(Estimated Lesson Time: 90 minutes)

Objectives:

- Children will recall that God protected Noah and his family during the flood.
- Children will discuss why diligence is important.
- Children will explain that diligence is an important way to show honor to God.

Supplies:

- *Two by Two* loaded onto a tablet or phone in the *Bible App for Kids*
- Coloring supplies
- Paper
- A Bible

Welcome Activity:

(5 minutes)

Welcome the children. Explain that you would like to begin today a little differently by first reading the memory verse aloud from the Bible. Intentionally hold your Bible upside down and clearly struggle to find and read Genesis 6:8 aloud. Continue to struggle for a few minutes, making your frustration and carelessness obvious to the children. Then, call on a child to point out what you were doing incorrectly. Point out that books, including the Bible, are designed to be read right-side up. Holding your Bible right-side up, read Genesis 6:8 aloud.

SAY: Doing things the right way is important. Otherwise, things do not work out the way they were designed . Today, we will learn about a man named Noah. He followed God's instructions exactly.

Review:

(5 minutes)

Guide the children in a brief review of the previous lesson by asking the following questions:

- **What is sin?** *(Sin is anything we think, say or do that displeases God)*
- **Who tempted Adam and Eve in the garden?** *(Satan)*
- **What did Adam and Eve do when they felt shame?** *(They sewed leaves together to cover themselves. They hid from God.)*

Today's Bible Story:

(10-15 minutes)

Show *Two by Two* from the *Bible App for Kids* or share the story aloud:

- The earth filled up with people, but they sinned so much that God was sorry He had made them.
- He decided to send a flood to wash away everyone on earth.
- There was a man named Noah who wasn't like the others.
- Noah loved God and obeyed Him.
- God decided to spare Noah and his family from the flood.
- God warned Noah about the flood.

- He told him to build an enormous boat with a low roof, three decks, a window, and a door.
- In obedience, Noah built it.
- God told Noah to collect two of every kind of animal. One male. One female.
- Then Noah, his family, and the animals went into the boat.
- God shut the door.
- It rained for forty days and forty nights.
- Water fell from the sky and rose from the oceans and lakes.
- Even the tallest mountains disappeared beneath the flood.
- Meanwhile, Noah, his family, and all the animals were safe in the boat, floating on the flood waters.
- God had not forgotten about Noah, not even for a moment.
- God sent a wind to blow.
- The waters went down.
- The boat rested on Mount Ararat.
- Noah sent out a dove. When it didn't return, he knew it was safe.
- When the ground was dry, God told them to come out.
- He put a rainbow in the sky as a promise that He would never flood the whole earth again.



Discussion:

(15 minutes)

Encourage the children to think more about the story by asking the following questions:

- **How did God feel when He saw all the sin that filled the world?** *(God became sorry that He had made people.)*
- **Who did God protect from the flood?** *(Noah and his family)*
- **Why did God decide to spare Noah and his family?** *(God spared them because Noah loved and obeyed God.)*
- **What did God tell Noah to collect and take onto the boat?** *(Two of every kind of animal: one male and one female)*
- **How long did it rain?** *(It rained for forty days and forty nights.)*
- **How did Noah know when it was safe to come out of the ark?** *(Noah sent out a dove. When it did not return, Noah knew it was safe.)*
- **God promised to never flood the whole earth again. What did God put in the sky as a reminder of this promise?** *(A rainbow)*

SAY: Noah was not perfect. Noah was human and sinned, just like all of us. But Noah was different than the other people around him. He loved God and obeyed Him. Because of this, God decided to spare Noah and his family from the flood.

SAY: God made a way to carry them safely through the flood, and God has made a way to carry us to safety from our sins, through His Son, Jesus. Everyone faces challenges and suffering sometimes. But when we choose to follow and love Jesus, we can know that we are not alone. God is with us and will help us.



God's Bigger Story:

(5 minutes)

SAY: God gave Noah faith to love and obey Him. He made a way to protect Noah from the flood. We all sin and deserve punishment. But God protects those who trust and obey Him today through faith in Jesus.

Memory Verse:

(10 minutes)

But Noah *(hand to chin as if stroking a beard)*
found favor *(raise praying hands over head)*,
with the LORD *(point up)*.

Genesis 6:8 (NLT)

Activity:

(15 minutes)

Select one child to be the "caller." Have the remaining children sit in a circle. The caller taps the top of the other children's heads while saying, "Rain." This process continues until the caller taps someone and calls out, "Boat!" That child then stands up and chases the caller around the circle. If the child is able to touch or "tag" the caller, then the caller must sit in the middle of the circle *(until someone else is tagged to take his or her place)*. If the caller sits in the empty spot in the circle before being tagged, then he or she is "safe" and the other child becomes the next "caller." Allow the group to play as time permits.

Response Activity:

(10 minutes)

Give each child a piece of paper and provide a variety of different coloring supplies. Ask them to carefully fold their paper in half to create a card. Next, ask the children to draw *(or trace)* one of their hands on the front of the closed card and decorate it. Explain that this hand represents a reminder to be diligent in all we do. Then, ask the children to open up the card.

Point out how the fold in the middle divides the card into two sides, left and right. On the left side, ask the children to write about or draw pictures that show different ways they can be diligent in showing love and care towards their family and friends. On the right side, ask them to write about or draw pictures that show different ways they can be diligent in showing love and care towards others in their community. Invite the children to take the cards home as a personal reminder to show love and care towards everyone.

Character Trait: Diligence

(10 minutes)

SAY: Diligence is showing careful and consistent effort toward something. It is the opposite of careless, neglectful, and lazy. Noah showed diligence by following God's instructions exactly on how to build the boat.

Encourage the children to think more about diligence by asking the following:

- **Why is diligence important?** *(Diligence shows that we care about and take seriously the tasks that God has given us to do.)*
- **How can choosing to be diligent honor God?** *(When we work diligently, we are using all the talents, abilities and resources that God has given us to their greatest potential. Diligence is one way we can show our thankfulness to God.)*
- **How can diligence help you share God with others?** *(Our choices and actions communicate a lot to those around us. Our lives should reflect God's love and what is important to Him. When we are diligent in all we do, we show others that we are dependable, trustworthy and loyal. These are all things that God shows towards us.)*

Connect with Others:

(5 minutes)

SAY: Think about specific tasks or chores for which you are responsible. What kinds of jobs do you complete at home and/or school? *(Answers will vary.)* Are you doing your very best work? *(Answers will vary.)*

Challenge the children to show more diligence in fulfilling their personal responsibilities.

Closing:

(2 minutes)

SAY: Noah loved and obeyed God. God saw this and spared him (and his family) from the flood by providing instructions for Noah to follow. Noah was diligent. He carefully built the boat and followed through on everything God told him to do.

SAY: God sees us. God loves us. And He provides instructions for all of us, too, in His Word, the Bible. God is always diligent and never careless in His love for each of us.

Prayer:

(2 minutes)

SAY:

Dear God,
Thank You for Your diligence in loving us. Help us to show Your love to others and bring honor to You in the same careful, dependable and loyal way by proving to be diligent in all we do.
Amen.

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