

This resource is designed to allow your family to have time in God's Word **BEFORE** your children attend church. Because God's plan is for **parents to be the primary spiritual nurturers** of their children's faith, *we want YOU to be the one to introduce* this part of The Big God Story to them.

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GOD IS A COVENANT KEEPER, PART I

The Flood

Genesis 6—9

Noah loved and obeyed God. God used Noah to build the ark, saving humanity and animals from the great flood.

JUST FOR FUN

Read the biblical account of the flood to your children while they're in the bathtub. Allow them to bring a toy in the tub to represent Noah's ark. Consider adding something like a colander, a watering can, or a spray bottle to be the "rain." Read **Genesis 7:1–12**, allowing your children to act out parts of The Big God Story.

REMEMBER VERSE

*You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory
and honor and power, for you created all things.
Revelation 4:11a*

DID YOU KNOW?

- Many scientists and Bible scholars believe that prior to the flood, it had never rained on the earth.
- Scripture doesn't mention any kind of steering device on board the ark. Those on board needed to trust God completely.
- The first thing Noah did when he left the ark was to worship God.

DEVELOPMENT

Your child's attention span may make it difficult for him to sit through the three chapters of Scripture this part of The Big God Story spans. Consider retelling the story line rather than reading verbatim, or even breaking it up over multiple sittings.

TEACHABLE MOMENTS

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss the following together:

- **What did God ask Noah to do?**
- **How do you think Noah felt when God told him what He planned to do?**
- **How would you feel if God asked you to do something you didn't completely understand?**

BLESSING

A blessing can be a spoken prayer of commission, a portion of Scripture, or words of encouragement and guidance over your child. For more information about blessing your child, see the Blessing section in **HomeFront: A Spiritual Parenting Resource** @ HomeFrontMag.com.

A blessing to pray over your child:

(Child's name), **may you remember that God keeps His promises, no matter what. You can always trust Him!**