

"HOPE WITHIN THE ARK"

1. When and through whom has God moved that has surprised you the most? In what way has God moved through you that has surprised you or others?

2. What key characteristics of a person does God value the most that make them especially usable by Him?

3. Read James 4:8. What does it teach us about holiness and experiencing the presence of God? What is James' picture of an unrepentant person? What would it be like for Noah to live in a world filled with such people? How is our world like/unlike such a world?

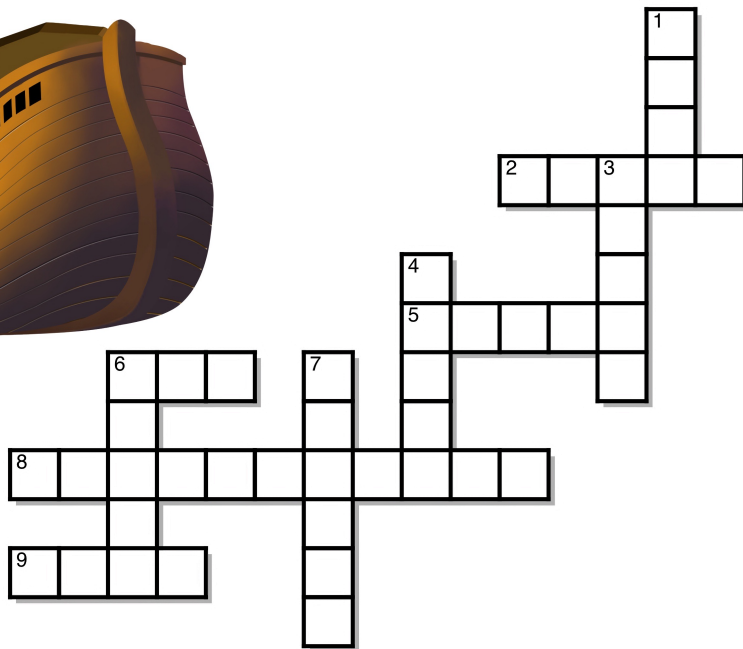
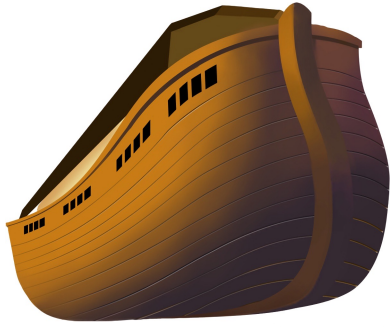
4. Why did God have Noah and his family board the ark a week ahead of time? What do you suppose they were doing during that time? How do you suppose they were feeling as they awaited the coming flood?

5. No other judgment in history has been as destructive or as widespread as the flood. Why do you think God has decided not to destroy the human race in such a way again, even though mankind is still evil? To what future and final solutions does God's mercy point? How is God's final judgment similar to this one?

6. What does it mean that *the Lord shut him in*? How does God still do the same for you and for me?

7. Why is it significant that the Hebrew actually shows God commanding Noah to "Come into the ark" rather than to "Go into the ark"? What does this imply about God's location in all of this? Where else in scripture is the invitation to "come"? What is significant about this invitation?

8. What is the role of "hope" in scripture? In what way is it the "connective tissue" between faith and love? How are your hope levels right now? How does Noah's hope bolster yours?

**Down**

1 After Noah and his family boarded the ark, it says "the Lord _____ him in."

3 The flood kept coming on the earth for _____ days.

4 How many days did Noah and his family wait on the ark before the rains came?

6 How many pairs of clean animals was Noah to take on the ark?

7 The animals that are saved are described as "creatures that have the _____ of life in them".

Across

2 "The waters flooded the earth for a hundred and _____ days."

5 How many people were on the ark?

6 Noah "was _____ hundred years old when the floodwaters came on the earth."

8 "on the _____ of the second month...all the springs of the great deep burst forth".

9 "They had with them every wild animal according to its _____."

WORD SEARCH:

Lord	Earth
Noah	Creature
Ark	Floodwaters
Family	Cleanse
Righteous	Purify
Pairs	Rain
Clean	Come
Animal	Go
Male	Floated
Female	Mountains
Days	Hope
Nights	

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