

## Noah - Awesome Bible Adventures

*The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. The Lord was sorry that He had made man on the earth, it grieved Him to His heart. So the Lord said, "I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, man and animals and creeping things and birds of the heavens, for I am sorry that I have made them." But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord. Genesis 6:5-8*

*And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come: I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth. Genesis 9:12*

During Noah's time the world had become a very wicked place. People had turned away from God and His word, choosing to follow their own way instead. God decided to wash the world clean with a flood.

Have you ever had a project that didn't turn out the way you wanted it to and decided to start over?

When God made the flood He protected Noah and his family because they loved Him. God gave Noah directions on how to build the ark and be safe from the flood.

God gives us directions how to live in the Bible. He wants us to trust in Him. Will you trust Him?

## Joshua

*Then Moses summoned Joshua and said to him in the sight of all Israel, "Be strong and courageous, for you shall go with this people into the land that the Lord has sworn to their fathers to give them, and you shall put them in possession of it. It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; He will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed." Deuteronomy 31:7-8*

God called Joshua to be a leader. He knew that Joshua would lead the people well because Joshua loved God and was willing to follow Him. When spies came back from Jericho and said that it was impossible win the battle because the people were too strong and the wall around the city too big, Joshua trusted God. Joshua had followed Moses faithfully and knew that God created many miracles to save His people.

Sometimes the problems in our life seem impossible, but God asks us to trust in Him. Will you trust Him?

Joshua told his army that the victory against Jericho would not be because of their strength, but rather because of their obedience. The victory would come because of the might and power of God. When they obeyed God and marched around the city walls seven times as God commanded, the walls fell down.

God calls us to obey Him. What do you think God is calling you to do?

Both Noah and Joshua were great men because they loved God and obeyed Him. God has also planned great things for our lives, but we will never know what they are until we are willing to listen to Him and obey Him. We can spend our lives searching for adventure and happiness and yet never really finding it. When we turn to God and His word and ask Him to lead and direct us it will be the first step into the greatest adventure of all.

*Dear Lord, we thank You for Noah, Joshua, and the other great people of the Bible. Help us to be faithful and brave like them. Show us how we can make a difference in the world. Help us to be leaders for good. Help us to trust that all things are possible when we believe in You. We pray in Jesus' name, Amen.*