

Church at Home Pack – 4th July 2021

Join us in church for our 10:30am service on Sunday or watch live at home on

<https://ccwsm.org.uk/service-type/sunday-service-online/>

If you like, join in with the discussion on Facebook with our church family (@ccwsm)!

In some sections we make several suggestions of ideas. Some may be more appropriate to you or the different people in your family or life group than others. We're not expecting you to do all of them (although you are very welcome to!) Choose the ones which best suit you.

Our verse for the year is the same as last year's verse as we think about the difference being with Jesus makes to our lives

When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.

Acts 4:13

GATHER TOGETHER

A prayer to start –

Gracious God, who longs to bring all creation to be at home with you,
we pray for the world which is our home here and now.

Help us to care for this earth.

Teach us how to protect it and to care for each other as one human family.

Teach us how to respect the life of animals and birds, sea creatures and insects.

Help us to live in the truth that the well-being of one matters to the well-being of all the others.

May the earth be a place where all may live together in peace as you designed.

Amen.

Action reminder –

From the top of my head

(Touch head)

to the tips of my toes;

(Touch toes)

from the lobes of my ears

(Touch ear lobes)

to the end of my nose;

(Touch nose)

from my back, to my front

(Turn round)

to my wiggly fingers,

(stretch out arms and wiggle fingers)

God loves me!

(jump up and down)

READ TOGETHER

Genesis 6: 5-22; 7: 13-20; 8: 1-22; 9: 8-17

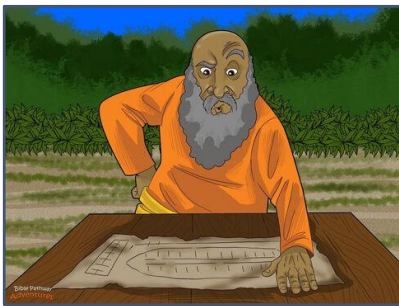


International Children's Bible (ICB)

6: 5-22

⁵The Lord saw that the human beings on the earth were very wicked. He also saw that their thoughts were only about evil all the time. ⁶The Lord was sorry he had made human beings on the earth. His heart was filled with pain. ⁷So the Lord said, "I will destroy all human beings that I made on the earth. And I will destroy every animal and everything that crawls on the earth. I will also destroy the birds of the air. This is because I am sorry that I have made them." ⁸But Noah pleased the Lord.

⁹This is the family history of Noah. Noah was a good man. He was the most innocent man of his time. He walked with God. ¹⁰Noah had three sons: Shem, Ham and Japheth.



¹¹People on earth did what God said was evil. Violence was everywhere. ¹²And God saw this evil. All people on the earth did only evil. ¹³So God said to Noah, "People have made the earth full of violence. So I will destroy all people from the earth. ¹⁴Build a boat of cypress wood for yourself. Make rooms in it and cover it inside and outside with tar. ¹⁵This is how big I want you to build the boat: 450 feet long, 75 feet wide and 45 feet high. ¹⁶Make an opening around the top

of the boat. Make it 18 inches high from the edge of the roof down. Put a door in the side of the boat. Make an upper, middle and lower deck in it. ¹⁷I will bring a flood of water on the earth. I will destroy all living things that live under the sky. This includes everything that has the breath of life. Everything on the earth will die. ¹⁸But I will make an agreement with you. You, your sons, your wife and your sons' wives will all go into the boat. ¹⁹Also, you must bring into the boat two of every living thing, male and female. Keep them alive with you. ²⁰There will be two of every kind of bird, animal and crawling thing. They will come to you to be kept alive. ²¹Also gather some of every kind of food. Store it on the boat as food for you and the animals."

²²Noah did everything that God commanded him.

7: 13-20

¹³On that same day Noah and his wife, his sons Shem, Ham and Japheth and their wives went into the boat. ¹⁴They had every kind of wild animal and tame animal. There was every kind of animal that crawls on the earth. Every kind of bird was there. ¹⁵They all came to Noah in the boat in groups of two. There was every creature that had the breath of life. ¹⁶One male and one female of every living thing came. It was just as God had commanded Noah. Then the Lord closed the door behind them.



¹⁷Water flooded the earth for 40 days. As the water rose, it lifted the boat off the ground. ¹⁸The water continued to rise, and the boat floated on the water above the earth. ¹⁹The water rose so much that even the highest mountains under the sky were covered by it. ²⁰The water continued to rise until it was more than 20 feet above the mountains.

8: 1-22

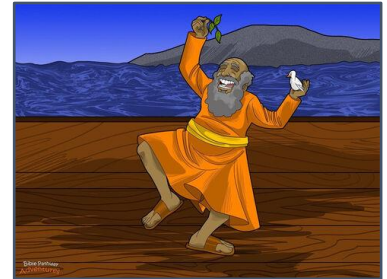


8 But God remembered Noah and all the wild animals and tame animals with him in the boat. God made a wind blow over the earth. And the water went down. ²The underground springs stopped flowing. And the clouds in the sky stopped pouring down rain. ³⁻⁴The water that covered the earth began to go down. After 150 days the water had gone down so much that the boat touched land again. It came to rest on one of the mountains of Ararat.^[a] This was on the seventeenth day of the seventh

month. ⁵The water continued to go down. By the first day of the tenth month the tops of the mountains could be seen.

⁶Forty days later Noah opened the window he had made in the boat. ⁷He sent out a raven. It flew here and there until the water had dried up from the earth. ⁸Then Noah sent out a dove. This was to find out if the water had dried up from the ground. ⁹The dove could not find a place to land because water still covered the earth. So it came back to the boat. Noah reached out his hand and took the bird. And he brought it back into the boat.

¹⁰After seven days Noah again sent out the dove from the boat. ¹¹And that evening it came back to him with a fresh olive leaf in its mouth. Then Noah knew that the ground was almost dry. ¹²Seven days later he sent the dove out again. But this time it did not come back.



¹³Noah was now 601 years old. It was the first day of the first month of that year. The water was dried up from the land. Noah removed the covering of the boat and saw that the land was dry. ¹⁴By the twenty-seventh day of the second month the land was completely dry. ¹⁵Then God said to Noah, ¹⁶“You and your wife, your sons and their wives should go out of the boat. ¹⁷Bring every animal out of the boat with you—the birds, animals and everything that crawls on the earth. Let them have many young ones and let them grow in number.” ¹⁸So Noah went out with his sons, his wife and his sons’ wives. ¹⁹Every animal, everything that crawls on the earth and every bird went out of the boat. They left by families.

²⁰Then Noah built an altar to the Lord. Noah took some of all the clean birds and animals. And he burned them on the altar as offerings to God. ²¹The Lord was pleased with these sacrifices. He said to himself, “I will never again curse the ground because of human beings. Their thoughts are evil even when they are young. But I will never again destroy every living thing on the earth as I did this time.

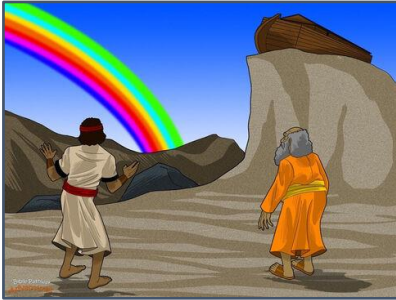
²²“As long as the earth continues, there will be planting and harvest.

Cold and hot,
summer and winter,
day and night
will not stop.”

9: 8-17

⁸ Then God said to Noah and his sons, ⁹ “Now I am making my agreement with you and your people who will live after you. ¹⁰ And I also make it with every living thing that is with you. It is with the birds, the tame animals and the wild animals. It is with all that came out of the boat with you. I make my agreement with every living thing on earth. ¹¹ I make this agreement with you: I will never again destroy all living things by floodwaters. A flood will never again destroy the earth.”

¹² And God said, “I am making an agreement between me and you and every living creature that is with you. It will continue from now on. This is the sign: ¹³ I am putting my rainbow in the clouds. It is the sign



of the agreement between me and the earth. ¹⁴ When I bring clouds over the earth, a rainbow appears in the clouds. ¹⁵ Then I will remember my agreement. It is between me and you and every living thing. Floodwaters will never again destroy all life on the earth. ¹⁶ When the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it. Then I will remember the agreement that continues forever. It is between me and every living thing on the earth.”

¹⁷ So God said to Noah, “That rainbow is a sign. It is the sign of the agreement that I made with all living things on earth.”

New International Version (NIV)

6: 5-22

⁵ The LORD saw how great the wickedness of the human race had become on the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time. ⁶ The LORD regretted that he had made human beings on the earth, and his heart was deeply troubled. ⁷ So the LORD said, “I will wipe from the face of the earth the human race I have created—and with them the animals, the birds and the creatures that move along the ground—for I regret that I have made them.” ⁸ But Noah found favour in the eyes of the LORD.

⁹ This is the account of Noah and his family.

Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked faithfully with God. ¹⁰ Noah had three sons: Shem, Ham and Japheth.

¹¹ Now the earth was corrupt in God’s sight and was full of violence. ¹² God saw how corrupt the earth had become, for all the people on earth had corrupted their ways. ¹³ So God said to Noah, “I am going to put an end to all people, for the earth is filled with violence because of them. I am surely going to destroy both them and the earth. ¹⁴ So make yourself an ark of cypress wood; make rooms in it and coat it with pitch inside and out. ¹⁵ This is how you are to build it: The ark is to be three hundred cubits long, fifty cubits wide and thirty cubits high. ¹⁶ Make a roof for it, leaving below the roof an opening one cubit high all around. Put a door in the side of the ark and make lower, middle and upper decks. ¹⁷ I am going to bring floodwaters on the earth to destroy all life under the heavens, every creature that has the breath of life in it. Everything on earth will perish. ¹⁸ But I will establish my covenant with you, and you will enter the ark—you and your sons and your wife and your sons’ wives with you. ¹⁹ You are to bring into the ark two of all living creatures, male and female, to keep them alive with you. ²⁰ Two of every kind of bird, of every kind of animal and of every kind of creature that moves along the ground will come

to you to be kept alive. ²¹You are to take every kind of food that is to be eaten and store it away as food for you and for them.”

²²Noah did everything just as God commanded him.

7: 13-20

¹³On that very day Noah and his sons, Shem, Ham and Japheth, together with his wife and the wives of his three sons, entered the ark. ¹⁴They had with them every wild animal according to its kind, all livestock according to their kinds, every creature that moves along the ground according to its kind and every bird according to its kind, everything with wings. ¹⁵Pairs of all creatures that have the breath of life in them came to Noah and entered the ark. ¹⁶The animals going in were male and female of every living thing, as God had commanded Noah. Then the LORD shut him in.



¹⁷For forty days the flood kept coming on the earth, and as the waters increased they lifted the ark high above the earth. ¹⁸The waters rose and increased greatly on the earth, and the ark floated on the surface of the water. ¹⁹They rose greatly on the earth, and all the high mountains under the entire heavens were covered. ²⁰The waters rose and covered the mountains to a depth of more than fifteen cubits.

8: 1-22

8 But God remembered Noah and all the wild animals and the livestock that were with him in the ark, and he sent a wind over the earth, and the waters receded. ²Now the springs of the deep and the floodgates of the heavens had been closed, and the rain had stopped falling from the sky. ³The water receded steadily from the earth. At the end of the hundred and fifty days the water had gone down, ⁴and on the seventeenth day of the seventh month the ark came to rest on the mountains of Ararat. ⁵The waters continued to recede until the tenth month, and on the first day of the tenth month the tops of the mountains became visible.



⁶After forty days Noah opened a window he had made in the ark ⁷and sent out a raven, and it kept flying back and forth until the water had dried up from the earth. ⁸Then he sent out a dove to see if the water had receded from the surface of the ground. ⁹But the dove could find nowhere to perch because there was water over all the surface of the earth; so it returned to Noah in the ark. He reached out his hand and took the dove and brought it back to himself in the ark. ¹⁰He waited seven more days and again sent out the dove from the ark. ¹¹When the dove returned to him in the evening, there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf! Then Noah knew that the water had receded from the earth. ¹²He waited seven more days and sent the dove out again, but this time it did not return to him.

¹³By the first day of the first month of Noah’s six hundred and first year, the water had dried up from the earth. Noah then removed the covering from the ark and saw that the surface of the ground was dry. ¹⁴By the twenty-seventh day of the second month the earth was completely dry. ¹⁵Then God said to Noah, ¹⁶“Come out of the ark, you and your wife and your sons and their wives. ¹⁷Bring out every

kind of living creature that is with you—the birds, the animals, and all the creatures that move along the ground—so they can multiply on the earth and be fruitful and increase in number on it.”

¹⁸ So Noah came out, together with his sons and his wife and his sons’ wives. ¹⁹ All the animals and all the creatures that move along the ground and all the birds—everything that moves on land—came out of the ark, one kind after another.



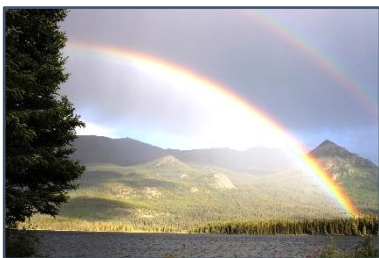
²⁰ Then Noah built an altar to the LORD and, taking some of all the clean animals and clean birds, he sacrificed burnt offerings on it. ²¹ The LORD smelled the pleasing aroma and said in his heart: “Never again will I curse the ground because of humans, even though every inclination of the human heart is evil from childhood. And never again will I destroy all living creatures, as I have done.

²² “As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease.”

9: 8-17

⁸ Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him: ⁹ “I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you ¹⁰ and with every living creature that was with you—the birds, the livestock and all the wild animals, all those that came out of the ark with you—every living creature on earth. ¹¹ I establish my covenant with you: Never again will all life be destroyed by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth.”

¹² 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: ¹³ I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴ Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds, ¹⁵ I will remember my covenant between me and you and all living creatures of every kind. Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life. ¹⁶ Whenever



the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth.”

¹⁷ So God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant I have established between me and all life on the earth.”

WATCH TOGETHER



Noah – Saddleback Kids: <https://youtu.be/Wbfp7fzhj4Y>



Take care of the world God gave us: [https](https://youtu.be/-Wf6TH6gwIY) – Douglas Talks:
<https://youtu.be/-Wf6TH6gwIY>



Hazelnut Community Farm is a new project in partnership with **A Rocha** in Lockleaze, Bristol: <https://youtu.be/Xgp57a1ciGU>
For more information, have a look at their website:
<https://hazelnutcommunityfarm.com/>

TALK TOGETHER

- Why should Christians care for the world?

STUDY TOGETHER

Read the Bible Passages: **Genesis 6: 5-22; 7: 13-20; 8: 1-22; 9: 8-17**

You might like to write down key phrases about God's relationship with creation.

- What stood out for you in these passages?
- What made Noah different from those around him?
- What makes us different today from those around us? Do people notice a difference in us?
- In what ways should our Christian lifestyle be different?

How do the following beliefs become values that can be lived out practically day to day? How do they affect our eating, shopping, travel, waste disposal?

- Believing it's God's world, not ours (Psalm 24:1)
- Believing God has a covenant with animals, birds and other living things? (Genesis 9:10)
- Understanding that we have been given the responsibility of caring for creation to the glory of God?
- Knowing that we as humans are both made 'from the dust of the earth' (Genesis 2:7) and also in God's image (Genesis 1:26)

'Noah is a prophet and a guide for our times. When life on Earth was under threat from violent weather, he used his skill to build an Ark and so saved the whole of creation from the Flood.'

A Rocha 'Noah's Ark – a tale for our times (small group study)'

- What Ark is God asking you to build?
- How can you protect creation?
- What changes can you make?

PLAY TOGETHER

Nature Hunt Bingo

Get 5 in a row - up, down, across or diagonal to win!



Nature Hunt Bingo

Go out in your garden or on a walk and see how much of God's creation you can find!

You can make your own bingo cards by drawing a grid and adding pictures. Put a cross over a picture as you find it. If you are playing as a group, you could have prizes for the first person to cross off a row or the whole bingo card!

If you struggle to find some of the things on your card, have a think about what you can do about that! You might like to have a look at some of the ideas in the **Do Together** section.

MAKE TOGETHER

Reducing our plastic use is one way to help look after God's world!

Here are 3 ideas for giving plastic milk carton's a new lease of life and growing some of your own food or some flowers to encourage bees and bugs!

1. Cut the end off your carton to make a scoop. Use the scoop to fill pots with compost and plant seeds in.



2. Cut the cartons to make your own seed pots or even hanging planters!



3. Make some holes in the lid of your milk carton (decorate the outside if you like) and fill with water. Now you have a watering can to water your plants with!

Juice carton bird feeder

You can easily turn a juice carton from your recycling box into a bird feeder to hang in your garden or near a window.

You will need:

A clean, empty juice carton

Scissors

A sharp pencil (to create a hole to thread string through the top)

String/twine to hang it from

Bird Seed

(You might like to add a 'perch' by poking a twig or lolly stick through the carton too)

- Carefully cut some holes in the sides of the carton, large enough for the birds to get through. Leave enough of the carton intact, at the bottom to hold a good amount of bird seed.
- Make a hole in the top of the carton and thread your string or twine through it.
- If you are adding a 'perch', make a hole below the openings and push your twig or lolly stick through.
- Fill the base with seed and hang the feeder up in a tree or near a window so that you can watch the birds come and feed.



You could decorate your feeder if you like – perhaps you could make a Nature Monster or an Owl like the ones in the pictures!



SING TOGETHER

Take care of the earth – *The Children's Kingdom Nursery Rhymes*:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tLzo2q_sx1k

Noah's song – *Jared Rich, Saddleback Kids*: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-l0XOoyf6xU>

The Ark – *Worship for everyone (Nick & Becky Drake)*:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EOsTnWEWVU4>

Indescribable – *Laura Story*: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kEQqYMc4Yw0>

The creation song – *Kate Simmonds & Mark Edwards*:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1I7KuvV8wfE>

God of wonders – *Chris Tomlin*: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tvhk6b8akBk>

REFLECT TOGETHER

Psalm 24:1-2

***The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it. The world and all its people belong to him.
For he laid the earth's foundation on the seas and built it on the ocean depths.***

Spend some time looking at these images. What is your reaction to them? How do they make you feel?
What do you want to say to God?



PRAY TOGETHER

The Operation Noah Prayer

Creator God, how deep are your designs!
You made a living earth, cloud, rain and wind,
and charged us with their care.

We confess that the way we live today
is changing the climate, the seas and the balance of life
dispossessing the poor and future generations.

Build our lives into an Ark for all creation,
and, as you promised Noah never to repeat the Flood,
so makes us heralds of a new rainbow covenant:
choosing life for all that is at risk -
for creation, neighbours near and far,
our children and ourselves.

Amen

Broken world prayer

Find a twig. Break it and think about the things you do which damage the earth. Pray this prayer:

Creator God, forgive me when I don't notice all the wonderful things you've made in this world, or when I do things, without thinking, which damage and break it.

Hold the broken ends of the twig together as you pray this:

Help me to take care of the earth and do what I can to repair the damage already done. Amen.

DO TOGETHER

Bev Hall, one of our church wardens and Eco Group member suggests:

- Start a 'wild' corner in your garden – you can make part of your garden all about the wildlife by growing bee-friendly flowers and letting the grass (and even the weeds!) grow. They will encourage insects to pollinate and feed birds. Make a bug hotel or a log pile for hibernating creatures or a hedgehog house. You could even make a small pond to encourage frogs and newts.

<https://www.gardenersworld.com/how-to/grow-plants/wildlife-gardening>

- Cut down plastic waste – visit Weston's very own zero waste store 'Good and Proper' at 57 Regent Street (with chairs and tables for a cuppa and a donkey in front) You can take your empty cleaning product and toiletries bottles and get refills or buy dried kitchen staples without plastic packaging. <https://goodandproperzero.com/#home>
- Want to get a bigger picture? Visit <https://arocha.org.uk>



- No more cling film in the fridge! – make your own organic food coverings:
 1. Cut squares or rounds of clean cotton fabric and place in an oven proof dish lined with grease proof paper
 2. Grate beeswax over the cotton and bake at 250 degrees (gas mark ½) for 10 mins. Adult supervision essential!
 3. Brush over to distribute wax evenly and allow to cool
 4. Cover any container by moulding to shape with the warmth of your hands
 5. Wash in soapy tepid water, rinse and reuse. You can rewax if it wears thin and it's completely compostable.



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