

# God Protects & Preserves His Children (10/16/22)

**Main Verses:** Genesis 7:21-23

**Key Verse:** Genesis 7:23

**'Takeaway':** The story of Noah & the flood teaches us that though our sins will always bring judgment, God will protect & preserve those who trust in him.

**Getting Started:** Have you heard about Noah & the flood before? Share what you know about the story with us.



## READ Genesis 7:21-23

Some **QUESTIONS** to consider:

Toddler/PreK:

- Why were Noah & those with him chosen to survive the flood? (Genesis 6:9)
- Why did God flood the earth?
- Does God always keep his word?
- How & why did God protect & preserve Noah & those with him?

Elementary:

- Why did a flood that destroyed all life on earth - except for those in the ark - happen?
- What does this tell us about God?
- How & why did God protect & preserve Noah & those with him? (Genesis 6:9)
- What does this tell us about who God protects & preserves?

Here are some **IMPORTANT IDEAS** we discover in these verses:

Toddler/PreK:

- Noah was a righteous man who walked with God which made him different from the other people living during his time.
- The world was full of sin & violence & God determined to flood it & end all life. God rightfully judges sin – now or later.
- God **always** does what he says he will do.
- Because Noah walked with God, obeying his commands, God protected & preserved Noah's life & the lives of those on the ark with Noah.
- The story of Noah points us to Jesus, the Son of God, who would die on the cross (under the 'flood' of God's judgment) & rise again for our sins.

Elementary:

- Noah was a righteous man who walked with God. This set him apart from the rest of the people during his time.
- God determined to judge the world which was full of sin & violence. God's judgment was the flood, which ended all life except for Noah's & those with him. God is just & right in purifying our world from sin.
- God **always** does what he says he will do.
- Because Noah walked with God & obeyed God's commands, God protected & preserved Noah's life & the lives of those on the ark with him.
- The story of Noah points us to Jesus, the Son of God, who would die on the cross (under the 'flood' of God's judgment) & rise again for our sins. Those who believe in Jesus through faith, are protected & preserved from God's judgment.

An **ENCOURAGEMENT** in light of God's word:

(Toddler/PreK) Talk to God; thank Him for protecting those who love him. Ask God to help you love & know him more each day as you grow. Thank God for the story of Noah which shows us that God will always deal with sin, & will always do what he says he will do. Thank God for his faithfulness, & for sending Jesus to die & rise again for our sins so that we can, through faith, know & love God forever.

(Elementary) Talk to God; thanking him for preserving & protecting those who love him. Thank God for the story of Noah which points to Jesus who died on the cross & rose again for our sins so that through faith in Jesus we can know & love God forever. Thank God for his faithfulness to deal with sin, & that he always keeps his word. Talk to God about your own heart. **Admit** you are living a me-centered life instead of a God-centered life. **Believe** that Jesus, God's son, is your only hope for forgiveness, freedom, & forever with God. **Commit**, with your whole heart, to following God's loving leadership for your life. If you talk to God about this, talk also to a trusted adult who can help you as you begin your walk of life with God.