

**SESSION 4**

Noah Built the Ark

**BIBLE PASSAGE**

Genesis 6:9–9:17

**LIFE POINT**

God has a plan for the world.

**CHRIST FOCUS**

Jesus always obeyed God.

**LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING**

God has people to care for His creation.

**SUGGESTED USE DATE:** July 25

**BIBLE VERSE**

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Psalm 24:1 (*CSB*)

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Psalm 24:1 (*KJV*)

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Psalm 24:1 (*NIV*)

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Psalm 24:1 (*ESV*)

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Psalm 24:1 (*NKJV*)

**SCHEDULE AND PROPS**

**Huddle Ups** (*optional; time varies*)

Supplies (*for each small group*):

- “Guess the Tools”—toy tools, pillowcase
- “Noah Built the Ark”—crayons, coloring sheets
- “Rainbow Reminder”—craft stick (*1 per child*), masking tape, crepe paper (*multiple colors*), markers, portable music device, praise song of your choice

**Countdown Video** (*3 minutes*)

Props: none

**Worship Song** (*3 minutes*)

Props: none

**Welcome and Prayer** (*5 minutes*)

Props: Bible

**Miss Lindy's Library**

(*3-5 minutes*)

Props: none

**Connection Point Game**

(*10 minutes*)

Props: none

**Worship Song** (*3 minutes*)

Props: none

**Bible Story** (*10 minutes*)

Props: Bible, toy ark with a few animals

**Worship Song and Offering**

(*3 minutes*)

Props: none

**Connection Point Bible Verse**

(*5-8 minutes*)

Props: different colors of crepe paper streamers (*1 per child*)

**Connection Point Missions**

(*5-8 minutes*)

Props: none

**Real Life Connections**

(*3-5 minutes*)

Props: none

**MUSIC AND MEDIA**

- **Countdown:**  
*Countdown* video
- **Worship Song:**  
“A Great Big World for Us”
- **Welcome and Prayer:**  
*Life Point* and *Bible Verse* slides
- **Miss Lindy's Library:**  
*Miss Lindy's Library* video
- **Connection Point Game:**  
*Connection Point Game* slide
- **Worship Song:**  
“God Made the World”
- **Bible Story:** *Bible Story* and *Christ Focus* slides; *Bible Story Time* video (*optional*)
- **Worship Song and Offering:**  
Worship song of your choice
- **Connection Point Bible Verse:**  
*Connection Point Bible Verse* and *Bible Verse* slides
- **Connection Point Missions:**  
*Connection Point Missions* slide; “Shireys in Suriname” missions video
- **Real Life Connections:**  
*Real Life Connections* and *Life Point* slides

## **Huddle Ups (Optional)**

Huddle Ups are for churches that have a drop-off time before the session begins or a pick-up time as parents arrive at the end of the session. It's a great time for interaction with a small group leader through games, conversations, or review questions. Play the countdown video to signal the end of Huddle Ups and the beginning of the session.

- ➔ Estimated time: varies according to schedule
- ➔ Tech: none
- ➔ People: Small Group Leaders
- ➔ Supplies (*for each small group*):
  - “Guess the Tools”—toy tools, pillowcase
  - “Noah Built the Ark”—crayons and coloring sheets
  - “Rainbow Reminder”—craft stick (*1 per child*), masking tape, crepe paper (*multiple colors*), markers, portable music device, praise song of your choice

## **Guess the Tools**

*Prep: Place several toy tools (or real tools without sharp edges) in a pillowcase.*

- Invite a child to reach into the pillowcase, touch a tool, and guess what it is.
- Lead her to pull the tool from the bag.
- Name the tool.
- Explain how people use the tool. For example, say: “This is a hammer. People use hammers to pound nails into wood.”
- Continue until kids choose all of the tools and talk about how to use them.
- Comment that preschoolers will hear a Bible story about a man who used tools to build something very big!

## **Noah Built the Ark**

*Prep: Print a coloring sheet for each child.*

- Tell preschoolers they will hear a Bible story about a man who built a very big boat called an ark.
- Distribute crayons and coloring sheets.
- Invite preschoolers to color on their pages while they wait for the session to begin.

## **Rainbow Reminder**

*Prep: Tear the crepe paper into 24-inch streamers. Tear enough streamers for each child to choose 3 or 4.*

- Review the Life Point: **God has a plan for the world.**
- Ask: “What did God plan for Noah to do?” (*build the ark; take care of animals*)
- Remind boys and girls that God put a rainbow in the sky to show that He would never send a flood to destroy the earth again.
- Show the crepe paper streamers.
- Invite each child to choose three or four colors.
- Help each child tape the streamers to the end of a craft stick.
- Use markers to decorate the craft sticks.
- Play a favorite praise song.
- Encourage preschoolers to use their streamers as they move and play to the music.
- Suggest preschoolers wave their streamers up high, down low, slowly, quickly, and so on.
- Comment on the children’s beautiful rainbows!
- Remind boys and girls that God loves them.
- Suggest preschoolers use their rainbow streamers at home to remind them of today’s Bible story about Noah building the ark.

## **Countdown Video**

- ➔ Estimated time: 3 minutes
- ➔ Tech: *Countdown* video
- ➔ People: none
- ➔ Props: none

*(Play countdown video to signal the beginning of worship time. Kids will count aloud as they join the large group.)*

**WORSHIP SONG**

- ➔ Estimated time: 3 minutes
- ➔ Tech: Music video, mics for singers, lights (*optional*)
- ➔ Music: “A Great Big World for Us” (*lead sheet available on DVD-ROM*) or download a worship song of your choice
- ➔ People: Worship Leader and/or Worship Team
- ➔ Props: none

**WORSHIP LEADER**

Hi, friends! Today we will hear about a man who took care of lots and lots of animals! Let’s pretend to be animals. (*Lead preschoolers to respond to the following prompts.*)

- Let’s walk like a big, heavy elephant.
- Can you fly like a bird?
- I know! Let’s act like monkeys!
- Let me see you hop like a frog.

That was fun! Now let’s be boys and girls who are ready to sing about God’s great big world!

(*Show the music video.*)

(*Kids stand to sing.*)

**WELCOME AND PRAYER**

- ➔ Estimated time: 5 minutes
- ➔ Tech: *Life Point* and *Bible Verse* slides
- ➔ People: Bible Story Leader
- ➔ Props: Bible

**BIBLE STORY LEADER**

You kids sounded great this morning! Thank you for singing so well!

(*Show Bible.*) I brought my Bible with me because I am excited to tell you a Bible story today. This Bible is mine. It belongs to me. (*Point to your shoes.*) These shoes are mine. They would be too big for your feet! The shoes fit me and belong to me. What is something that belongs to you? (*Allow for responses. If kids need help, make suggestions such as: “Kiana’s red hair bow belongs to her.”*)

Today’s Bible verse says that the whole world belongs to God! Listen as I say the Bible verse, and then we will say it together.

(*Show Bible Verse slide—select preferred version.*)

(*Say the verse. Lead kids to repeat it after you.*)

**BIBLE VERSE (SELECT PREFERRED VERSION):**

- Everything on earth belongs to God. Psalm 24:1 (*Paraphrase*)
- The earth and everything in it ... belong to the LORD. Psalm 24:1 (*CSB*)
- The earth is the LORD’s. Psalm 24:1 (*KJV*)
- The earth is the LORD’s. Psalm 24:1 (*NIV*)
- The earth is the LORD’s. Psalm 24:1 (*ESV*)
- The earth is the LORD’s. Psalm 24:1 (*NKJV*)

God made the earth, and it belongs to Him. God said that all of the things He made were very good.

(*Show Life Point Slide.*)

**God has a plan for the world.** Let’s say that together: **“God has a plan for the world.”**

God has good plans for the world and for each of us! God loves us and takes good care of us. Let’s pray together and thank God for His good plans. After we pray, we will visit Miss Lindy at the library.

*God, we thank You for the world that You made. Thank You for loving us and taking care of us. Please help us take care of Your world and do the things that You want us to do. In Jesus’ name we pray, amen.*

**MISS LINDY’S LIBRARY**

- ➔ Estimated time: 3-5 minutes
- ➔ Tech: *Miss Lindy’s Library* video (*optional*)
- ➔ People: none
- ➔ Props: none

(*Play the video.*)

**CONNECTION POINT GAME**

- ➔ Estimated time: 10 minutes
- ➔ Tech: *Connection Point Game* slide
- ➔ People: Connection Point Leader, 4 kids
- ➔ Props: none

**GAME INSTRUCTIONS:**

- Choose 4 kids.
- Explain that you will name a color (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple).
- Tell players that the first person to find the color and bring it to you will earn a point.
- Explain that players can find an object in the room that is the color you name, or they can find a friend who is wearing the color.
- Name a color.
- Invite players to search.
- Award a point to the first player who finds the color and brings it to you.
- Play again, using another color.
- Keep a point tally.
- Continue as time allows or until kids find all 6 colors.

**CONNECTION POINT LEADER**

(Show Connection Point Game slide.)

Let's play a color game! I need four friends to play. (Choose four players.)

Players, I hope you are good at finding things! I will name a color, and you will find something that is the color I named. You can find an object in the room, or you can find a friend who is wearing the color. When you find the color, bring the object or the person to me. The first person to bring me the color will get a point.

Does everyone understand what to do? (Answer any questions and play the game.)

Nice job, everyone! You're really great at finding colors! I'm thinking of something with lots of colors that is sometimes in the sky. Do you know what it is? (Allow for responses.) It's a rainbow! Have any of you ever seen a rainbow? We will hear about a rainbow in today's Bible story.

Let's sing a song, and then we will hear why God put a rainbow in the sky.

**WORSHIP SONG**

- ➔ Estimated time: 3 minutes
- ➔ Tech: Music video, mics for singers, lights (optional)
- ➔ Music: "God Made the World" (lead sheet available on DVD-ROM) or download a worship song of your choice
- ➔ People: Worship Leader and/or Worship Team
- ➔ Props: none

**WORSHIP LEADER**

Let's see if you can finish my sentence: "Everything on earth belongs to \_\_\_\_." (Allow for responses; God) That's right! Our Bible verse says that everything on earth belongs to God.

Let's try another one: "The whole world was created by \_\_\_\_." (Allow for responses; God) Right, again! God created the whole world, and all of it belongs to Him. I'm glad that God made a good place for us to live and play! Let's sing about it.

(Show the music video.)

(Lead kids to sit as song ends.)

**BIBLE STORY**

- ➔ Estimated time: 10 minutes
- ➔ Tech: *Christ Focus*, and *Bible Story* slides; *Bible Story Time* video (optional)
- ➔ People: Bible Story Leader
- ➔ Props: Bible, toy ark with a few animals

**Option 1:** Show the *Bible Story Time* video and conclude with a short prayer.

*God, thank You for taking care of Noah, his family, and the animals. Thank You for caring for us, too! Please help us love You and do what is right. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.*

**Option 2:** Tell the following Bible story.

**BIBLE STORY LEADER**

*(Show Bible Story slide.)*

Look what I have! It's a toy ark and animals. An *ark* is a BIG boat! This ark isn't very big. It's just a toy, but today I want to tell you a Bible story about a real ark. This ark was HUGE! *(Hold arms out wide.)* Let me tell you about it!

*(Open the Bible to Genesis 6.)*

Our Bible story begins with a man named Noah. Noah was a good man. He loved God and did what God said to do. No one loved God as much as Noah!

One day God spoke to Noah. God said all of the people did very bad things, and they did not love God. Noah listened as God gave him instructions.

*(Read Genesis 6:14,16.)*

**“Make yourself an ark of gopher wood. Make rooms in the ark, and cover it with pitch inside and outside. You are to make a roof ... [and] put a door in the side of the ark. Make it with lower, middle, and upper decks.”**

God said Noah should build a big, big, BIG boat! Do you remember what the boat was called? *(Allow for responses.)* The boat was called an *ark*.

God told Noah that the whole world soon would be covered with water. God promised to keep Noah and his family safe inside the ark. God told Noah to bring two of each kind of animal onto the ark and to pack plenty of food for his family and the animals.

Noah did everything that God told him to do. He built and built and built. Noah worked hard to build the big boat.

When the ark was finished, Noah, his family, and the animals went inside. *(Move animals inside the ark.)* God shut the door of the ark to keep them safe.

Soon it began to rain. It rained all day and all night. It rained all the next day and night, too. God sent rain for 40 days and nights! Water covered the whole earth. Even the mountains were covered with water!

Finally, the rain stopped, and God sent a wind to blow the earth dry. It took a very long time! Noah stayed inside the ark until God said it was safe to come out.

*(Read Genesis 8:15-17a.)*

**Then God spoke to Noah, “Come out of the ark, you, your wife, your sons, and your sons’ wives with you. Bring out all the living creatures that are with you.”**

Noah, his family, and the animals came out of the ark. *(Take the animals off of the ark and set them on the floor or table.)* God had kept them safe!

Noah worshiped God. God put a rainbow in the sky to show that He would never send a flood to destroy the earth again.

*(Close the Bible.)*

*(Hold up the ark toy.)* Noah loved and obeyed God. Noah built the ark just as God told him to do.

*(Show Christ Focus slide.)*

I know Someone who always obeyed God. Can you guess who? *(Allow for responses.)* You're right! Jesus always obeyed God. Jesus always did what was right, and He taught others to do the same.

It's important that we obey God, too. We can know what God wants us to do by learning from the Bible. Let's pray together and ask God to help us.

*God, thank You for taking care of Noah, his family, and the animals. Thank You for caring for us, too! Please help us love You and do what is right. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.*

**WORSHIP SONG AND OFFERING**

- ➔ Estimated time: 3 minutes
- ➔ Tech: mics for singers, lights *(optional)*
- ➔ Music: Use a favorite song or download a worship song of your choice.
- ➔ People: Worship Leader and/or Worship Team
- ➔ Props: none

**WORSHIP LEADER**

Noah did what was right. He loved God and did what God said to do. What are some things that God wants us to do? *(Allow for responses. If preschoolers need help, suggest that God wants boys and girls to obey their parents, be kind, and love Jesus.)* I'm glad that we can do what is right and obey God!

**Optional Giving Segment:**

It's time to give an offering. Some of the money that people give at church helps others know that God created the world. If you would like to give an offering today, ... .

*(Give your own directions for how the kids can give their offerings. After collecting the offering, guide kids to stand for the remainder of the worship song.)*

**CONNECTION POINT BIBLE VERSE**

- ➔ Estimated time: 5-8 minutes
- ➔ Tech: *Connection Point Bible Verse* and *Bible Verse* slides
- ➔ People: Connection Point Leader, all kids
- ➔ Props: different colors of crepe paper streamers (1 per child)

**ACTIVITY INSTRUCTIONS:**

- *Select your preferred version of the Bible verse.*
- *Say the verse and lead kids to repeat it after you.*
- *Give each child a streamer.*
- *Lead kids to say the Bible verse and wave the streamers over their heads.*
- *Name a color.*
- *Guide preschoolers with streamers of that color to stand and wave them as the group says the verse.*
- *Continue until you name each color.*

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**CONNECTION POINT LEADER**

*(Show Connection Point Bible Verse slide.)*

It's time to say our Bible verse! Today's verse tells us that everything on earth belongs to God. Listen as I say the verse, and then we will say it together.

*(Show Bible Verse slide—select preferred version.)*

*(Say the verse. Lead kids to repeat it after you.)*

Can anyone tell me something that God created? *(Allow for responses.)* God made so many wonderful things! He made plants, animals, and people. God made the whole world! All of those things belong to God. Let's practice saying the Bible verse.

*(Lead the activity. Collect the streamers before Connection Point Missions.)*

**CONNECTION POINT MISSIONS**

- ➔ Estimated time: 5-8 minutes
- ➔ Tech: *Connection Point Missions* slide, "Shireys in Suriname" missions video
- ➔ People: Connection Point leader
- ➔ Props: none

**CONNECTION POINT LEADER**

*(Show Connection Point Missions slide and play the "Shireys in Suriname" missions video immediately following the Connection Point Bible Verse activity.)*

The Shireys live in the jungles of West Africa. They tell Bible stories to the people in the villages. The people cannot read, and they enjoy listening to the stories about Jesus.

Let's pray for the Shireys and the people who hear them tell Bible stories. Pray that the people learn that Jesus is God's Son.

*God, thank You for sending the Shireys to tell people in Africa about Jesus! We pray that many people will hear Bible stories and learn about Your Son, Jesus. We pray the people will choose to love You. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.*

**REAL LIFE CONNECTIONS**

- ➔ Estimated time: 3-5 minutes
- ➔ Tech: *Real Life Connections* and *Life Point* slides
- ➔ People: Bible Story Leader
- ➔ Props: none

**BIBLE STORY LEADER**

*(Show Real Life Connections slide.)*

Let's play out the Bible story. God told Noah to build an ark. Let's pretend to build. *(Lead preschoolers to play out the following prompts.)*

- We will need wood to build the ark! Let's cut down some trees. *(Guide preschoolers to chop.)*
- Let's cut the wood to just the right size. *(Pretend to saw.)*
- Now, let's hammer the wood together. *(Pretend to hammer.)*

God told Noah to gather plenty of food for his family and the animals. Let's gather food that we would like to take if we were on the ark!

- Help me pick up grain. *(Pretend to gather grain.)*
- Let's pick some fruit. *(Pretend to pick fruit from a tree.)*
- Now let's put some berries in a basket. *(Pretend to pick berries and put them in a basket.)*

When everything was ready, God sent animals to stay safe inside the ark. Let's pretend to be animals going to the ark!

- I'm a kangaroo hopping to the ark. *(hop)*
- I'm a tiny mouse crawling to the ark. *(crawl)*
- I'm a roaring lion walking to the ark. *(roar)*

God kept everyone safe inside the ark. When the earth was dry, God told Noah to come out. Noah worshiped God. God put a rainbow in the sky to show that He would never destroy the whole earth with water again.

*(Show Life Point Slide.)*

**God has a plan for the world.** Let's say that together: **"God has a plan for the world."**

Part of God's plan is for people to love God and do what He says to do. We can learn what God wants us to do by going to church and hearing Bible stories. I'm glad you came to church today! I look forward to seeing all of you again next time.

**Leader note:** *If you plan to utilize the after-session Huddle Up, dismiss kids to their small groups.*