

Lesson Materials: Bible, box wrapped with light-colored paper (empty or with anything inside), construction paper, scissors, markers, empty water bottles, clear packing tape, ruler, dowel rods

Bible Story: Ephesians 6:10-12, 16; Genesis 6-9; Hebrews 11:7

Need to Know: *We fight evil with faith*



Circle Up

Use this time to gather together and get everyone talking.

ASK

- What's something you believe will happen this week?
Take turns sharing with each other.

SAY

We may believe really strongly in those plans, and we'll have to see how things work out! When we have faith in God, we believe he'll be who he says he is and he'll do what he says he'll do. Then **we can fight evil with faith**. Let's find out about a guy in the Bible named Noah who had major faith in God. The Bible can help our faith grow and we can also grow in our faith by talking with God.

Watch

Watch today's teaching video [here](#).

ASK

Your Elementary Schooler:

- What's something you believe in that you can't see?
- Which joke was the best in the video?
- What do you think Noah and his family did to stay entertained on the ark?
- Would you want to go on a boat ride for that long? Why or why not?

ASK

Your Preschooler:

- What's something you believe in that you can't see?
- What animal would you want to bring on the ark?
- * Do you like boat rides? Would you want to be on an ark like Noah?

Have Fun Together

READ & PLAY

Use these activities to have fun together while learning about God.

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Here's a way the Bible describes faith - [Read Hebrews 11:1](#).

For Noah, faith meant trusting that God would do what he said he would do: flood the earth. Even though it didn't make sense, Noah believed God and followed God's instructions to build the ark. But we don't always get such a specific message from God. So how do we find out what God says he'll do for us? Follow the instructions below for 'What's In The Box?'

Guess What's in the Box

- How much faith do you have that your guess is right?
- If I told you what was in the box, how much faith would you have in what I said?

Really, what's in the box could be anything that can fit in it. And it could be nothing at all! If I told you what was in the box, you'd have more information. Then you'd have to decide if you believe me.

• Which feels more like having faith in God—believing what I say is in the box or making a guess? Explain.

Sometimes faith can feel like a guessing game. Faith is being sure of what we hope for, but sometimes it can feel like we don't know what to hope for! So how can we trust God will do what he says he'll do if we don't know what he says? [Read Ephesians 6:10-12, 16; Genesis 6-9; Hebrews 11:7](#) and discuss.

CREATE

Materials needed: empty water bottles, scissors, clear packing tape, permanent markers, rulers, 12-inch dowel rods

Follow the instructions [here](#) to make a *Rain Gauge*:

- Cut off the top of the bottle, right below where it starts to curve.
- Turn the bottle top upside down, and push it into the bottle. Tape it in place so you don't have sharp edges exposed.
- Hold a ruler against the bottle, with one end of the ruler at the bottom of the bottle.
- Using a permanent marker, mark every inch all the way to the top of the bottle. Number the lines you made.
- You can also use permanent markers to decorate the bottle, including the point: We fight evil with faith. Also write some of God's promises such as "I'll always be with you," "I'll always love you," "I'll always forgive you," and "I have good plans for you." Just don't color so much that you won't be able to see the water level in your bottle.
- Put a dowel against the bottle so that about half of it extends below the bottle. You'll want the dowel on the opposite side of the bottle as your measurement lines.
- Using packing tape, wrap the bottle well so the dowel is securely attached.



PRAY

Dear God, thank you for being powerful and mighty. Help us to do what you want us to - and remind us that we don't have to be strong enough on our own!
In Jesus' name, Amen.