

What aspects of the story of Noah and the Flood point us to Jesus?

How is our faith different or similar to Noah's faith?

HOW TO REMEMBER THE STORY SO FAR

How would you summarise the OT so far? (Choose 2 or 3 people to share it with the whole group.)

- a) Story telling
- b) Pictures



STUDY 2 — THE SPREAD OF SIN & CREATION REBOOT

THE STORY SO FAR

Retell the story of Creation and the Fall to each other (in pairs or to the group) using whatever way suits you (eg picture, stories, diagrams).

What questions do you have about the OT? Make a list and mark off the ones the studies have answered.

READ GENESIS 6:1-10,11-22.

From Genesis 6:5-8, how did sin spread across the earth? How bad was it? (ie How deep and how wide?)

From Genesis 6:7-8,11-13,17, how did God feel about sin and what did God plan to do about sin?

From Genesis 6:18-21, what did God promise to do in order to save people?

THINK ABOUT IT

Why did God say he will destroy everything but doesn't actually destroy everything?

- a) God was just trying to scare people
- b) God was not powerful enough to destroy everyone.
- c) God did not actually want to destroy everything
- d) God still loved human beings
- e) Noah was the only good person and did not deserve to die
- f) God changed his mind.

In your opinion, do you think the people (including women and children) deserved to be completely destroyed? Explain.

In your opinion, do you think Noah and his family deserved to be saved? Explain.

READ GENESIS 8:15-21.

What did God promise Noah ?

In your opinion, do you think sin is still a problem for humans? Why?

APPLICATION

How would you describe the way God dealt with humanity's sins?

- a) Fair and Just
- b) Cruel and barbaric
- c) Appropriate and measured
- d) Merciful and kind

How effective was God's way of dealing with sin?

What problems or questions do you have (if any) about this story?

What do you think this story is about?

- a) Sin became worse and worse until God had to stop it by destroying everything in the world.
- b) Sin became worse and worse until God couldn't stand it any longer and lost his temper and destroyed everything but he saved Noah because He changed his mind.
- c) Sin became worse and worse but God stopped it by destroying everything but he saved Noah because He wanted Noah to start everything again.
- d) Sin became worse and worse and God became so angry that he destroyed everything but he did not want to lose everything so he saved Noah in order to start everything again.

WHAT DOES THE NT SAY ABOUT THIS STORY?

Read Hebrews 11:1,7.

According to Hebrews 1:1, what is faith?

According to Hebrews 1:7, what did faith cause Noah to do?

How did this story help you understand God better?