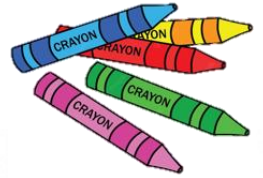
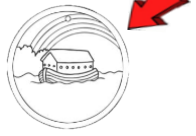


# Tonight's

passage – Genesis 6.<sup>5-22</sup>

theme – A change of heart



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# The big boat ...

Today we're going to be thinking about Noah and his ark.

Except it wasn't really Noah's ark; it was **God's** ark.

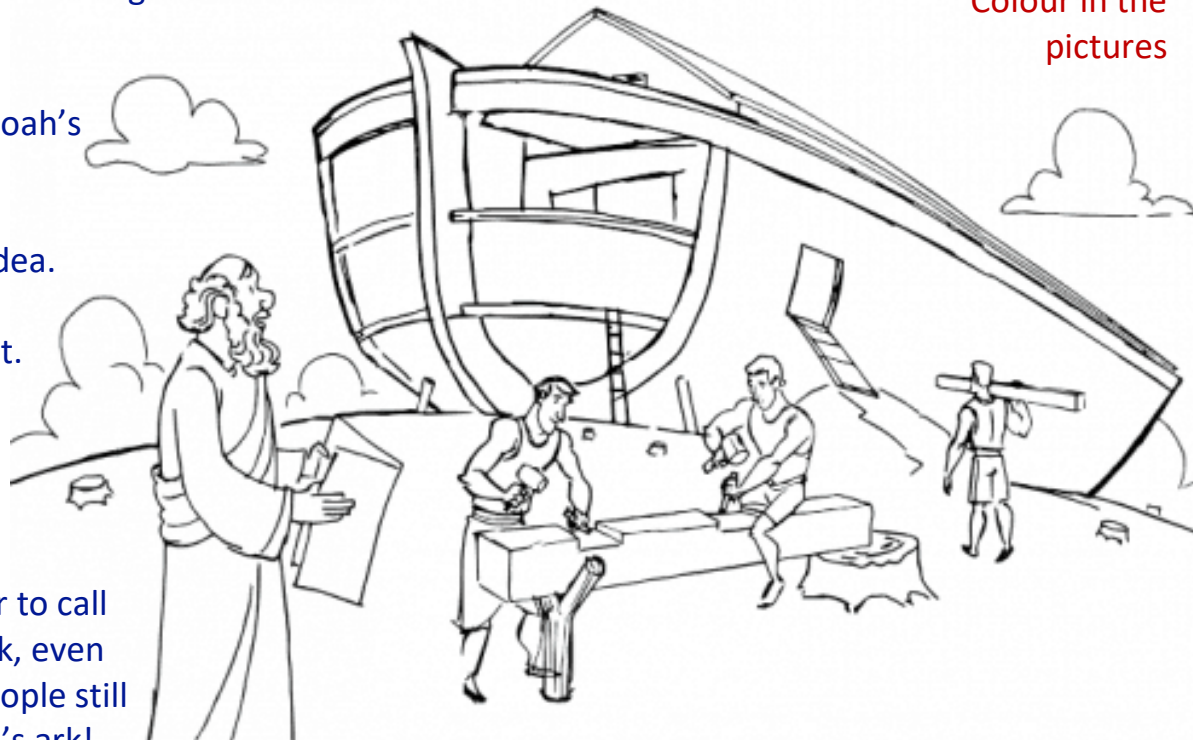
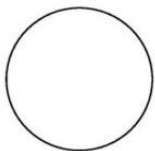
**God** came up with the idea.

**God** told Noah to build it.

**God** explained *why*.

**God** showed him *how*.

So it's better to call it **God's** ark, even if most people still call it Noah's ark!



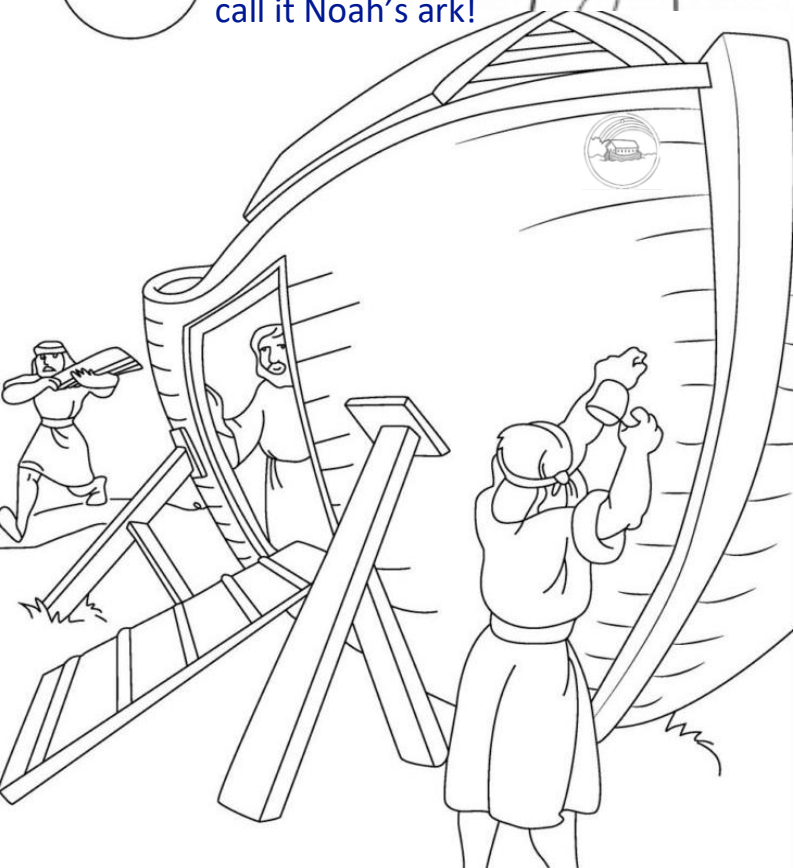
In fact, the story of Noah is far more a story about God than it is about the man who built the boat.

It's a story about God's **grace**. Look at v.8 –

But Noah found

**grace**

in the eyes of the Lord.



**Read**  
**Genesis 6**  
verses 5-8



# Grace

So what is grace?  
Check out the first word of v.8 –

<sup>5</sup> 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.

<sup>6</sup> The Lord regretted that he had made human beings on the earth, and his heart was deeply troubled.

<sup>7</sup> 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.'

<sup>8</sup> But Noah found **grace** in the eyes of the Lord.

## But ...

'But' at the start of a sentence gets you ready for something different from what's gone before or from what you might have expected. Here's why –

**God's people were very B \_ \_ .**

**God's heart was very S \_ \_ .**

(You can understand why – humans had really messed up the lovely world which He'd made)

**God's justice was very S \_ V \_ R \_ .**

*(use the same letter to fill in all three blanks above)*

He couldn't ignore what was being done. Same as you wouldn't be allowed to get away with hurting and harming others.

He had to punish the world, get rid of all that was wrong – and start again.

Which meant **everyone** (and every creature too).

And that included Noah of course.

## But ...

Grace means God gives us something different from what we deserve.

**Instead of death, would be given life.**

  
**noah**

# God gives

*grace means that God gives us*

## Read Genesis 6

verses 8-12

<sup>8</sup>But Noah found favour in the eyes of the Lord.

<sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>Noah had three sons: Shem, Ham and Japheth.

<sup>11</sup>Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight and was full of violence. <sup>12</sup>God saw how corrupt the earth had become, for all the people on earth had corrupted their ways.

<sup>13</sup>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.'

<sup>14</sup>So make yourself an ark of cypress wood; make rooms in it and coat it with pitch inside and out.

When God's judgment fell on the world, the ark would soak up the judgment and keep everyone inside it safe.

In the same way God gives us His Son, Jesus. He 'soaked up' God's judgment on our sin: for those who have trusted in Him, He keeps them all safe.

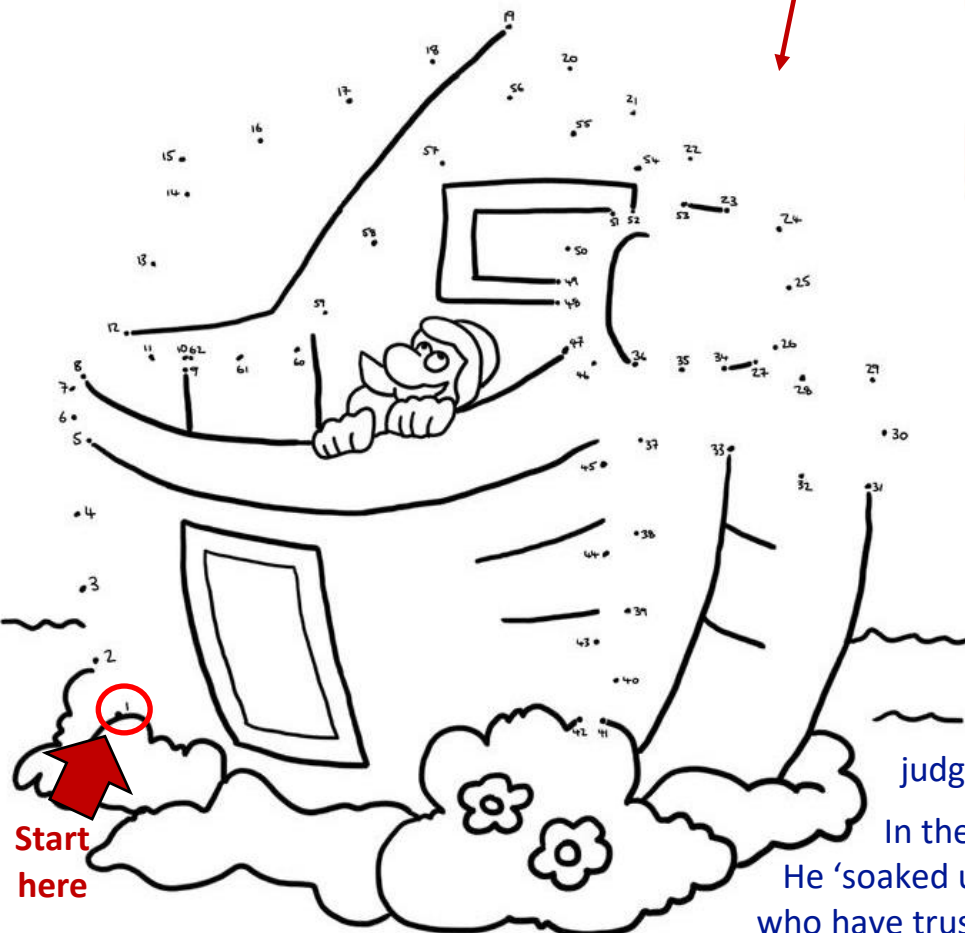
## what we don't deserve.

God gave Noah 2 special gifts. The first was

the **ark** 

### Can you help Noah?

Noah needs to finish building his ark before the flood waters come. Can you help him by connecting the dots together and completing his ark?



Start  
here



**Read**  
**Genesis 6**  
**verses 15-22**

<sup>15</sup> This is how you are to build it: the ark is to be three hundred cubits long, fifty cubits wide and thirty cubits high. <sup>16</sup> 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. <sup>17</sup> 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. <sup>18</sup> 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. <sup>19</sup> You are to bring into the ark two of all living creatures, male and female, to keep them alive with you. <sup>20</sup> 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. <sup>21</sup> You are to take every kind of food that is to be eaten and store it away as food for you and for them.’

<sup>22</sup> Noah did everything just as God commanded him.



# a new heart

Check back to v.5 (page 2 of the worksheet) and you’ll see what the real problem was –

**“.. the human \_\_\_\_\_ was only \_\_\_\_\_ all the time”**

God gave Noah an ark to keep him safe, and a new heart to enable him to

Look at v.9 again.

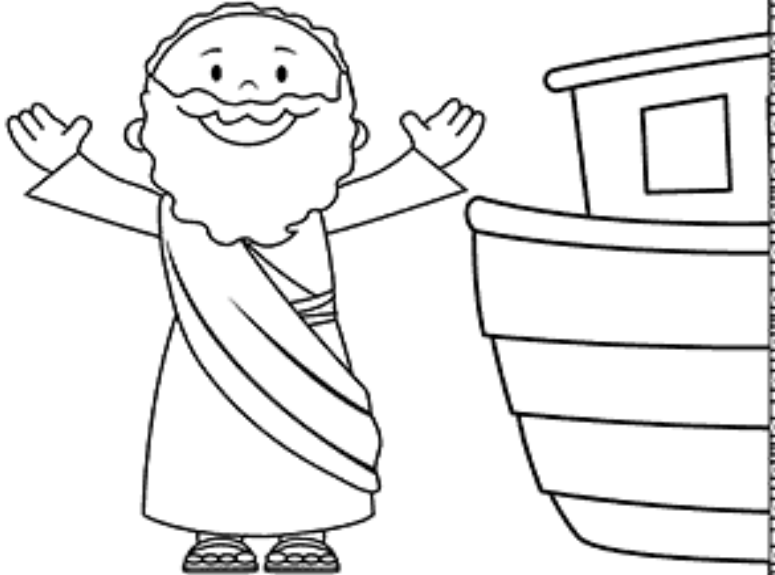
Noah started to

\_\_\_\_\_ faithfully

with \_\_\_\_\_ .

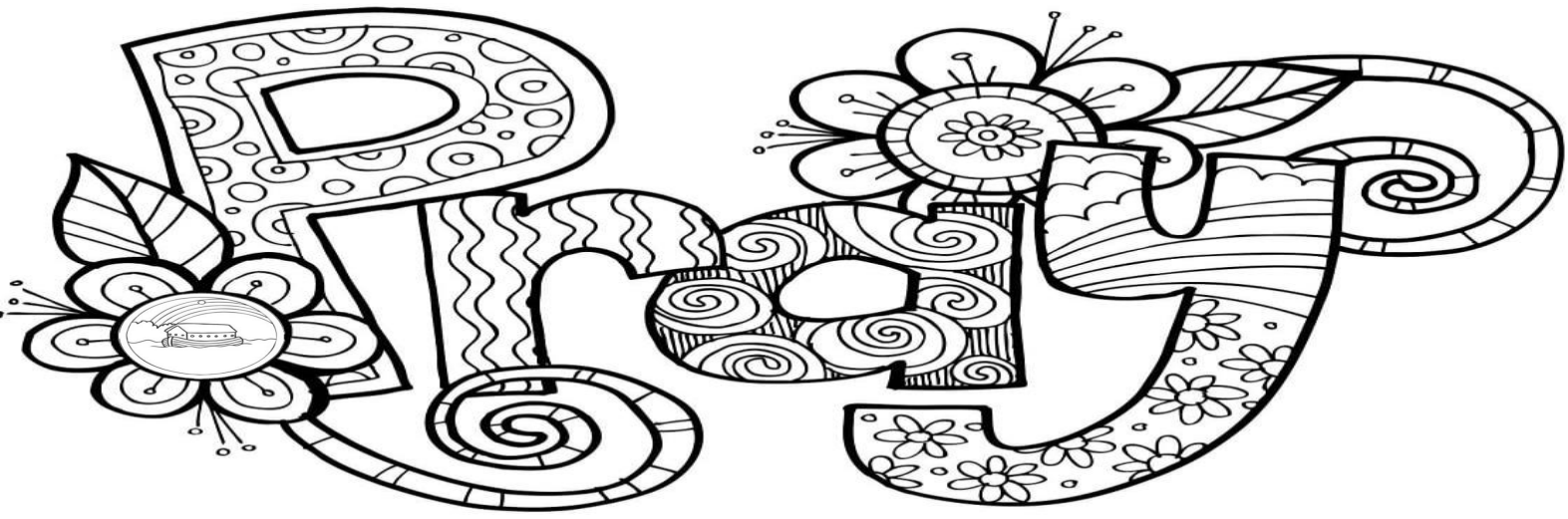
*Trust  
and  
Obey*

**Make sure you do too!**



**“Noah did (...) all that God commanded him.”**

**Genesis 6:22 ESV**



*Think about what you've been learning in this worksheet.*

*Speak to God about what you've learned: if you want, use this prayer to help you*

**Thank You, Lord Jesus, for helping me to see how amazing Your grace is!**

**I know that I get things so wrong, so often!**

**I too easily tell lies and hope I can get away with it.**

**I say some pretty nasty things; and I can be very selfish.**

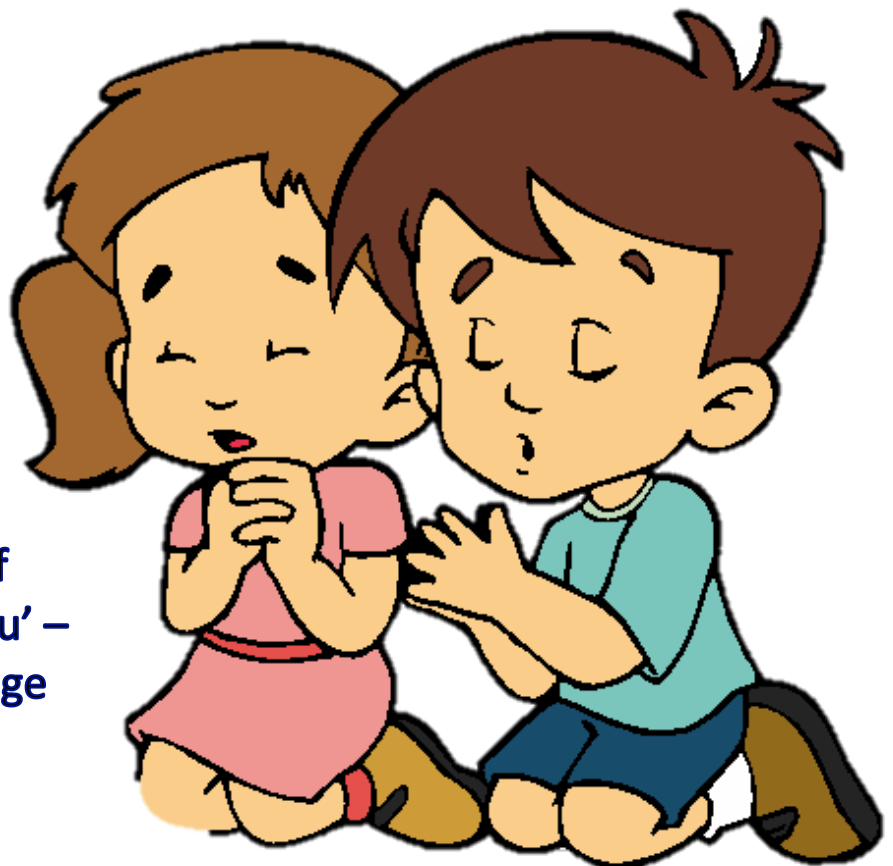
**I can shout and scream and kick up a fuss when I don't get my own way.**

**And I can be really unkind in the things that I do – and sometimes *don't* do.**

**I'm sorry.**

**But thank You, Jesus, that You came to keep us safe by being the One to soak up all the punishment on our sin.**

**Please help me to entrust myself to Your care and be found 'in You' – just like Noah obeyed the message he was given entered the ark.**



**Please keep me safe always. Thank You, Jesus, for everything.**

# Today's verse for you to try and remember!

“.. Noah did everything, just  
as God commanded him ..”

Genesis 6.<sup>22</sup>





# Noah's Ark

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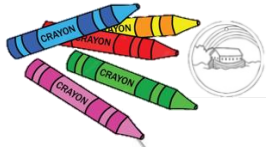
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