

# VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH –YOUTH WORK

## Sunday morning teaching plan



Date: 15 September

<b>TITLE:</b>	Noah:- New Beginnings
<b>THEME:</b>	Out of death and destruction, new life with God is possible
<b>AIM:</b>	YPs should understand that sin needs to be dealt with and that God offers new life.

### BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT

The story of Noah is often seen as a sweet child's story, but actually it is a picture of God's justice, wrath mercy and grace . There is a need for death to appease God's justice with sin, yet God chooses Noah, not because he had done anything but, due to his faith, to be the one to start things over: a new beginning, a new Eden on earth. Noah's story is a picture of what God would do later through Jesus– bring new life through the death of His son. Ultimately of course 'Eden' (peace/rest) will be restored when Christ returns. The ark is picture of both Eden and the temple, therefore Jesus.

### WARM UP

**Make origami boats–instructions attached. If possible test them to see if they float!**

### MAIN TEACHING

**NB: The passages are really long. Ch 7-9. is too much to read. I have found some cheesy kids video that you can use. A bit childish but as long as you sell it that way ... they will understand!**

**Do a little recap of last week . How much can they remember? Write down 3 things about Noah. Best fact/unique fact wins.**

Humans rejected God and became evil, doing their own thing. Violence increased. Noah was faithful to God and God chose him for a special task. To help re- establish the world. God was grieved by humanity and needed to judge sin. When we follow God He will ask us to do things for Him that we were not expecting.. like Noah. We need to trust and obey. God promises hope and a future.

**Watch cheesy kids video of Noah!**

1. In v 16 it says the "Lord shut him in." What do you think that would have sounded and felt like?
2. What sort of other sounds do you think Noah and his family heard? (loud seal being placed on ark, all the animals making noise, the sounds of other people banging on ark in mockery or to be saved).
3. Have you ever been on a cruise ship? Did you ever wonder if it would actually float?
4. What is the longest time you have seen it rain? How does extended periods of rain make you feel?

**Key teaching:** It wasn't easy for Noah to obey God. It must have been frightening. BUT he trusted God.

**Key teaching continued:** We need to remember that God sometimes asks us to do things that are not on our radar. We must be prepared to trust God and let Him lead us. It will not always be easy and it may be uncomfortable but God has called us and therefore will be with us.

5. how long was Noah in the Ark? **Get them to work it out.** Remember months only had 28 days as it was a lunar calendar. I made it 396 days! (Ch 7:17,24, 8:3-14)

6. What must it have felt like to be cooped up in the ark all that time? ( Imagine being stuck on a boat with your family for over a year with no one else!)

7. What promise did God make Noah? 6:18

8. Did Noah deserve to be the one God chose? Why?

9. Why did God choose Noah?

**Key teaching:** sometimes we need to be patient, but God is in control. He has not forgotten us. God has shown us great mercy that we have not deserved. Like Noah, God did not have to rescue us. God has promised us an eternal future with Him. We need to respond positively to that through obedience.

10. Can you see any connection between the story of Noah and Jesus? ( get the YPs to discuss in groups and feedback.)

**Key Teaching:** God requires justice for sin which is death /sacrifice. This is a theme throughout the Bible. Just as God uses the ark to bring about salvation for Noah and his family and re-establish the creation, so God uses Jesus. The ark is a picture of Jesus the means of salvation for the human race.

11. How does God let Noah know that He will keep His promise and not destroy the earth in the same way again? How do we know today that God has rescued us from our sin? ( gives us the Holy Spirit)

**Key Teaching:** God wants to rescue us and have a relationship. He has promised us eternal life through faith in Jesus. We need to be like Noah and respond to God's offer. He will call us to do some amazing things and we need to have faith in Him, to know that He will not let us down. God kept His promise to Noah, He will keep these promises to you also (John 3:16, I John 1:9, Proverbs 3:5-6 as mentioned last week)

## **TAKEAWAY**

God has revealed His just and holy nature in the story of Noah. Sin needs to be dealt with, will you let Jesus deal with your sin and give you a new beginning? God is faithful and will not desert you.

## **POSSIBLE ACTIVITIES/ RESOURCES**

**PPT with video on desktop of youth laptop**

**Instructions and paper for boat activity will be on table in Garden Room**