FOR FAMILIES TO LEARN AND GROW TOGETHER IN JESUS

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The Armor of God: Shield of Faith

THE LESSON

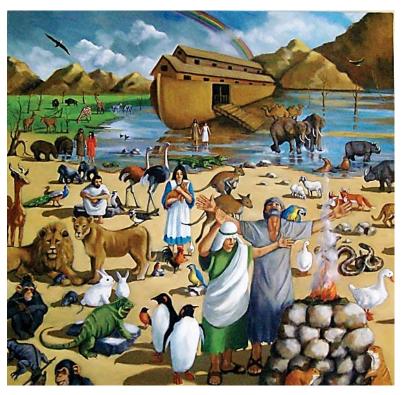
Paul talks about the spiritual battle we are fighting against evil, and he tells us to carry the shield of faith. Like a shield, the faith given to us by the Holy Spirit through God's Word and baptism, protects our hearts because we trust God keeps his promises. Read the Ephesians passages at right.

Noah is a man of great faith in God. His Godgiven shield of faith protects him from all kinds of doubts. He totally trusts God's words and promises. Noah builds a huge boat, an ark, to save his family and two of every kind of animal on earth.

Like Noah, we have the shield of faith because of our baptisms and our hearing and learning God's Word. We now can stand strong against all doubts and evil thrown at us from the devil. Watch the videos below to learn more.

> THE POINT We fight evil with faith.

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



Noah had faith. So he built an ark to save his family.



Noah and the Flood



God's Story: Noah



The Flood



Noah and Flood

Family Together Time



- Have your family work together to decorate a shield of faith.
- You could draw a shield shape on a regular piece of paper or go big and put it on a poster board!
- Decorate inside the shield with words or pictures that show things your family likes as well as things your family believes about God.
- Hang the shield on your door so you see it every time you leave home.



DEAR HEAVENLY FATHER: You have given your children the Armor of God. This armor protects us from the evil and lies of Satan. By the power of your Holy Spirit, give us a strong faith to shield us when Satan tries to create doubt in our minds and hearts about your love and promises. Keep us faithful in our use of the Means of Grace, the Word and Sacraments from which a strong faith comes. This week, make us bold and courageous soldiers for you. Use us to tell others about Jesus and how he has defeated sin, death, and the devil and given us a home in heaven. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

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Watch & Discuss... Noah's Ark



- 1. What had sin done to the world and its people from the time of Adam and Eve until the time of Noah?
- 2. What did God decide to do to wash the world of its sin and evil?
- 3. Why did God spare Noah and his family?
- 4. How many people were in Noah's family?
- 5. What did God ask Noah to build?
- 6. Why would this construction project have taken great faith on Noah's part?
- 7. After the rain began, for how long did it last?
- 8. For how many days was the earth covered with water?
- 9. Why would remaining on the ark so long require great faith?
- 10. How did Noah decide if it was safe to go out of the ark?
- 11. One of the first things Noah and his family did once off the ark was to worship God. Why was this a great idea?
- 12. What did God promise he would never again do to the earth?
- 13. What did God put in the sky to help man remember this promise?
- 14. Look up <u>1 Peter 3:18-22</u>. How does the great flood remind us of baptism?



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