



Old Testament Overview

A Chronological Study of the Major Characters and Events
of the Old Testament

Teaching Grapevine Lessons

Before Class

Lesson Preparation: Nothing can replace the time a teacher spends in prayer with our Master Teacher, the Lord God Almighty. We also recommend you read the Scriptures and lesson notes before class.



Supplies: Supplies needed for teaching:

- Bible
- Dry erase board or chalk board
- Dry erase markers or chalk
- Colored pencils
- Lesson pages for each student
- Bible Dictionary



Teaching the Lessons

Timeline and Verse Review: The timeline and verse review is done to help set the context for the current lesson. Verse reviews can be either written or verbal.

Teacher Notes: The teacher notes, in green, explain the important information that will need to be covered in that section of the lesson. These notes will also be helpful for substitute teachers and can even be read to the students if needed.



Arrows next to words in the notes, indicate words to you look up in a Bible dictionary before class.

Stick Figuring: As or after the Scripture is read, the teacher will stick figure that portion of Scripture onto the board. While students are drawing teachers can discuss that portion of Scripture. Students can either draw what the teacher has drawn or draw their own interpretation of the Scripture section. We encourage colors and creativity. Some students may opt to take notes in this section.

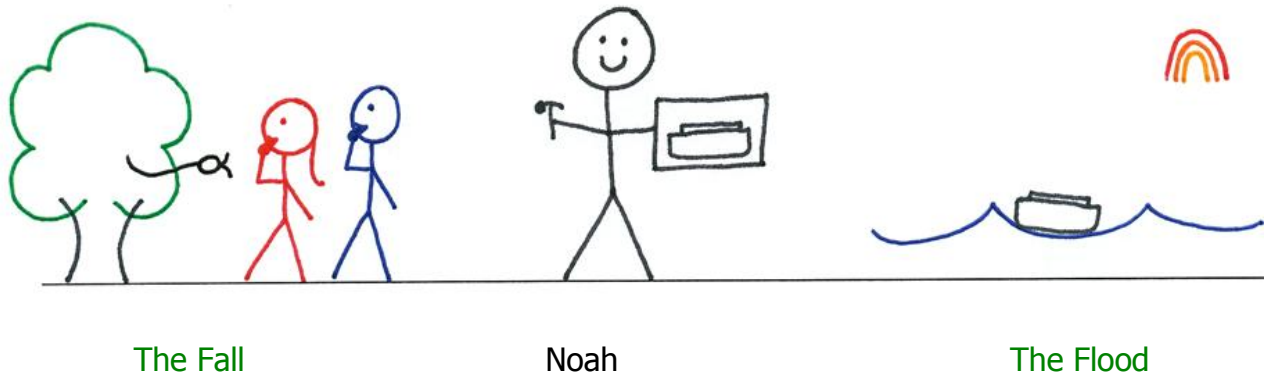
Review Questions and Answers: This section gives teachers the questions and answers for the lesson review. These questions cover who, what, when, where, why, and the how of the lesson. Notice that the last question is the application question for the lesson. The answer to this question will depend upon what the Lord has led the teacher to emphasize in the lesson – answers may vary. Teachers may also want to add their own questions as they feel led.



Character and Event cards: These cards are created to be used as review aids.

THE TOWER OF BABEL

Timeline Review



Bible Verses

Genesis 6:8

Genesis 3:15

THE TOWER OF BABEL

Background Bible Reading: Genesis 8-11

Time Frame: After the Flood

The Landing: The waters receded off the face of the earth, and the ark landed on the mountains of Ararat.


Draw the ark on a mountain.

Noah and His Family Worshipped: After Noah, his family, and the animals had been on the ark more than a year (Gen. 7:11 and 8:13), the waters had dried up enough for them to exit the ark. The first thing recorded that the family did upon leaving the ark was to worship God by making an altar and offering sacrifices.

 altar, burnt offerings

Draw Noah and his family worshipping at the altar.

The Promise: God promised Noah and his descendants, as well as the animals, that He would never again destroy the whole earth with a flood.

 covenant, descendants

Draw no worldwide flood.

The Sign of the Promise: God promised man and all living creatures that He would never again flood the entire earth. As a sign of His promise, God set the rainbow in the sky.

 sign

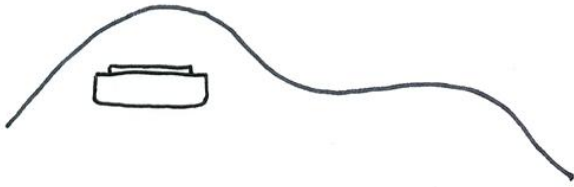
Draw a rainbow.

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Bible Verses: Genesis 8:3-11:9

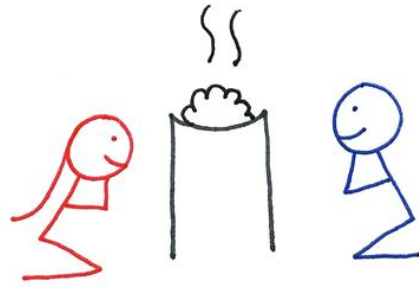
Time Frame: After the Flood

Gen. 8:3-4



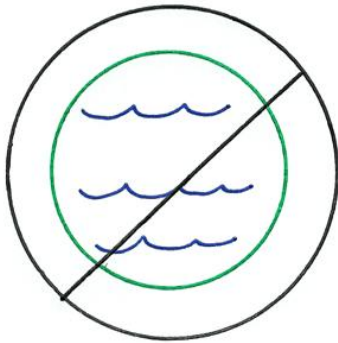
The Landing

Gen. 8:14-20



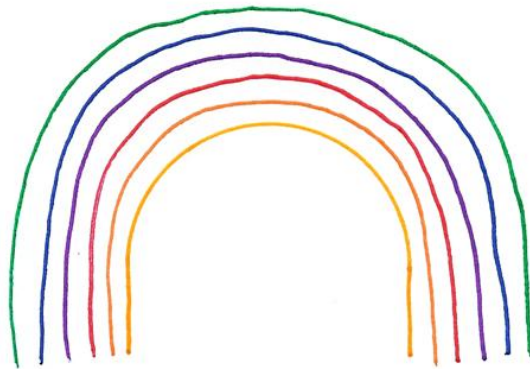
Noah and His Family Worshipped

Gen. 9:8-11



The Promise


Gen. 9:12, 13, 16, 17



The Sign of the Promise

THE TOWER OF BABEL

God's Command—Scatter and Fill: God commanded man to be fruitful, multiply, and fill the earth.

 fruitful, multiply, fill

Draw the ark and arrows indicating the command to scatter.

The People Gathered and Built: Instead of obeying God, the people gathered and built a city, called Babel and a tower in clear rebellion against what God had commanded them to do.

 tower

Draw the tower.

God Confused the Language: When God saw the city and the tower the people were building, He confused the language of the people.

 language, speech

Draw two people talking in different languages.

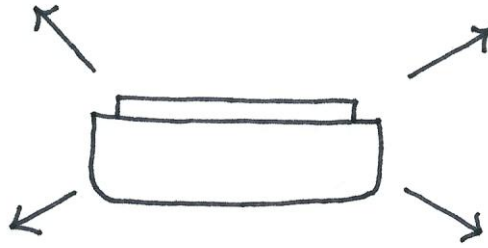
The People Were Scattered: Since their languages were confused this forced the people to scatter. (This is the origin of ethnic people groups, language groups, tribes, etc.)

 Babel

Draw a circle labeled "Babel" with four satellite circles.

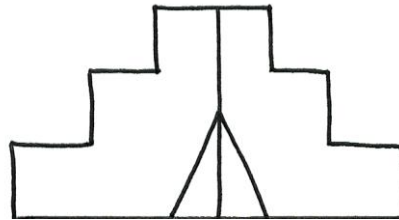
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1. Where did the ark land? On the mountains of Ararat.
 2. What did Noah and his family do after coming off the ark? Built an altar and worshipped God.
 3. What promise did God make to man and all living creatures? He would never again flood the whole earth.
 4. What was the sign of this promise? The rainbow.
 5. Where did the people gather, and where did God confuse the language? Babel.
 6. When did the people scatter? After God confused the language.
 7. What do we learn about God from these verses? God keeps His promises. God also wants us to obey Him and not rebel against His commands.

Gen. 9:1



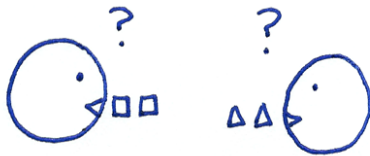
God's Command—Scatter and Fill

Gen. 11:1-2, 4



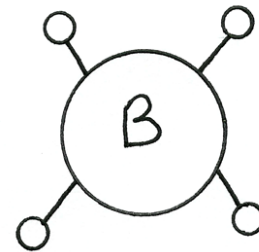
The People Gathered and Built

Gen. 11:7



God Confused the Language

Gen. 11:8-9



The People Were Scattered

Lesson Review

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Memory Verse: Genesis 11:9

THE TOWER OF BABEL

Character/Event Cards

Add to the card for The Flood and create a card for The Tower of Babel.

- After the Flood God promised that He would never again flood the entire earth. The sign of this promise was the rainbow.

The Flood

- After the Flood God told Noah and his family to scatter and fill the earth.
- Instead of scattering, men gathered after the Flood and built a city named Babel.
- In Babel they built a tower that displeased God.
- At Babel God confused the language of the whole earth, and the people scattered.

The Tower of Babel

Write your memory verse:

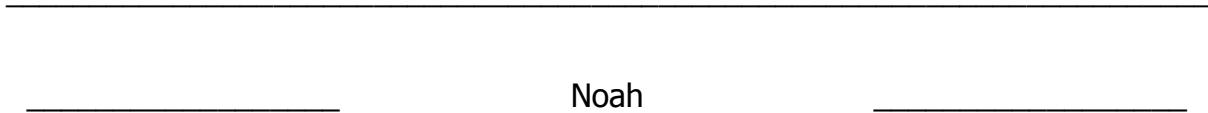
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Level 2

Memory work: The Books of the Law: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy.

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Gen. 11:1-2, 4

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God Confused the Language

The People Were Scattered

Lesson Review

8. Where did the ark land?
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