

**Purpose**

- To learn more about Adam and Eve
- To learn about Cain and Abel.
- To learn about Noah and the flood.

**Background Information**

## CAIN AND ABEL

Adam and Eve had two sons Cain and Abel. Cain worked in the fields and Abel tended the flocks. According to birth order Cain was to get the inheritance. Cain planned to give an offering to the Lord, Abel became jealous and copied the idea. God looked up Abel with favor, but not on Cain. Because he was jealous Cain took his brother out into the field and killed him. When God asked him where Abel was Cain did not take responsibility. God then told Cain he must take Abel's place as shepherd and roam the land. Cain thought it was too much to bear and feared that others would kill him. God protected him and said anyone killing Cain would suffer seven times over.

Cain married and had a son Enoch. Cain built a city and called it Enoch.

## THE FLOOD

The human race became more numerous over time, but they did not become more obedient to God. Human desires and actions became more and more evil. Eventually only one family was faithful to God. God told Noah to build an ark, a wooden barge, big enough to hold animals, food, and Noah's family. The Flood destroyed all human life except for the eight people in the ark.

## NOAH

Noah is described as a good guy who built a big boat (ark) and saved his family and two of every kind of animal from destruction in the flood.

Man continued to multiply and the wickedness continued. This must have made God sorry he had created man so he looked upon Noah with favor because he was a good man. Noah had three sons ( Shem, Ham, and Japheth ). God instructed Noah to build an ark that would accommodate this family and two of each species of the earth. God gave very specific instructions on how the ark was to be built and what the dimensions were to be. (see Genesis 6:14) At this time Noah was 600 years old at this time. Can you imagine the ridicule Noah and his family received from all of the people around them? Noah

remained faithful to God and did as he commanded. One day God told Noah it was time to collect the animals because the rain would start in seven days. (He was instructed to take 7 of each clean animal; 2 of each unclean; 7 of each bird.) Noah loaded the ark with the animals, his sons and their wives and food for all and it began to rain. It rained 40 days until every living creature was drowned and nothing could be seen except water. Several times Noah had sent out a dove to see if it could find a place to land. After several attempts the dove returned with an olive leaf in its mouth. Five months later the ark rested on Ararat. 2 ½ months later the mountains could be seen. 3 months later Noah removed the cover ark. 57 days later Noah, his family and all the animals went out of the ark. That adds up to a total of 371 days so over a year that they were in the ark. When all were out of the ark Noah built an altar and made a sacrifice of every clean animal and bird. At that point God promised Noah he would never again destroy every living thing by flood. God then sent a rainbow into the clouds as a reminder of his promise. After the flood Noah lived 350 years.

## **Procedure**

- Do pages 3-1 and 3-2 as time allows.