

Preschool Spring
Lesson 11:
God Made Fathers

Objectives: Students will...

- 1) Do activities that show them that God made dads and that dads are special in our lives
- 2) See that Noah followed God and was able to raise three sons who also followed God

Accommodations: How will I accommodate individual needs of students?

- See Lesson 1 for a complete list of ideas

Supplies: Check with coordinator to ensure supplies are ready.

All sheets and templates will be on the CD or in the Binder.

Teacher Materials (provided in classroom)

- Pens/Pencils
- Bible (please bring your own)
- Crayons/Pencil Crayons
- Attendance Sheet
- Stickers – enough for each child to have one every lesson for 13 lessons
- Tape to share
- Scissors to share
- God Made Fathers – Noah and Sons Color Page – one per child
- Thank you God for Fathers Color Page – one per child

Optional Activities

- Dolls that represent family – dad, mom, sisters, brothers, baby, etc. and/or books that show children about families and especially dads.
- Puppet to help tell story of Noah
- Teddy bear animal for hot potato game
- Play Dough – enough to share for making Noah and his family
- Paper dolls left over from previous lessons for children to play with and decorate
- Noah and the Ark teddy bears, animals, people, etc. so children can pretend
- Snack: Your choice - enough to share
- Napkins
- Cups with water or milk

Lesson:

1) Introduction to lesson:

As students enter, welcome them and help find a chair to sit at. Thank them for coming. Take attendance (using attendance chart supplied). Let each child put a sticker beside their name for this week. If a new student comes, write their name and have them put a sticker on for this week also. Have them all sit around the table.

Share with students, **“Today we are going to talk about God and the fact that He made our families. God made our dads and grandpas. We are going to look through the Bible to see that God loves us so much He created families to help take care of us – including dads! We will look at Noah and see that he was a good dad because he followed God and raised his three sons to follow God too!**

*If available get dolls that represent each member of the family you will sing about below before class.

First let's sing a few songs about families:

(Use dolls to show children as you go through each family member)

With Jesus in the Family

With Daddy in the family, happy, happy home.
Happy, happy home. Happy, happy home.
With Daddy in the family, happy, happy home.
Happy, happy home!

With Mommy in the family, happy, happy home.
Happy, happy home. Happy, happy home.
With Mommy in the family, happy, happy home.
Happy, happy home!

With Brother in the family, happy, happy home.
Happy, happy home. Happy, happy home.
With Brother in the family, happy, happy home.
Happy, happy home!

With Sister in the family, happy, happy home.
Happy, happy home. Happy, happy home.
With Sister in the family, happy, happy home.
Happy, happy home!

With Baby in the family, happy, happy home.
Happy, happy home. Happy, happy home.
With Baby in the family, happy, happy home.
Happy, happy home!

With Jesus in the family, happy, happy home.
Happy, happy home. Happy, happy home.
With Jesus in the family, happy, happy home.
Happy, happy home!

God told Noah to Build an Ark

(to the tune Old Macdonald Had a Farm)

*If you have a teddy bear animal that matches the animal you are singing about, show them

Noah had to build the ark, like God told him too.
And on the ark there was some (name an animal), like God told him too.
With some (say the sound the animal would make) here and some (say the sound the animal would make) there,
Here some (say the sound the animal would make) there some (say the sound the animal would make) everywhere were (say the sound the animal would make).
Noah had to build the ark, like God told him too.

*Repeat with another animal – let students each pick an animal as you sing.

2) God Made Fathers – Noah is a Good Dad

15 minutes

Hand out one color page to each child and read the words on the page while you hand out crayons.

Ask the students:

What do you see on the picture? A father and his son.

This is Noah and one of his sons, Noah is getting his sons to help him prepare the ark and to follow God.

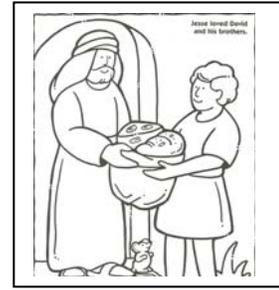
Noah loved God very much and Noah loved his sons too. Noah obeyed God and was a good dad to his sons so that they would grow up to follow God.

How do your parents help you follow God? Bring us to church, pray, sing, read the Bible, etc.

What nice things does your dad do for you? Let students answer.

Who made dads? God.

God made our moms, our dads, our brothers, sisters and us. God is great for making your family and blessing you!



Let's color the page and today we will give it to our dads and say, "Thank you for being my dad." when you give it to him. Let's think of all that our dads do for us while we color and while we color I am going to read from the Bible to see what God said about Noah and his sons.

Read **Genesis 6:9 –22** (if you have puppet, you can use that as you read to the class)

⁹ 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. ¹⁰ Noah had three sons: Shem, Ham and Japheth.

¹² God saw how corrupt the earth had become, for all the people on earth had corrupted their ways. ¹³ 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.

¹⁴ So make yourself an ark of cypress^[c] wood

¹⁷ 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. ¹⁸ 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. ¹⁹ You are to bring into the ark two of all living creatures, male and female, to keep them alive with you. ²⁰ 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. ²¹ You are to take every kind of food that is to be eaten and store it away as food for you and for them."

²² Noah did everything just as God commanded him.

What was special about Noah? He followed God; he did everything just as God told him too. He was a man who did what was right and he followed God faithfully and fully.

How many sons did Noah have? 3 Sons

Who was to go into the ark? Noah and his wife and their 3 sons and their wives, because they had followed God.

Noah was a good dad for following God and raising his family to follow God too!

Your parents are good parents for following God and bringing or allowing you to come to church today!

Allow students to finish coloring and looking at the picture before moving on. Ask students to clean up crayons as well.

3) Optional – Father Says – Action Game

5 minutes

Line the students up in a row so that they can all see you and have enough space to move their hands and feet without hitting anyone beside them.

Say to the students: **We are going to play a game about listening to our fathers. I want you to follow and do what I say.** When I say, **“Father says”, I want you to do what he says, ok?”** The idea is you ask the students to do different things that would show honor to their father.

Ready? Everyone quiet and listen.....good job...

Here are some ideas to get started, you can add your own as well.

- Father says put your toys away (pretend to clean)
- Father says go to bed (lay down and pretend to fall asleep)
- Father says put on your socks (pretend to put on socks)
- Father says help your mother (act like they are helping mom with something)
- Father says stand up straight (practice good posture)
- Father says eat your supper before desert (pretend to eat)
- Father says brush your teeth (pretend to brush teeth)
- Father says give a hug (pretend to hug)
- Father says say thank you (say thank you)
- Father says say I love you (say I love you)

Thank class for playing and then have them sit at the table for the next activity.

4) Thank You God for Dads Color Page

10 minutes

Hand out one color page to each child. Hand out crayons as well. Talk about what the students see in the picture as they color.

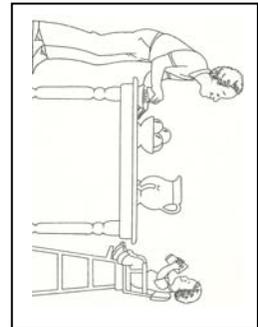
What is the dad doing in the picture?

What is the son doing in the picture?

How is the son showing that he is thankful for what his dad is doing?

How can you show your dad that you are thankful for him?

Help them write their names on the page when finished and get them to help clean up the crayons before moving on to the next activity.



5) Optional: God and Families

5-10 minutes

Pass around dolls, books about families or dads and other things that will help children remember that they learned about the fact that God made fathers.

Say, **“The Bible tells us that God made fathers. As we play with these books and dolls let’s remember that God made our families and that includes our dads! We are very special because we have been blessed with grandpas and fathers and family that care for us.**

We need to remember to thank God for all the good things He has made for us, because God is great! Let students play with the dolls and books and then clean up.

6) Noah and His Sons Builds the Ark Action Game**5 minutes**

Line the students up in a row so that they can all see you and have enough space to move their hands and feet without hitting anyone beside them.

Say to the students: We are going to play a game about Noah and his family preparing to build the ark. Noah was a good dad who raised his family to follow God. Today you came to Sunday school – that means your parents love you and want you to follow God too! You have good parents for bringing you to Sunday school today! I want you to follow and do what I say. I want you to pretend to be Noah. If I say to do something, I want you to pretend to do that action. Just like Noah was good and followed what God said, I want you to be good and follow what I say. Ready? Everyone quiet and listen.....good job...

Noah – hammer some nails (pretend to hammer nails)

Noah – saw some wood. (pretend to saw wood)

Noah – say “Thank You God for the World.”

Noah – gather some wood (pretend to gather wood)

Noah – say “God is great”

Noah – pet the animals (pretend to pet the animals)

Noah – feed the animals (pretend to feed them)

Noah – shut the windows and doors (pretend to shut windows and doors)

Noah – pet the animals (pretend to pet animals)

Noah – sit down!

Thank class for playing and then have them sit at the table for the next activity.

7) Optional - Animal Hot Potato Game**5 minutes**

Have your children stand in a circle and pass a teddy bear animal around to each other while you sing a song. When you stop the music, the child holding the animal must say an animal that would have went into the ark with Noah. Then start singing again and remind the students to pass the teddy bear again – repeat (try to make sure that every child gets a turn to catch the animal and pick an animal that went on the ark.)

You can also play this game just before snack time. The child holding the animal when the music stops gets to sit down and have a snack. Keep playing until all the children are sitting.

8) Optional: Play Dough Noah, the Ark and the Animals**10 minutes**

Hand out play dough to each child, if possible letting them choose the color they want, reminding them to not mix colors so they stay the color they are now.

Remind them that God helped Noah build and prepare the ark and save the animals that went inside. Ask the children to make Noah, his sons, the Ark and some animals out of the play dough. **Isn't God amazing! Only God can do something as incredible as making a flood cover the whole world and getting animals to come to Noah to go into the ark and stay safe! God is great for making dads that love us and help take care of us.**

Ask each student what they are making and what the animal or person is doing.

When finished, have kids clean up and put play dough creations away, or if allowed, let them take one creation home each.

9) Sing

Choose songs from the Songs section of the binder and/or sing:

The Animals Go Marching (Sung to “The Ants go Marching”)

Have children pick an animal to fill in the blank for each verse – ex: cats, dogs, elephants, etc.

The --- go marching two by two, hurrah, hurrah.

The -- go marching two by two, hurrah, hurrah.

The -- go marching two by two,
Because that is what God told them to do.
And they all go marching down, to the ark,
To get out of the rain, BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!

God told Noah to Build an Ark

(to the tune Old Macdonald Had a Farm)

Noah had to build the ark, like God told him too.

And on the ark there was some (name an animal), like God told him too.

With some (say the sound the animal would make) here and some (say the sound the animal would make) there,

Here some (say the sound the animal would make) there some (say the sound the animal would make) everywhere were (say the sound the animal would make).

Noah had to build the ark, like God told him too.

Repeat with another animal – let students each pick an animal as you sing.

10) Optional – Snack of Your Choice

5 minutes

Hand out a snack of your choosing along with a glass of water or juice to each child. Say: **“You’ve all done a great job this morning learning that God made our fathers and grandfathers and that we are to honor them. Now let’s all enjoy a treat while we think about the nice things our fathers and grandfathers to for us.”** Provide a napkin for children to clean their hands. Discuss questions while snacking!
After snack have kids clean up. Then move on to the remaining activities.

11) Close in prayer

Thank God that He created the world and that as we learned today, God created fathers and grandfathers too. Thank God as well that he made our families like our moms, dads and grandparents, but even better, when we follow God we have an even bigger family that God made for us – the church! Thank you God that we have so many people in our lives that care for us and love us and thank you God that you made them all to be in our lives!
In Jesus name, Amen.