

Noah Builds a Boat

God looked down on the earth He had made. There were lots of people. God was sad because the people were evil. They didn't care about God and they didn't want to obey Him. But one man still did what was right. His name was Noah, and he loved God.

God decided to send a big flood on the earth. God had a special plan to keep Noah safe during the flood.

"Build a boat," God told Noah. "You and your family and some animals will live on the boat." God planned for Noah to take into the boat at least two of each kind of animal.

Noah obeyed God. He went to work building the big boat. He made it just like God said. He made rooms in the boat and put a window in the top.

It took Noah many years to build the boat. When everything was ready, God sent the animals two by two into the boat. Noah invited all the people to come along, but none of the people wanted to. They didn't believe that God was going to send a flood. Only Noah

and his family went into the boat.

When Noah was safely inside, God shut the door of the boat. Then the rain began to fall. It rained and rained for forty days and forty nights. The water covered houses and trees. It got higher until it covered all the hills and mountains. Everyone died in the flood except the eight people in the boat.

Noah and his family were safe floating on top of the water. Finally the rain stopped, but the earth was still covered with water.

Slowly the water went down. The boat bumped against a mountain. It stayed sitting on the mountain.

When all the water had dried up, Noah, his family, and the animals came out of the boat. Noah and his family worshiped God.

God gave Noah a promise: "Never again will I flood the whole earth." Then God put a rainbow in the sky. Today when we see a rainbow, we can remember God's promise to Noah.

Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD. Genesis 6:8

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Bible Background: Genesis 6-8; 9:8-17

Lesson Aims

To tell how God saved Noah because he was obedient.

To encourage students to follow directions like Noah did.

Object Lesson

Bring a smoke alarm to class. Turn the smoke alarm on. What would happen if the smoke alarm sounded to warn of a burning house, but the people did not listen? A man in our lesson had a warning. Let's find out if he obeyed the warning.

Additional idea: Show pictures of a flood or people waiting to be rescued in a flood. Discuss where we would go to escape a flood—a hill, roof, or tree. What would happen if the water kept rising? We would want a boat to rescue us. Or bring a prism to class to make the colors of a rainbow. Ask the children if they know the story of the first rainbow.

Read or tell the lesson story to the children.

Worksheet 4-A

Noah Obeyed God

This fun, simple exercise emphasizes that Noah followed God's instructions to build the big boat. Discuss: Was Noah glad he followed directions?

Worksheet 4-B

God Took Care of Noah

Help the students follow the directions at the top of the page. The answer: *God takes care of His people.* Discuss: Can we be one of God's people?

Do You Remember?

This exercise is a review of facts from the story. If you have time, do additional oral review.

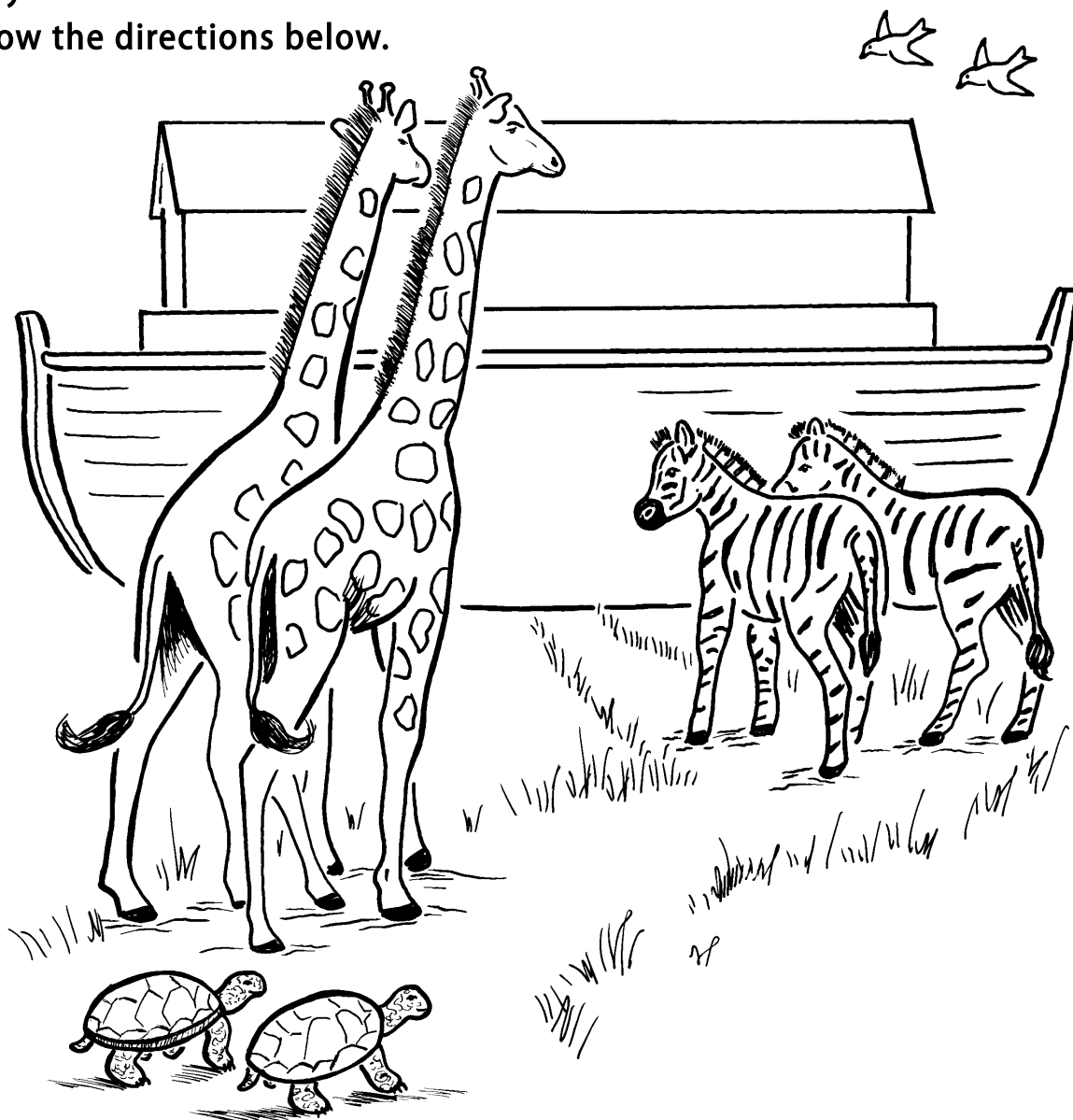
Verse to Remember

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Noah Obeyed God

Can you follow directions as well as Noah did?

Follow the directions below.



- Draw a door in the bottom part of the boat.
- Draw grass around the bottom of the boat.
- Color the giraffes tan with dark brown spots.

- Color the birds blue.
- Color the turtles green and brown.
- Draw a window in the top part of the boat.
- Finish coloring the picture.

God Took Care of Noah

Color every B. Write the rest of the letters in order on the lines below.

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Do You Remember?

Draw a line to the right word to finish each sentence.

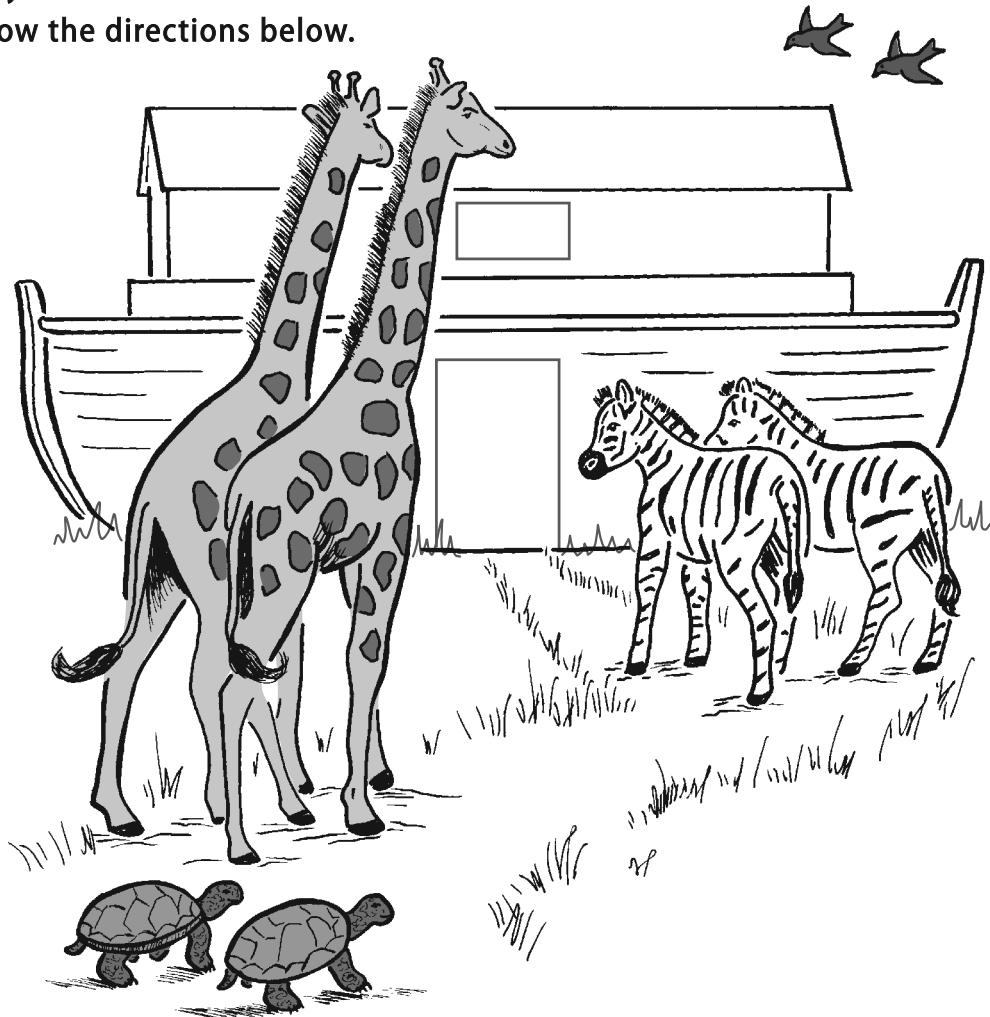
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| 2. Everyone who was not in the boat • | • God. |
| 3. The boat rested on top of a • | • promise. |
| 4. Noah and his family worshiped • | • died. |
| 5. When we see a rainbow, we can remember God's • | • mountain. |

ANSWER KEY

4 – A

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Jesus Is Born

Many years ago, a special baby was born into the family of Joseph and Mary. This baby was the Son of God, and that made Him especially wonderful.

Joseph and Mary had come to the town of Bethlehem, but they couldn't find a place to spend the night. Joseph and Mary had to stay in the barn because the inn where visitors stayed was full.

While they were there, the baby boy was born. They named him Jesus. Mary wrapped Jesus in soft, warm clothes and laid Him in a manger. The manger was a feed box for the animals. That night it was a bed for Jesus.

Outside the town, shepherds were taking care of their sheep at night. Suddenly a bright light shone all around them. The shepherds stared at the angel that had come. They were scared.

The angel said, "Don't be afraid. I have good news! Your Saviour was born today in Bethlehem. You will find Him lying in a manger."

Then a great crowd of angels filled the sky, saying, "Glory to God in the highest; peace and goodwill toward men." Then, as suddenly as they had come, the angels were gone. The night was dark again.

The shepherds knew a little about the Saviour. They knew God had promised to send a Saviour to help people live the right way. Jesus, the Saviour, would save people from their sins.

Now that the angels were gone, the shepherds were not afraid anymore. They wanted to see Jesus. They hurried into town, and found Joseph and Mary and Jesus.

The shepherds thanked God for the baby. When they went back to their sheep, they told everyone they met about the wonderful baby they had found.

God gave us His own Son Jesus because He loves us. Every year at Christmas, we remember Jesus the Saviour who was born as a baby long ago.

Unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. Luke 2:11

Jesus is Born

Bible Background: Luke 2:1-20

Lesson Aims

To teach the children about the birth of Jesus.

To introduce them to the concept of Jesus as the Saviour.

Object Lesson

Show the children a flash drive or other digital memory device. Ask if they know what it's for. Ask them why we save our pictures and other data. If we don't, it might be lost and we wouldn't be able to use it again.

Ask the children if they know that people can be lost forever. Explain that you are not talking about being lost in the store or the city, but about being "lost" from Heaven. Tell them that in today's Bible story they will learn about Someone who saves people so they won't be lost forever.

Read or tell the lesson story to the children.

Worksheet 36-A

Do You Remember?

Use the exercise to review the lesson story. The answers in order are 2, 4, 1, 3, 5.

Who Am I?

Have the children work carefully so they don't color in the wrong boxes. The completed puzzle reads *JESUS*.

Worksheet 36-B

A Special Baby

The children may use colors of their choice to make a picture of the night Jesus was born.

Verse to Remember

"Unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."
Luke 2:11

Do You Remember?

Write the number of each question beside the correct answer.

1. Where were Mary and Joseph? _____ Jesus
2. What was the special baby named? _____ He saves people from their sins.
3. What did the angel tell the shepherds? _____ They were in Bethlehem.
4. Jesus was born to be the Saviour. What does this mean? _____ Don't be afraid. I have good news. Your Saviour was born today.
5. What did the shepherds do after they had seen Baby Jesus? _____ They told everyone they met about the wonderful baby.

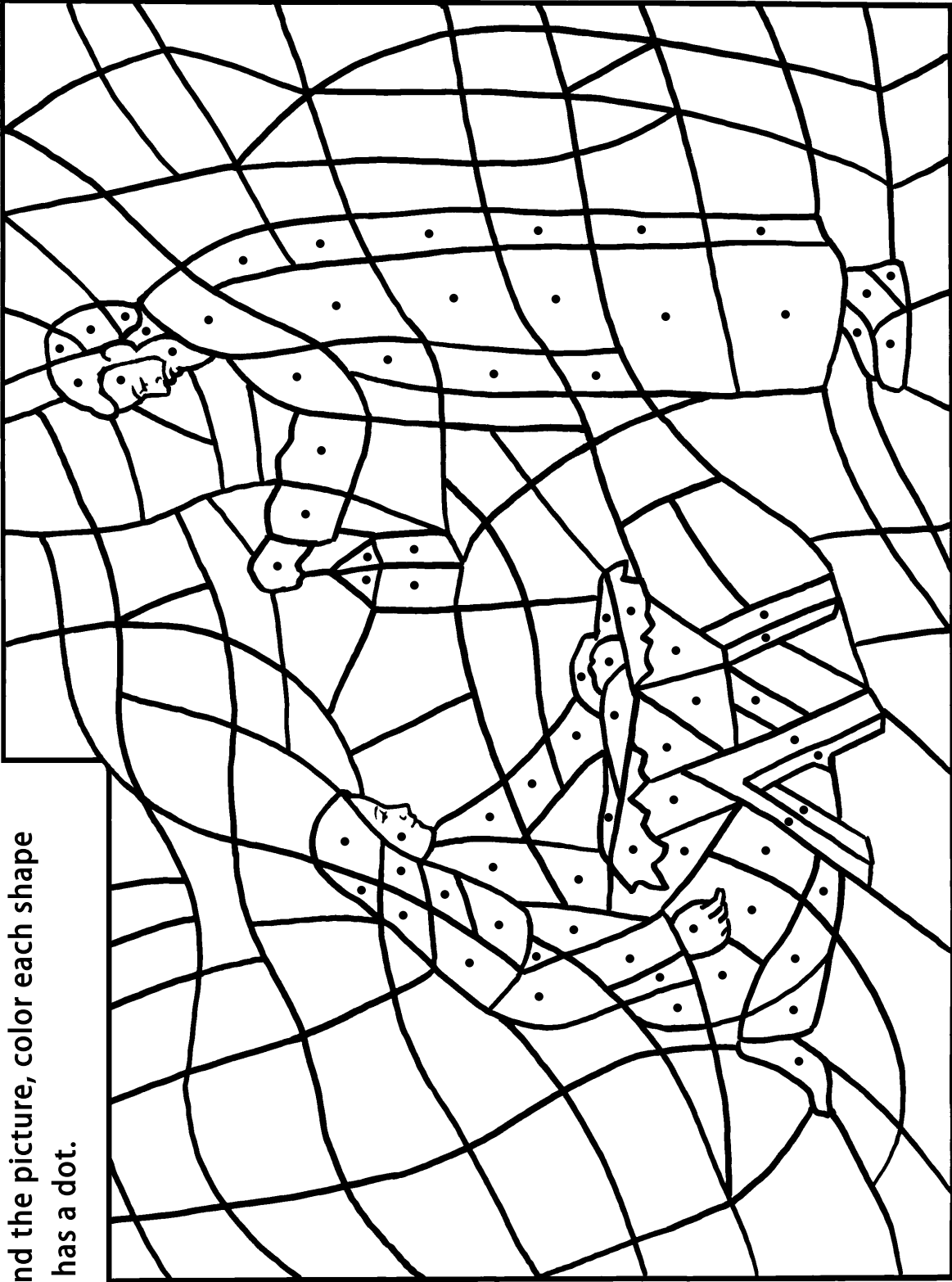
Who Am I?

1. I love people very much. Color all the **1** squares *red* for love.
2. Shepherds were watching sheep at night when I was born. Color all the **2** squares *black* for night.
3. My first bed was filled with hay. Color all the **3** squares *brown* for hay.
4. People call me Lord or King. Color all the **4** squares *purple* for the King.
5. The sky lit up with angels when I was born. Color the **5** squares *yellow* for light.

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A Special Baby

To find the picture, color each shape that has a dot.



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