

HOME connection

ST Unit: Practicing Integrity, Lesson 2

D6 Family Theme:

INTEGRITY IN A CORRUPT WORLD

Objectives:

Know: Noah walked with God and demonstrated integrity while living in a corrupt world.

Think: View each day as an opportunity to walk with God and model integrity.

Do: Walk with God in obedience, but claim His grace and forgiveness when you fail, trusting and obeying Him again.



READ: LISTEN TO GOD

Read Genesis 5:32—6:22; 8:1—9:29; Isaiah 54:9-10; Ezekiel 14:14, 20; Hebrews 11:7; 2 Peter 2:5. A Christian businessman was in Kansas City for a church conference. On the hotel elevator another passenger asked the man what had brought him to Kansas City. After he explained the conference to the questioner, the man responded, “Well, that makes no sense to me. The Bible is just another means to exploit people and practice bigotry. All of this church nonsense is just a ploy to make money.” How do we impact for Christ a culture that sees Christianity as irrelevant at best and extreme at worst? Noah’s story offers us some insights.



PRAY: TALK TO GOD

During a season of failure and sin, you need a deeply rooted faith holding fast to the grace of God. Pray that you and your family will be able to withstand hard times by relying on your relationship with God.



DO: WALK WITH GOD

Option 1: Noah chose each day to follow God’s instructions to build an ark, despite the personal mockery he received. Talk to your children about bullying. Noah was being bullied for building a boat when there was no water around, but he stood up for what he believed in. Explain to them that it is important for them not to change who they are or what they believe in just because someone makes fun of them. Remind them that it is important to tell an adult if they are being bullied or see someone else being bullied.

Option 2: Lead your family in performing a brief role-play:

Have 1 or 2 family members be Noah’s neighbors, questioning, mocking, and ridiculing him. (Some examples of what they might say: “You must be crazy or deluded! Do you think you’re special, or think you know something we don’t?” “Who is this God, and why doesn’t he appear and tell us what he supposedly told you?”)

Then have one person be Noah. How would he have responded to these mockers? How did he deal with the opposition and scorn? What might he have thought, said, or done: Maybe he ignored them and went right on with his work? Or did he think or say, “You’ll see what happens soon!” Did he testify of his belief in the Lord? “I don’t know how it will all come down, but I believe it will happen!” Or did he say, “If you won’t repent, at least pass me another board!”

THIS WEEK IN D6 CURRICULUM:



PRE-
SCHOOL

Today your child learned a Jewish man was traveling down a road when he was robbed. The thieves took everything the traveler had and they beat him up. They did not do what was right. Unlike the actions of the robbers, **I Can Do What Is Right** in my actions.



K & 1
GRADE



2 & 3
GRADE



4 & 5
GRADE

Today your student learned Noah was described as the only blameless person during a time when the world had turned away from God. Because of his character, Noah was chosen to build the ark that would save him, his family, and the animals as God instructed. We can learn from Noah's example to live a life of integrity in a corrupt world.



YOUNG
TEEN



HIGH
SCHOOL

Teens studied integrity through the life and obedience of Noah. They saw how his relationship with God and the life he lived as a result were completely contrary to the people around him. Remind your teen that living a life pleasing to God will most often mean living a life that is not popular or pleasing to the world around them. Help your teens see the importance of grounding their faith in God now so they will be confident in their relationship with Him when living with integrity is not popular.



YOUNG
ADULT

The group studied the life of Noah and discussed what it means to walk with God in obedience, but also claim His grace and forgiveness when we fail.



ADULT

Adults examined how Noah's story offers insight for influencing their culture as it turns its guns on the Christian faith. Group members were challenged to emulate the integrity of Noah.