



Grades 4-5 • Lesson 24

# Catastrophe: The Flood

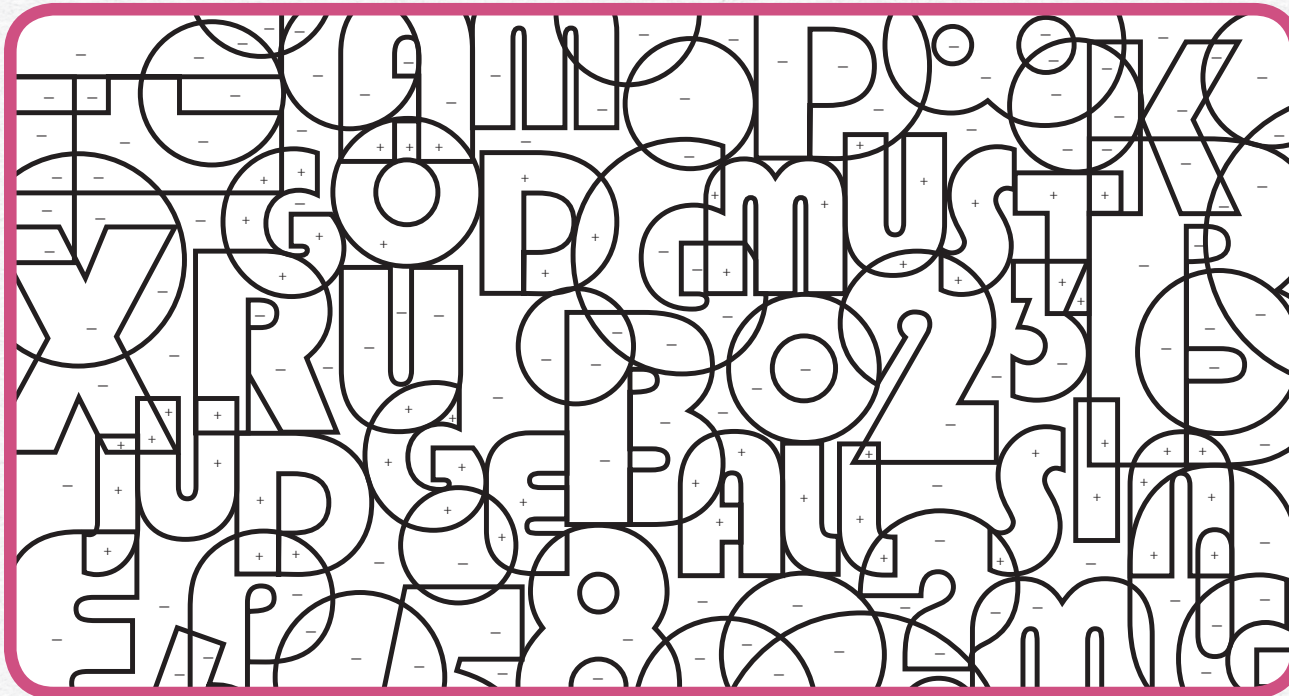
Genesis 6:5-9, 6:13-14; Romans 3:23; John 3:16, 10:9

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## Why did God send the Flood?

Color in the shapes with the + to find out.



Noah Flood Saved Sinners Punish God  
Genesis Repent Door Wicked Mercy Ark

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Fill in the blanks to complete the verse.

The \_\_\_\_\_ saw that the wickedness of man was \_\_\_\_\_ in the earth, and that \_\_\_\_\_ intention of the thoughts of his \_\_\_\_\_ was only \_\_\_\_\_ continually. **Genesis 6:5**





## **What You Heard** *In the Word*

- God is holy and just and must punish all sin.
- God showed His mercy when He saved Noah and his family from the Flood. God shows His mercy to all sinners through Jesus Christ.

## **OutWord** *For Family Discussion*

What if your friend tells you that she doesn't believe God would send a worldwide flood on people because of their sin? **What would you say?**

*We have to believe what the Bible tells us. And the Bible tells us God destroyed everyone on the earth because of sin—everyone except Noah and his family. God has to punish all sin because He is just and holy. We forget that God really hates sin! But that isn't all there is to know about God and sin. You see, God is perfect in mercy, too. He showed His mercy by saving Noah and His family. And God shows us mercy, too! We all deserve eternal death because of our sin. But God sent Jesus Christ, His Son. And through Jesus, we can be forgiven. God has such mercy and love! We deserve to die! And yet we can live forever if we repent and trust the perfect Son of God. Jesus gave His life so we could live forever with Him in heaven.*

## **HomeWord** *For Parents*

In the years following the Fall of man, people became more and more wicked. They were filled with violence and the thoughts of their hearts were only evil continually. Because God hates sin, He had to judge the world. This judgment came via the worldwide Flood. But God showed His mercy by providing the Ark as a way of salvation.

A careful reading of Genesis reveals God's precision in handing down the history of the universe. Noah was born 1,056 years after creation (Genesis 5). He was more than 500 years old when he began to build the Ark. It could have taken up to 75 years for him to complete the project.

Here is the timeline of Noah and the Flood from the book of Genesis:

**Year 0** – Creation

**1056** – Noah born (Genesis 5)

**1536** – Proclamation of judgment by God (in 120 years earth will be destroyed)

**1581–1601** – God instructs Noah to build Ark, and Noah begins building and preaching

**1656** – God instructs Noah to prepare to enter Ark; Noah enters and God shuts the door; the Flood begins

**40 days** – Fountains of deep break open and rain falls

**110 days** – Water covers earth, begins to recede, Ark rests on mountain (150th day)

**74 days** – Waters continue to decrease, tops of mountains seen

**40 days** – Noah sends out a raven, which does not return

**7 days** – Noah sends out a dove, which returns

**7 days** – Noah sends out a dove, which returns with olive leaf

**7 days** – Noah sends out a dove, which does not return

**29 days** – Noah removes the cover from Ark

**56 days** – Noah and his family leave Ark

**1657** – The Flood is over; God instructs Noah to leave the Ark.

**Noah and his family were on the Ark for 371 days.**

God shows in this account that He does judge all sin. The Flood wiped out the entire population and was a bitter judgment. But, God has also shown us His mercy and grace by providing salvation from our own sins through His Son Jesus Christ.

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