**Genesis 8-9**

Introduction: Picture yourself on the ark for one year. Describe what you think it may have been like.

**Chapter 8-9**

1. In chapter 8:1 It says, “And God remembered Noah…” We know that God does not forget things. Sometimes God describes Himself in human terns so we can better understand Him. Why does God tell us that He “remembered Noah”? Look up Genesis 19:29; 30:22; Exodus 2:24. 1 Samuel 1:19. Study the context. Explain what God is communicating when the Bible says, “And God remembered…”

1. Let’s examine the flood timeline.

* Rained 40 days and 40 nights
* Ark afloat for 5 months
* Read Psalm 104:5-10
* Waters receded rapidly
* Why send a Raven?
* What did the dove do the first time?
* Second time?
* Third time?

1. Reread Genesis 8:17; 8:19; & 8:22. List three things these verses teach us about God.
2. The first thing Noah did when he got off the ark was to\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The Hebrew word for this is This is the same word used to refer to blood sacrifices.

* Blood sacrifice Hebrew’s 9:22
* The entire animal was burnt up
* First one in the morning and last of the day
* Signified forgiveness
* Signified complete dedication to the Lord

1. Note chapter 8:21 and compare it to chapter 6:5. How are they the same? How are they different? Why the difference?

1. Look up Isaiah 54:8-10; Luke 17:25-27; Hebrews 11:7; 2 Peter 3:5-7; 1 Peter 3:20-21. How does God use the account of the Flood to teach believers?
2. Compare 9:1-3 to Genesis 1: 26 & 28. How did the relationship between humans and nature change after the flood?
3. Why does God forbid the eating of blood? Leviticus 17:10-16

1. In chapter 9:6 God uses a literary device called a Chiasm. It is reflected in the print of our Bibles. S chiasm is a literary device used to aid memory. Why would God use a chiasm when speaking verse 6?
2. Why does God take murder so seriously?
3. In 9:12-17 God makes a promise to Noah and his family. What is the promise? What was Noah’s part of the covenant?
4. We learn a bit about Noah’s family in the final verses. In Genesis 10:21 we learn that Japheth is likely the oldest. Ham is likely the youngest. 9:24. We learn in Luke 3:36 we learn that the Savior would come from Shem’s family tree.
5. We hear of a nasty little incident at the end of chapter 9.

* What does it teach us about Noah?
* What does it teach us about Ham?
* What does it teach us about Shem and Japheth?
* What can we learn from the curse of Canaan?

**For your personal growth:**

* Get out your Catechism and review what it teaches about Baptism
* Read Isaiah 43:1-3 as if you were Noah and his family
* If you would like. Imagine it is your family on the ark. Write a short Psalm to the Lord.
* Read Genesis chapter 11
* Read Genesis chapter 12 and bring any questions you may have.