

**Find** what we must do so that God will save us forever.: 1) **Ephesians 2:8-10**. 2) **Acts 2:37-38**. 3) **1 Thessalonians 1:8-10**. 4) **Hebrews 5:7-9**.

*[Answers: 1) believe. 2) Repent. 3) Wait for Jesus to come from heaven. 4) Obey Jesus.*

## 2. Plan with your co-workers activities of the coming week.

Visit the homes of those who have visited your congregation and invite them to be saved.

Visit the sick, the discouraged, and the oppressed, and pray for them that God may save them from their troubles.

## 3. Plan with your co-workers the next worship meeting.

**Tell** or act out the story of Noah.

**Explain** how God saved people from many bad things (See part 1, above.)

**Explain** how people today can be saved forever.

Have the **children** present the drama they have practised. Let them ask the adults the questions they have prepared.

Have the believers form **small groups** and let them pray for the salvation of their relatives and friends. Pray that the Lord will save the neglected ethnic groups in your country.

**Memorise** together 1 Peter 3:21-23.

To introduce the **Lord's Supper**, briefly recount how the Israelites who painted their doorways with blood were saved from the death angel who killed the first-born children in Egypt, Exodus 12:1-14. Explain how we are now saved through faith in the blood of the Lord Jesus in which we participate through the Lord's Supper.

# God Saves All Who Walk with Him as Noah Did

Those who teach children should read study #54 for children.

**Prayer:** “Oh, God our Saviour, please save the people with whom we share your Good News. Save us from evil while we wait for Jesus to come back and save us from death.”

## 1. Prepare your flock to enjoy salvation, and to lead sinners to the Saviour.

**Background.** Read in **Genesis 6:5 through 9:19** the story of Noah.

**Find in Genesis 6:5-13** why God destroyed the people he had created.

**Find in Genesis 6:8-9** why God spared Noah and his family.

**Find in Genesis 6:13-22** how God saved Noah and his family from the great flood.

*[Answers: Noah and his family built and entered an ark and so did not drown. The Hebrew word ‘ark’ meant a large box. Noah’s ark was a huge box that floated like a boat.]*

**Find** three things in Luke 24:46-48 that the risen Jesus commanded us to tell all nations.

*[Answers: Jesus’ death, his resurrection, and God’s forgiveness to all who repent.]*

**Find** in Luke 24:46 two great deeds that Jesus did to save us.

*[Answer: 1) by His shed blood God forgives our sins, 1 John 1:7. 2)] by His resurrection He imparts to us new, holy eternal life, Rom. 6:3-14.]*

**Find...** 1) In **Ephesians 2:6**, in whom are we raised to heaven? 2) In **1 Corinthians 12:1-13**, who places us in Jesus’ eternal body. 3) In **1 Corinthians 15:21-23**, through whom our resurrection

comes. 4) In **Romans 6:3-14**, to what we die to be raised to new, holy life. 5) In **1 Peter 3: 18-22**, how the ark signified Jesus' risen body.



*[Answers: 1) Christ. 2) the Holy Spirit. 3) Jesus. 4) sin. 5) Noah's enormous ark illustrated Christ's risen body because, like Jesus' body, it served as the vehicle in whom those who walked with God escaped death. We are raised in Christ, in His eternal body, to new, holy and eternal life. Jesus is our ark.]*

**Find** in 1 Peter 3:21 two aspects of baptism that Peter clarified.

*[Answer: 1) washing the flesh-with water, 2) a clean conscience.]*

Which of these two aspects of baptism leads to salvation, the physical water or the spiritual cleansing from God?

*[Answer: Peter clarified that we are not saved by the physical ceremony of washing dirt from our bodies, but by Jesus' resurrection in*

*which those with a good conscience toward God share. A 'good conscience' requires faith and repentance, John 3:16; Acts 2:38.]*

**Find** in Genesis 17:19-22 how God saved Lot and his daughters from being killed when angels destroyed the towns of Sodom and Gomorrah.

*[Answer: Angels sent them out of the town to a safe place.]*

**Find** in 2 Peter 2:4-9 the two instances of salvation from physical death that Peter cited to illustrate how God saves us believers from spiritual death and eternal judgement.

*[Answers: 1) God rescued Noah and his family from a great flood. 2) God rescued Lot and his family from a great fire.]*

**Find** in Exodus 14:21-31 how God saved the Israelites.

*[Answer: He divided the sea so they could escape, and later drowned the Egyptian army that was pursuing them, in the same sea.]*

**Find** the things from which Jesus saved people who trusted Him. 1) **Luke 7:36-50**, sinful folks. 2) **Matt. 4:23-25**, the sick. 3) **Mark 6:34-42**, hungry folks. 4) **Mark 5:1-15**, the demonised. 5) **Luke 7:11-16**, those who died. 6) **Luke 17:12-19**, the unclean.

*[Answers: 1) He forgave their sins. 2) He healed them. 3) Jesus multiplied a little food and fed many. 4) He delivered folks from evil spirits. 5) He sometimes raised people from death to life. 6) He cleansed lepers who believed in him.]*

**Find** things in these texts that Jesus will do for all who believe:

1) **John 6:39-47.**

2) **Matthew 25:31-40.** 3) **1 Thessalonians 1:8-10.** 4) **Colossians 2:15.**

*[Answers: 1) Raise dead believers from their graves to eternal life. 2) Reward all believers when He returns. 3) Protect us from the coming wrath of God. 4) Demonic powers.]*