

# THE BIG STORY

FROM CREATION TO CHRIST

## WEEK 2

### *A Flood of Grace: God Preserves the Story*

#### **DAILY READING - Jan 19<sup>th</sup>-23rd**

Mon – Genesis 6

Tue – Genesis 7

Wed – Genesis 8

Thu – Genesis 9

Fri – 1 Peter 3:18–22

#### **DEVOTIONAL**

##### **A Flood of Grace: When God Preserves What He Loves**

**Memory Verse:** “*But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord*” **Genesis 6:8**

**Story Thread:** “*When corruption spreads, God preserves His redemptive story.*”

Genesis 6 opens with a sobering picture of a world that seemed beyond repair. Violence has become normal, hearts are bent away from God, and corruption is no longer isolated—it is everywhere. Scripture does not soften the diagnosis. Humanity’s problem is not simply behavior, but direction. The human heart has turned inward, and creation itself groans under the weight of that rebellion.

Yet the most important words in the chapter are not about judgment, but grace: “But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD.” God does not abandon His creation when it is broken. He intervenes to preserve it. The flood is not a story of God losing control, but of God refusing to lose the world He loves. Judgment comes not as destruction for its own sake, but as a merciful interruption—evil is restrained so redemption can continue.

The ark stands at the center of the story as a place of refuge. Noah does not design salvation; he trusts God’s provision and orders his life around a future he cannot yet see. His obedience is quiet, costly, and long-term. Faith for Noah looks like showing up day after day, trusting God’s word when the rain has not yet begun.

After the waters recede, God sets His bow in the clouds—a weapon laid down, not aimed at the earth. It is a covenant promise that God will preserve His creation and remain faithful, even knowing humanity’s weakness. This story points us forward to Jesus, our true refuge. We are not saved by outrunning the storm, but by entering the salvation God provides.

When the world feels too far gone, Genesis 6–9 reminds us of this truth: God does not walk away. He preserves His story, and He carries His people through the waters toward renewal.

#### **FAMILY DEVOTIONAL**

**TALK** Why do you think God provided the ark instead of giving up on the world?

**READ** Genesis 6:8 and Genesis 9:13

**Prayer:** *God of mercy, thank You for protecting what You love. Help our family trust You when life feels overwhelming and remember that You are always faithful. Amen.*

## SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

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#### *A Flood of Grace: God preserves the Story*

Text: Genesis 6–9

1. **Genesis 6 describes a world overwhelmed by corruption and violence.** What details in the passage stand out to you, and why do you think Scripture is honest about how broken the world had become?
2. **The flood is presented as God's intervention, not His abandonment.** How does seeing judgment as a merciful interruption change the way you understand God's character?
3. **"But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord."** What does this verse teach us about grace coming before obedience? How does Noah's life redefine what faithful obedience looks like?
4. **The ark was a place of refuge provided by God.** How does the ark point forward to Jesus, and what does it mean for us to trust God's provision rather than building our own safety?
5. **God sets His bow in the clouds as a covenant promise.** Why is it significant that God chooses restraint and mercy, even knowing humanity would still struggle with sin?
6. **The story invites us to consider where we run when the waters rise.** What false refuges are we tempted to trust? What would it look like to rest fully in Christ as our true refuge?

