

FAMILY TIME WITH JESUS

Theme: Obedience (Lord, You Want Me To Build What?)

Scripture: From Genesis 6

Key Verse: “Help me to understand, so I can obey your teachings. I will obey them with all my heart.” Psalm 119:34

Introduction:

People on the earth were very wicked. Violence was everywhere. God became sorry that He made human beings and decided to destroy every living thing, except for Noah. Noah walked with God and was a good man.

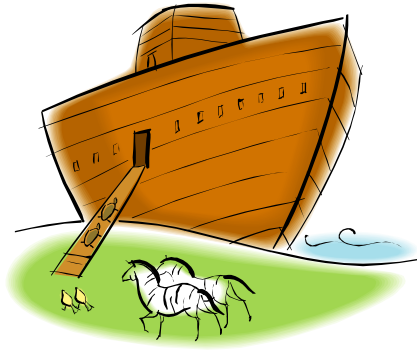
Scripture to Read: From Genesis 6 Children’s International Bible

“Build a boat of cypress wood for yourself. Make rooms in it and cover it inside and outside with tar. This is how big I want you to build the boat: 450 feet long, 75 feet wide and 45 feet high. Make an opening around the top of the boat. Make it 18 inches high from the edge of the roof down. Put a door in the side of the boat. Make an upper, middle and lower deck in it. I will bring a flood of water on the earth. I will destroy all living things that live under the sky. This includes everything that has the breath of life. Everything on the earth will die. But I will make an agreement with you. You, your sons, your wife and your sons’ wives will all go into the boat. Also, you must bring into the boat two of every living thing, male and female. Keep them alive with you. There will be two of every kind of bird, animal and crawling thing. They will come to you to be kept alive. Also gather some of every kind of food. Store it on the boat as food for you and the animals.” Noah did everything that god commanded him.”

Talking About It:

1. This must have seemed like a strange request to Noah: build a big boat for you, your family, and animals from all over the world! Yet Noah obeyed. What questions might Noah have asked God about the job he was asked to do?
2. Noah probably did not fully understand what lay ahead, yet he obeyed without complaining. He could have said, “No way, God. I’m not into boat making.” He probably didn’t even know what a boat was. What could have happened if Noah had chosen not to obey God? What would have happened to his family?
3. Imagine that you are the captain of a sports team and one of the players decided not to obey your instructions. What could happen?

OBEYING



Sometimes it's hard for us to obey a parent or a teacher. We don't see problems that could come up down the line as a result of our choosing not to obey. Think of one area where it is hard for you to obey (cleaning your room, other chores, doing homework, not fighting with your friends or brothers or sisters).

Answer the following questions:

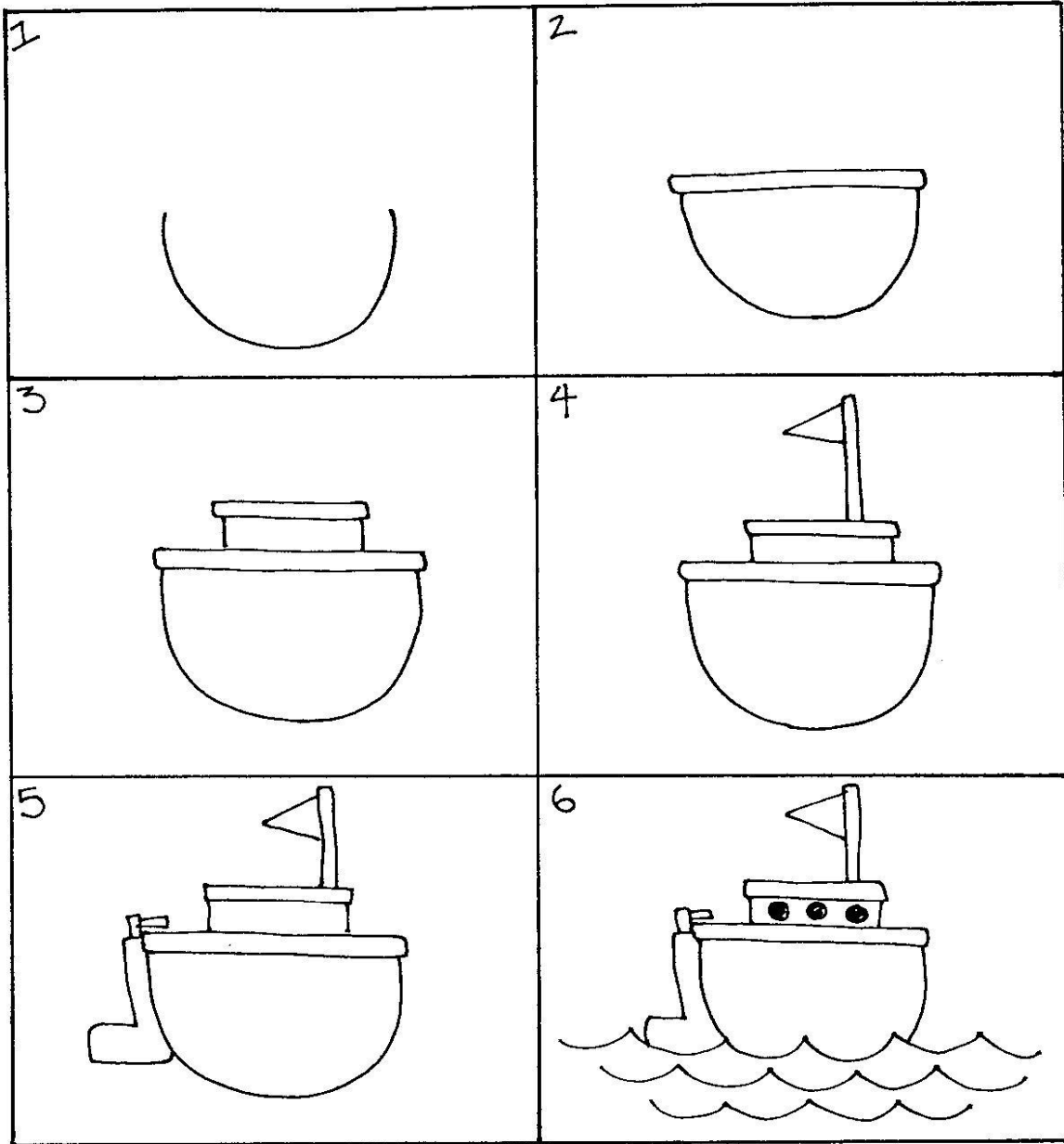
I have trouble obeying when _____

If I obey, this is what happens: _____

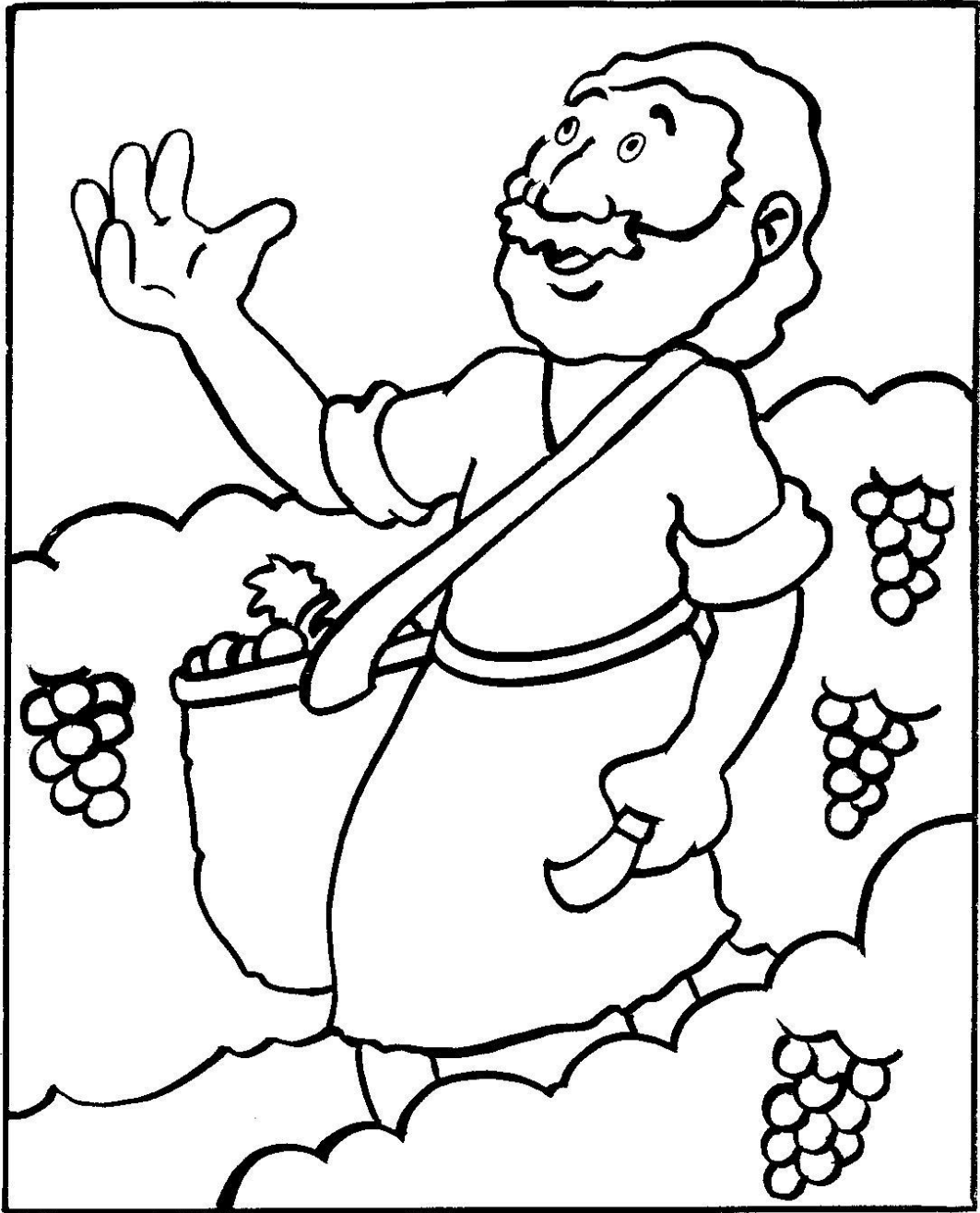
If I don't obey, this is what happens: _____

Talk to God about your choices and plan to be obedient next time with His help.

To create a Noah's ark picture, simply follow the steps below.



It rained for forty days and forty nights. Genesis 7:17-19



Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord because he was a righteous man. Genesis 6:8-9