



Genesis 6:9b (NIV)

“Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked faithfully with God”  
Our Leadership Leaf this week is FAITH.

Our Bible story is about a man named Noah.  
Noah showed his FAITH by following God’s directions even when they didn’t seem to make any sense.

The book of Genesis, Chapter 6, tells us that Noah walks faithfully with God. It tells us that God talks to Noah. God tells Noah that he is unhappy with the way that people are behaving on the earth. God tells Noah that he is going to flood the whole earth. God tells Noah to build an ark- a giant boat. God gives Noah exact directions for the ark- the materials and size and shape.

Now Noah lives in a dry land. He is building a giant boat on dry land because God has told him to. Noah has faith that God has a plan and will help him. God also tells Noah to bring his wife and his sons and their wives onto the ark. And that they should bring pairs of every living creature onto the ark to stay safe during the flood that is coming. Noah brings the animals and the food that they will need onto the ark, just as God directs. Now Noah has a giant boat full of animals on dry land! But it isn’t dry for long. It starts to rain. The rain comes down for forty days and forty nights without stopping. That would be like raining from now until the middle of November.

Noah’s Ark begins to float. There is water everywhere. Even the mountains are under water. Even when the rain finally stops, the whole world is still flooded. Every day, Noah sends a bird to look for dry land. Every day, the bird comes back to the Ark. Genesis tells us that everything on earth is covered with water for 150 days. That would be like if it started to rain today, the earth would still be flooded until the middle of next April.

Finally, the tops of mountains appear like islands in the water. A dove flies from the Ark and finds a dry place for a nest. Then the Ark is on land. God tells Noah and his family and the animals to leave the ark and live on earth again. Now Noah shows that he still has faith in God. He builds an altar and worships God and God blesses Noah and his family. God makes a covenant with Noah and with all the creatures.

God promises that He will never flood the whole earth again.  
The sign of God’s promise will be the rainbow in the clouds.

So now when we see a rainbow, we remember God’s promise to Noah and Noah’s faith in God, and God’s promises to us and our faith in God, too.

