

# SABBATH SCHOOL

## Preteen Sabbath Instruction Program — Teacher's Outline

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Level K • Unit 6 • Week 2

### NOAH AND THE ARK—OBEDIENCE

**OBJECTIVE:**

To show that obedience is doing what God wants us to do and doing what our parents ask. We can see how important obedience is to God through the example of Noah.

**ATTENTION GETTER:**

Supplies: A picture of a soldier in uniform or a toy soldier

Do: Hold up the picture or the soldier.

Ask: What is this?

Response: A soldier.

Ask: This soldier wants to be a good soldier. What do you think he must do to be a good soldier?

Response: The children will have lots of ideas such as marching, flying, riding a tank, etc.

Say: All of the things you said are right. There is one thing all soldiers must do, and that is to obey orders. But there are different kinds of soldiers. We have been talking about soldiers in the United States. But all of us are also soldiers—soldiers of God. Do you remember hearing the song, "Onward Christian Soldiers"? God is our great commander and we must obey God. He gave us the Ten Commandments.

Do: Read the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:1-17; Deuteronomy 5:6-21) and Matthew 22:37-39.

Say: God wants us to be good soldiers and learn to obey Him and also our parents. Today we are going to learn about a great man who obeyed God in an important way.

## **BIBLE LESSON:**

**Do:** Read Genesis 6:5-8:22 or read the story of Noah from a children's Bible storybook.

Because we are stressing obedience, read to Genesis 7:23, up to the point where the rain fell for 40 days and 40 nights and all living things died except for Noah, his family and the animals on the ark.

Be sure to stress that God was very unhappy because the people on earth would not obey their Creator. Because of that, God was going to destroy everyone with the Flood. There was only one man willing to obey God's laws and that was Noah. Tell them that God spoke to Noah and told him that He would spare Noah and his family because Noah obeyed God. Explain that God told Noah how to build the ark, the size it should be and the animals to put inside the ark.

**Ask:** How did Noah obey God?

**Response:** He obeyed the Ten Commandments. He obeyed God by building the ark, by bringing in the clean and unclean animals, by living a life which pleased God.

**Ask:** How can you obey God?

**Response:** Being good, not lying, not stealing, by helping parents, etc.

**Say:** You will be good soldiers and make God happy if you obey God and your parents.

**Do:** Read Ephesians 6:1-3. "Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 'Honor your father and mother' which is the first commandment with promise: 'that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.'"

**Ask:** What kind of rules do your parents have?

**Response:** Be polite, don't argue, do as you're told, clean rooms, make beds, take out trash, pick up clothes.

**Say:** Your parents are the leaders of your home and you will live a happy life if you obey them. And we will all be happy if we obey God, the creator and ruler of this whole earth.

## **LESSON APPLICATION:**

Shoebox ark and animals

**Do:** Before this lesson, ask the parents to send a shoebox to class. (If you have a source of shoeboxes, you can bring them yourself.)

**Supplies:** Shoebox  
Picture of ark to paste on shoebox  
Crayons or markers to color the ark  
Children's scissors  
Glue  
Pictures of several animals (either the whole animal or heads—see samples)  
Clothespins for the animals to be used. (two per animal body, one per animal head)

**Directions:**

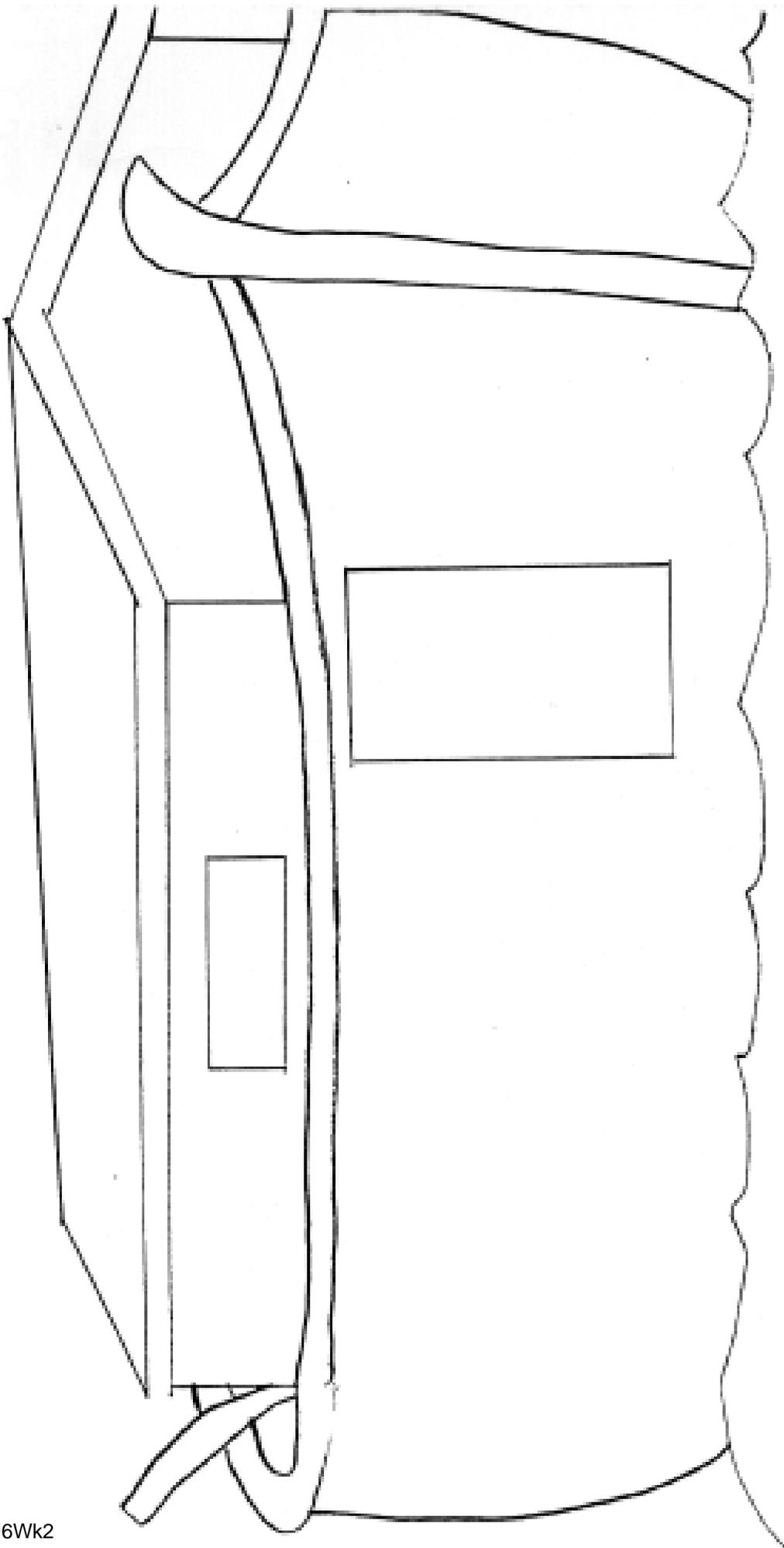
1. Give each child a shoebox.
2. Have each child color the ark and glue the picture onto the shoebox lid.
3. Have the children cut out and color the animals.
4. Clamp the clothespins onto the animals so that they will stand up. It will take two for each animal and one for each animal head.
5. Have the children place the animals into their own shoebox.

## **MUSIC:**

"Honor Your Father and Mother" by Steve Green. This is on the tape *Hide 'Em In Your Heart*, Bible Memory Melodies, Vol. 2 (The Sparrow Corporation, P. O. Box 5010, Brentwood, TN 37024-5010). There are many songs on this tape suitable for Sabbath School classes.

## **MEMORY VERSE:**

Ephesians 6:1 "Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right."



This page will fit on a shoebox.  
Have them color the bottom blue, like water.

# *family activity*

## **THE POINT:**

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## **ASK ME...**

Why was God going to destroy all people?

Who obeyed God?

What did God have Noah build?

## **FAMILY TOGETHER TIME:**

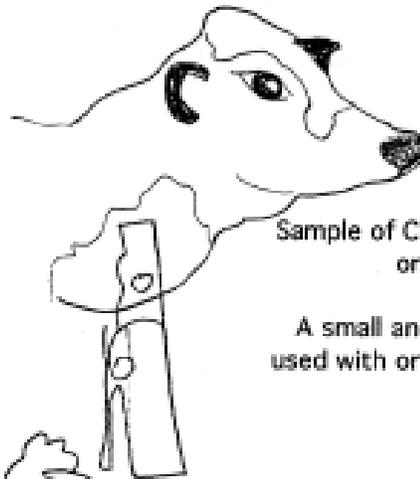
This lesson is a good lead into a family discussion about the importance of obedience. Reasons to talk about: to be safe, to grow up to be good people, to be pleasing to God. You might want to discuss areas in which your child could improve his or her obedience.

Talk about rules in school, or at church, and why children need to obey them.

Discuss what happens when people do not obey laws.

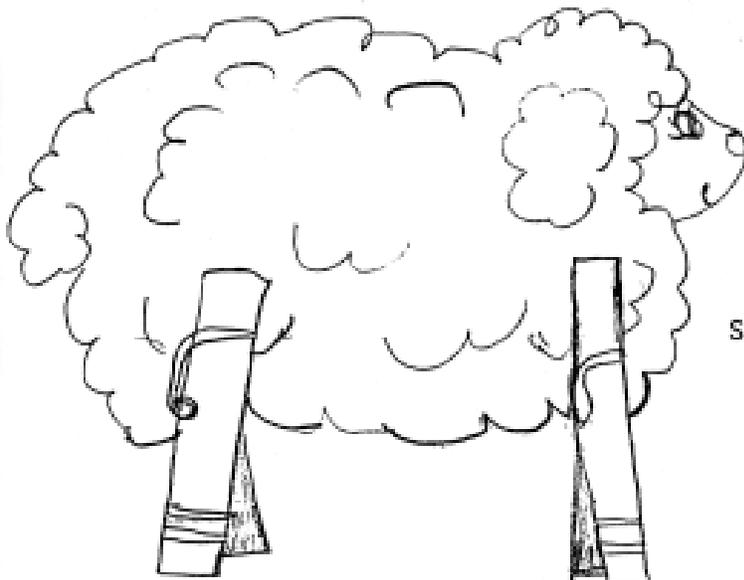
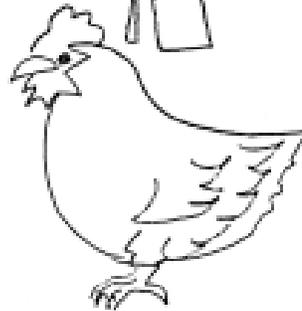
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Sample of Cow head with one clothespin.

A small animal could be used with one clothespin.



Sample of a larger animal which would use two clothespins.