

Noah and the Rainbow | Lesson Plan

How can having faith and perseverance help us overcome challenges in our lives?

Students will understand the story of Noah's Ark and the significance of the rainbow as a symbol of God's promise.

Learning Objectives:

- Recognize Bible stories as a distinct genre of literature with unique themes and lessons.
- Recall the main events of the Noah's Ark story.
- Explain the significance of the rainbow in the story.
- Identify instances where showing faith and perseverance is important in daily life.
- Discuss the reactions of Noah's neighbors and its implications on social behavior.

Key Vocabulary:

- **Bible Story:** A narrative found in the Bible, often with moral, spiritual, or religious lessons intended to teach readers about faith and righteousness.
- **Noah:** A faithful and righteous man chosen by God to build an ark and save his family and two of every kind of animal from a great flood.
- **Ark:** A large boat built by Noah to save his family and two of every kind of animal from the Flood.
- **Faith:** Complete trust or confidence in someone or something.
- **Perseverance:** Persistence in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success.
- **Promise:** A declaration or assurance that one will do something or that a particular thing will happen.
- **Rainbow:** A sign of God's promise to never flood the earth again.

Educational Standards: CCRA.R.1, CCRA.R.3, CCRA.SL.1, CCRA.SL.2, CCRA.L.6, CCRA.R.4

Academic Subject Areas: Life Lessons, Bible, Judeo-Christian Values

What You'll Need

- Video: *Otto's Tales: Noah and the Rainbow* (Click [Here](#))
- Worksheet: *Otto's Tales: Noah and the Rainbow* (Click [Here](#))

Lesson Plan (45 mins.)

Warm-Up: (10 mins.)

1. Begin by explaining what a Bible story is: A Bible story is a narrative found in the Bible, passed down through generations to teach a lesson or moral and often features faithful



and heroic characters. Bible stories have been used for thousands of years to teach important lessons about faith, morality, and human nature.

2. Ask students if they have heard any Bible stories before and share some titles if they have.
3. Introduce and explain the key vocabulary for the lesson: Noah, Ark, Faith, Perseverance, Promise, and Rainbow. Use simple definitions and give examples when appropriate.
4. Ask students to think about a time when they had to be courageous and stand up for what they believe in, even if others around them didn't agree.
5. Discuss how faith and perseverance play a role in these situations.

Watch and Complete: (25 mins.)

1. Show the video *Otto's Tales: Noah and the Rainbow* to the students.
2. Pause at key moments to ask questions and check for understanding of key vocabulary words and their meanings:
 - Why did Noah need to build an ark?
 - What did Noah put in the ark?
 - How did Noah's neighbors react to him building the ark?
 - How long did the rain fall?
 - What happened when the rain stopped?
 - What are the two birds that Noah sent out?
 - What is the significance of the rainbow in the story and throughout history?
3. After the video, discuss the characters and their actions:
 - What kind of man was Noah?
 - What was going on in the world that was causing problems?
 - What can we learn from Noah's faithfulness in the story?
 - Have you ever had to do something difficult because you knew it was the right thing to do?
4. Transition to the next part of the lesson by introducing the story sequence activity.

Wrap-Up: (10 mins.)

1. Distribute the worksheet and explain how to fill it out.
2. Guide students through the sequence of events in the story, prompting them to fill in the chart with the main events in the correct order.
3. Discuss the completed worksheets as a class, ensuring everyone has captured the key events correctly.
4. Evaluate students based on their ability to:
 - Retell the story of Noah's Ark in their own words.
 - Explain the significance of the rainbow.
 - Define the key vocabulary terms.
5. Close with a word of wisdom and a call to action. Remind students that, just like Noah, they can overcome any challenge with faith and perseverance. Ask them to think about a challenge they are facing this week and how they can use faith and perseverance to overcome it. Encourage them to share their story with someone they trust. Remind them

to keep an eye out for rainbows as a reminder that after every storm, there is hope and new beginnings.

Extension Activity:

A good extension activity for this lesson is to have students create a "Faith and Perseverance" journal. Each student will decorate their journal cover to make it personal and special. Over the course of a week, students will make daily entries where they write or draw about times when they needed to use faith or perseverance. They should include what happened, how they felt, what they did to show faith or perseverance, the outcome, and their feelings afterward. At the end of the week, students will participate in a reflection session where they can share one of their journal entries with the class or in small groups. This activity helps students connect their own experiences to the story of Noah, reinforcing the lesson's themes in a personal and meaningful way. Additionally, the teacher can compile a favorite entry from each student into a class book titled "Our Stories of Faith and Perseverance," which can be kept in the classroom for everyone to read.

Don't have time for the complete lesson? Quick Activity (15-20 mins.)

After watching the video, distribute the worksheet *Otto's Tales: Noah and the Rainbow* and allow students to discuss their favorite character or part of the story.