



God Punishes a Sinful World

MAIN IDEAS

- God, who is grieved by and angry at sin, will punish sinners.
- God is patient with sinners and will always keep His promises.
- Faith in God is needed to be pleasing to God.

MEMORY VERSE

...for the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.—Psalm 1:6

SCRIPTURE

- 1) Genesis 6-8
- 2) Psalm 1:6
- 3) Hebrews 9:22b
- 4) 2 Peter 3:9



LESSON SUMMARY

The story of Noah and the ark is probably one of the best loved Bible stories for many young children. It has animals, Noah and his huge boat, the rain and flood, and a beautiful rainbow. It is a wonderful story of the faithfulness and grace of God. However, in that faithfulness there is also the promise of judgment and punishment for all those who continue to reject the treasure of the glory of God. This theme in the narrative is often ignored, to our detriment. Sometimes it is easier to think only about the comforting texts of Scripture, but we need to hear the whole counsel of God: the promise of everlasting joy that God extends to people who by faith put their trust in Him, and the promise of terrible, everlasting judgment that He extends to those who reject Him. God always keeps His promises, and we will live within one of these two promises forever!

PRAYER POINTS

As you review this lesson with your child, pray...



- *for eyes to see the whole counsel of God, and a heart that embraces all that God is and His wonderful mercy on those who humbly trust in Him.*
- *that God would open your eyes and the eyes of your child to see both His judgement and mercy in the testimony of the flood.*
- *that your child would be among those who heed God's warning and flee to Him for salvation from His judgment.*

AS YOU WALK BY THE WAY

Many, many years passed from the time Noah began to build the ark until the time the flood came.

- Why do you think God waited so long to punish the people?

Read and talk about 2 Peter 3:9.

How did the wicked people in Noah's time respond to God's patience? What was the consequence?

- How have you experienced God's patience? In what way? What does this show us about God?
- Do you believe God when He promises

to punish sin? Does it change how you think about sin? Is sin a little problem, or a big problem? Why is it a big problem? Is there anything we can do about it? Can we just become perfect and stop sinning? Who can save us? Does anyone know what God did to finally solve our sin problem? [He sent Jesus to die on the cross.]

- Do you believe God when He says Jesus can save you from your sin?

ACTION STEP

This week, before you go to bed each night, think of a way that God was patient with you during the day. Next, pray to Him and thank Him for His patience.

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