

Use the following thoughts and questions to have a spiritual conversation as a family. Don't emphasize having the right answer, but focus on spending time discussing the Word as a family.

Scripture

Genesis 6:5-9,17-22; 9:1,12-15

Session Summary

Our sin "grieves" God. This word indicates much more than anger over our sin; it shows that our sin pains God and breaks His heart. Our obedience to God is much less about breaking rules than it is about causing pain in our relationship with Him. As far back as the fall, we can trace the lines of sin and destruction straight to today. However, that far back, we can also trace the lines of God's grace into today. Despite the sin, despite the grief His people have caused Him, God has always provided a way for this relationship to be restored. This is made evident in the way He provided the ark to save Noah and his family and later provided Jesus to save us all.

Conversation Questions

- What about God's judgment is difficult for our family to understand? Why?
- How can God's decision to show us mercy when we were at our worst help our family show mercy to each other, and people outside of our family, no matter what?
- Note some of Noah's positive characteristics. What are some ways our family can work to develop these in our life?
- Why does it sometime seem more difficult to share the gospel with lost people we love and know well? How can we work to change our attitudes about that this week?

Family Challenge

On a dry erase board, chalk board, or blank sheet of paper write out the names of the people in your family's life (friends, other family members, classmates, coworkers, etc.) who do not know Jesus. Take a minute to talk about the fact that each of these people will face God's wrath if they never accept the truth of their sinfulness and His mercy toward sinners. Then, talk about ways your family can show and tell these people about Jesus. For an extra challenge, each time you see these names, pray for these people to come to know Jesus and for opportunities for your family to share the gospel with them.