

Day 1—Junior

Stand for God!

Name _____

Hello, Divers! We hope you had a blast today at *Ocean Commotion!* You dived deep into the book of Genesis, in the Bible, to find out how sin entered the world and why Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord. Our animal pal, Hydro, reminded us that there was a whale of a problem on Earth when Noah was alive, 4,300 years ago. In the beginning, God created a perfect world with amazing plants, animals, and people! Everything was good and there was no sin. But one day, Adam and Eve, the first two people God created, disobeyed God and listened to the evil Satan. Sin entered our world. The first people were very smart, not ape-like. God created them in His own image! They built cities, fashioned instruments, and made things out of bronze and iron. But, sadly, they kept disobeying God. By Noah's time, every thought of every person's heart (except Noah) was continually evil. Noah pleased God and was different from those around him.

We need to stand for God (love and obey Him) no matter what others do. With God's help, you can be brave, be strong, and stand for Him (even when others are not)!

Just like Noah, we can rely on God to help us stand for Him.



Look up the verses below to find the correct answer.

1. But Noah found _____ in the _____ of the _____. (Genesis 6:8)
2. Noah was a _____ man. (Genesis 6:9)
3. Noah _____ with God. (Genesis 6:9)
4. The earth also was _____ before God. (Genesis 6:11)
5. The earth was filled with _____. (Genesis 6:11)



Lifeline Verse Challenge

Today's Verse

**Watch, stand fast in
the faith, be brave,
be strong.**

1 Corinthians 16:13

Challenge: Run to one corner of a room and shout, "Watch!" Run to the next corner and shout, "Stand fast in the faith!" Then shout, "Be brave!" in the third corner and "Be strong!" in the fourth corner.



Tomorrow's Verse: "If you love Me, keep My commandments." John 14:15



1. Find the book of Genesis in the Bible. Find chapter 6. Read it and tell someone three words that describe Noah. Do those words describe you, too? Do you understand what it means to be saved by God's grace?
2. Talk to God (that's prayer!) and ask Him to help you follow Him like Noah did—standing for God no matter what.
3. Ask an adult who follows Jesus to share a time he (or she) had to stand for God. What happened?
4. Check answersvbs.com/ockids for more fun information.



Ask yourself this question: When I get in hard situations at school or wherever, am I going to ask God to help me stand for Him—even if I'm the only one?

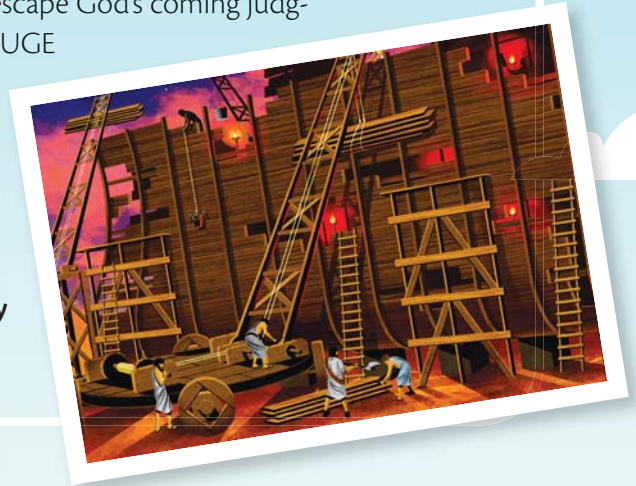


Day 2—Junior Obey God!

Name _____

Welcome back, divers! We hope you had a totally awesome time at *Ocean Commotion* today! Our animal pal, Hammer, reminded us to ask God to help us nail obedience. We learned how, by faith, Noah obeyed God as he built the Ark to escape God's coming judgment on the wickedness of the people. That was a HUGE task! Obedience is doing what you have been asked the first time, completely, joyfully, and without complaint. When God told Noah to build the Ark, Noah did all God commanded him to do. He obeyed God completely and right away!

Just like Noah, we can rely on God to help us obey Him, no matter what.



Read Genesis 6:9–22. Then find the words below in the Ark.

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NOAH
SHEM
HAM

JAPHETH
ARK
CUBITS

ANIMALS
BIRDS
FLOOD

OBEY
BUILD
COVENANT

EARTH
CORRUPT
GOPHER

WOOD
PITCH

Lifeline Verse Challenge

Today's Verse

**If you love
Me, keep My
commandments.**

John 14:15

Challenge: Write each word on a separate index card. Mix up the cards and place them in a sand pail. Time yourself and see how fast you can get them out of the pail and in order.



Tomorrow's Verse: But as for me, I trust in You,
O Lord; I say, "You are my God." Psalm 31:14



1. Read Genesis 6:9–22. Draw a picture of the Ark. Think about how difficult it must have been for Noah to obey God on such a tough assignment, and how God gave him the ability to do it.
2. Talk to God and ask Him to help you love and obey Him more. If there is something specific you struggle with, ask Him to help you in that specific area.
3. Ask an adult if he (or she) is a child of God. If he is, have him tell you about how he's grown to love and obey the Lord more over the years.
4. Check answersvbs.com/ockids for more fun information!



Ask yourself this question: When somebody looks at my life, will they conclude that I love God?

Hammer
the Shark



Day 3—Junior Trust God!

Name _____

Hello, Divers! We hope you had a powerful time with our animal pal, Piers the Puffin. Piers reminded us that we need to trust God with our lives, just like Noah did. Even though people scoffed at Noah for building a boat, he never gave up. Noah trusted God and God saved him and his family from His judgment on sin (a worldwide Flood)! God brought two of every air-breathing, land-dwelling animal (seven of some) into the Ark, God shut the door, and God kept them safe while the ocean was in complete commotion! Today, God offers us a way to be saved from His judgment on sin, too! The people of Noah's time were sinners. They disobeyed God and received the penalty for sin, which is death. Did you know we still sin today? All of us have sinned (disobeyed God's commands), and the penalty for sin is death (Romans 3:23; 6:23). So, just as the Ark was the way God saved Noah and his family from death in the Flood, Jesus is the way God saves us now from eternal death for any who believe in Him.



Just like Noah, we can rely on God to help us trust Him with our lives.

Read the following verses. Write the colored letters in the circles. Unscramble the letters and write the answers in the blanks. To receive the gift of eternal life, you need to:

1. Romans 3:23; 6:23

_____ : You need to repent of your sins. In other words, you need to tell God you are sorry for doing bad things. You need to ask God to forgive you for disobeying His commands.



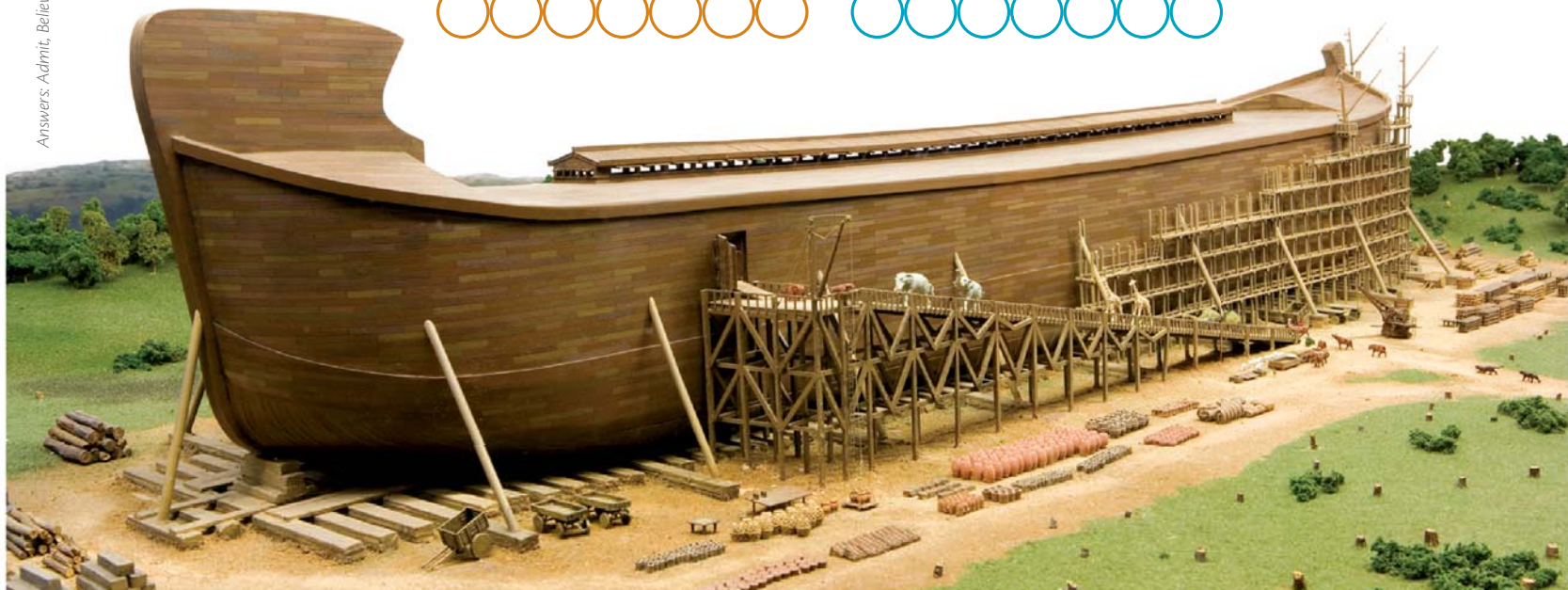
2. Romans 10:9–10

_____ : You need to believe that Jesus is God's Son and that He died and rose from the dead, paying the penalty for sin on your behalf.



3. John 1:12; John 3:16

_____ : You receive the gift of eternal life when you admit and believe. You can praise God for making you His child!



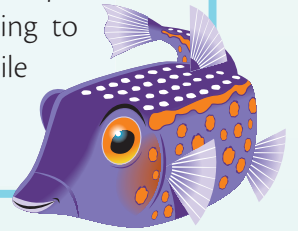
Lifeline Verse Challenge

Today's Verse

**But as for me, I trust
in You, O Lord; I say,
“You are my God.”**

Psalm 31:14

Challenge: Quote the verse, depending on the directions that follow. Quote the verse while doing ten jumping jacks in ten seconds. Quote the verse while doing five sit ups. Quote the verse while pretending to catch a fish. Quote the verse while pretending to be a fish.



Tomorrow's Verse: “In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” 1 Thessalonians 5:18

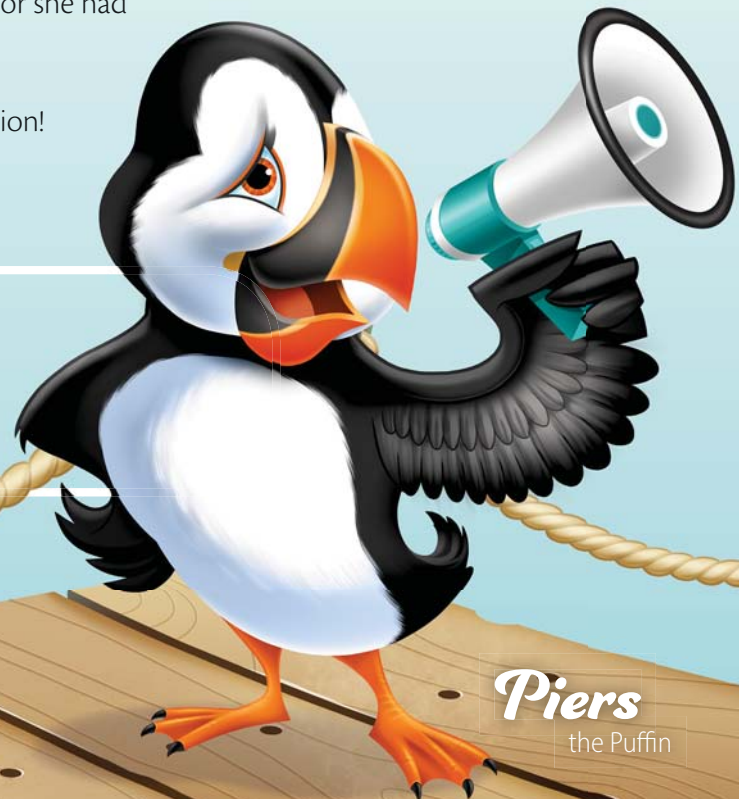


1. Say today's Lifeline Verse to someone (Psalm 31:14). Have you repented of your sin and trusted God with your life like Noah did?
2. Talk to God and ask Him to help you trust Him with whatever comes along in life. If there's something specific that scares or worries you, talk to God about it. Ask an adult to help you find verses in the Bible that deal with your concerns.

3. Ask an adult follower of the Lord to share a time he or she had to learn to trust God about something.
4. Check answersvbs.com/ockids for more fun information!



Ask yourself this question: Am I a child of God?



Piers
the Puffin

Day 4—Junior Thank God!

Name _____

Good day, Divers! Our animal pal, Paws, reminds us that we “otter” thank God. When Noah got off the Ark, he was very thankful that God had graciously saved him! Noah didn’t grumble about how the Flood caused great destruction all over the world. Instead, after surviving the year-long watery commotion in the ocean (God’s judgment on sin), he got off the Ark and immediately thanked God. Today, we met Detective B. Smart, who showed us evidence—in rock layers and fossils—that there was a worldwide catastrophic Flood that covered the entire earth about 4,300 years ago. Of course, the best evidence for the Flood of Noah’s day is given to us in the Bible—we can know those accounts are true because they come from God who cannot lie! And we can use those accounts to help us understand the world around us.

Just like Noah, we can rely on God to help us thank Him in everything.



Read Genesis 8. Then recall the evident truths that you saw on the Flood Files today to help you find the answers. Write T for “true” and F for “false” next to the following statements.

1. _____ Fossils can form rapidly with the right conditions.
2. _____ The canyon at Mt. St. Helens took many years to form.
3. _____ Evidence for a worldwide flood would show billions of dead things buried in the rock layers all over the earth (just like we find)!
4. _____ Rock layers take millions of years to form. Think of the tree example.
5. _____ Earthquakes and volcanoes are a result of the Flood.

Answers: 1) T 2) F 3) T 4) F 5) T

Flood Files



Exhibit A: fossilized teddy bear

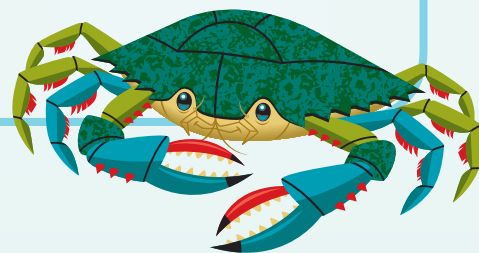
Lifeline Verse Challenge

Today's Verse

**In everything give thanks;
for this is the will of God
in Christ Jesus for you.**

1 Thessalonians 5:18

Challenge: Say the verse in a variety of voices, such as an underwater voice, speaking "whale," a crabby voice, a frog croak, and a quiet, bottom-of-the-ocean whisper.



Tomorrow's Verse: "Blessed is the man who fears the Lord." Psalm 112:1



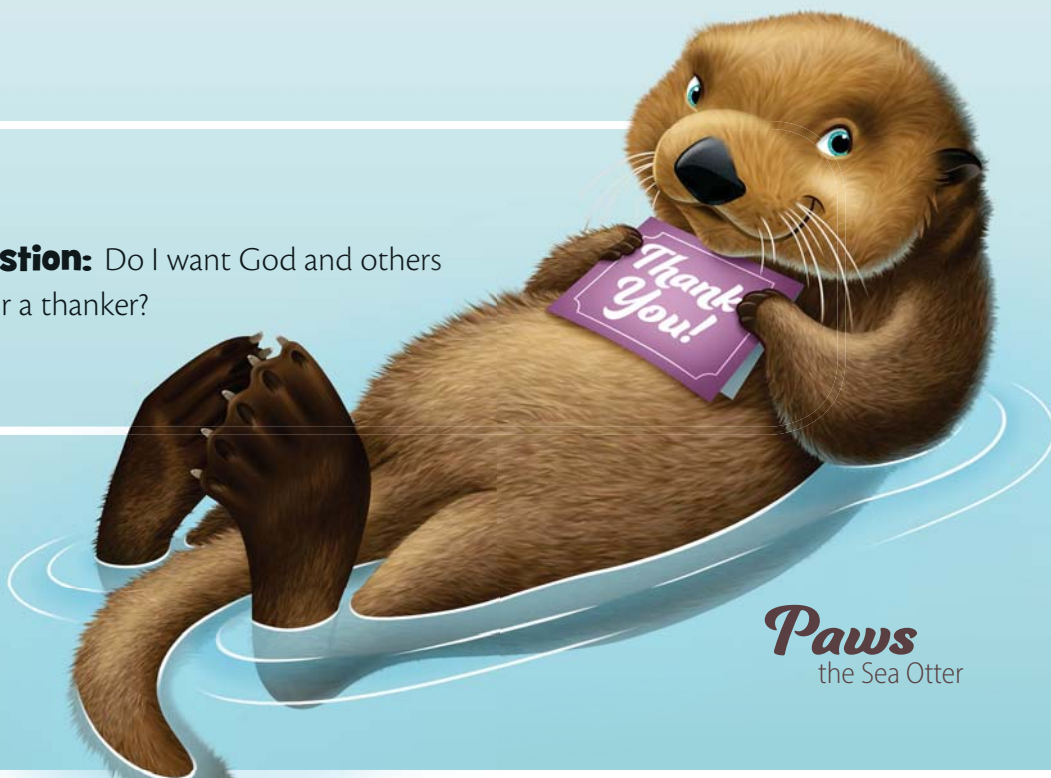
1. Before you go to bed tonight, think over your day and write something you're thankful for. Put it in your Ocean of Thanks Box or in a journal (write "Ocean of Thanks" on the front). Get in the habit of doing this every night before you go to bed.
2. As you go throughout your day, thank God for as many things as you can think of (everything!).

3. Ask an adult to share about something/someone that he or she thanks God for.

4. Check answersvbs.com/ockids for more fun information.



Ask yourself this question: Do I want God and others to know me as a grumbler or a thanker?



Paws
the Sea Otter

Day 5—Junior Fear God!

Name _____

Hello, Divers! We hope you had a fun-tastic time at *Ocean Commotion* this week! Today, our animal pal, Fin the Dolphin, reminds us that “no-fin” is a bigger deal than to fear God (take God seriously). After the Flood, God made a promise (a covenant). God sent a rainbow as the sign of His promise to never flood the whole world again. It’s cool to think that water, which destroyed the earth, is what combines with sunshine to make a rainbow! When we see a rainbow, it should always remind us of God’s love and faithfulness. It should remind us to fear God, which means to take Him seriously, and to think of Him with awe and wonder.

Just like Noah, we can rely on God to help us take Him seriously.

Read Genesis 9:1–17. The Bible gives us the true account of the Flood of Noah’s day. And, since all people groups are descendants of Noah and his family, there are flood legends around the world that have been passed down since the time of Noah! There are over 270 flood stories throughout most of the nations! These are further evidence that the Flood account in the Bible is true.

Match the picture to the nation the flood legend is from.



1.



2.



3.



4.

CHINA

MEXICO

AFRICA

**ANCIENT
GREECE**

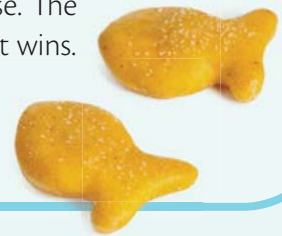
Lifeline Verse Challenge

Today's Verse

**Blessed is the man
who fears the Lord.**

Psalm 112:1

Challenge: Find a friend and two crackers (or a handful of fish-shaped crackers). On the count of three, each eat a cracker, and then try to say the verse. The first to successfully say it wins.



1. How many of this week's Bible verses can you say? Say as many as you can in one minute.
2. Talk to God and ask Him to help you take Him seriously and be in awe of Him.
3. Talk to an adult or friends and ask them what words they hope God would use if He was describing them.
4. Check answersvbs.com/ockids for other fun information!



Ask yourself this question: How does the account of Noah help me fear the Lord (take Him seriously, be in awe of Him)?



Fin
the Dolphin