

Eyewitness News Report (Pre-Primary)

You need two people for Part 1—either two teachers or, if teaching alone, a teacher and a dive club leader or older child/teen you ask to help out. One of you will be Teacher One, and one will be Teacher Two. Teacher Two will be behind a makeshift TV. Teacher Two needs the script and a couple props as listed in the supply list, or Teacher Two can use puppets to be the people mentioned in Teacher Two's part. If using puppets for the parts, you'll need two different people puppets. (Only one puppet is up at a time, so Teacher Two can work both puppets.)

Teacher One: Let's hear more about the beginning of time from the greatest book ever. Do you know what book that is? Take answers. Slowly and dramatically pull out your Bible from a beach bag. **It's God's Word, the Bible! I love God's Word! It's not like any other book. Every word is true.**

Now let me open to the beginning of the Bible. Do so. **Have you heard about the beautiful world God created at the beginning of time?**

Pull out Poster 1: Beautiful World

Teacher One: The world back then looked quite a bit different than it does today. Let's go to a live newscast from Eyewitness News Channel 7 to hear more about it.

Teacher Two (as anchor person): Welcome to Eyewitness News. I'm Stan the Man reporting (or Ima Talker). We're back in time about 6,000 years ago in a place called the Garden of Eden. It's a beautiful place, sort of like a tropical island, or a rainforest. Let's check in with Sunny Smith in the ForeWarned Weather Center to see what the weather's like. Sunny?

Teacher Two (as Sunny): Pick up an umbrella and hold it over your head. You may want to talk in a different accent and shift over a little into a different position. **Thank you, _____. Well, this IS a beautiful place, and the weather is beautiful, too. The weather in this long ago world seems to be quite nice. In fact, I don't think I even need this umbrella.** Dramatically throw the umbrella over your shoulder.

Teacher One: Okay. Well, as I was saying, and as Eyewitness News reported, the early world was a beautiful place. In fact, it was a perfect paradise, made by God, with nothing bad in it. But something happened in this early world that was NOT so beautiful. The evil Satan, in the form of a serpent, came into the perfect, beautiful world and messed it up. He tempted the first two people, Adam and Eve, to eat fruit that God told them not to eat—and they ate it.

Pull out Poster 2: Broken World

Teacher One: When Adam ate the fruit God said not to eat, he was not obeying God. That means he did not do what God asked him to do. Not obeying God is called sin, and sin is a big problem. It was a big problem for Adam and it's a big problem for us. In fact, every person after that was born sinful. That includes you and me! God says the punishment for sinning, or not obeying Him, is separation from Him. That's not good! And besides that, when sin entered the world, that's when bad things like sickness and hurt began. After the Garden of Eden, the world continued on its way. Adam and Eve had many children, and their children had many children, and their children had many children, and the earth began to fill up with people.

Pull out Poster 3: Intelligent Pre-Flood World

The people were very smart, and they were busy building cities, making music, and making things out of iron and bronze. Let's tune back in to Eyewitness News to hear the latest on their situation.

Teacher Two (as anchor person): Now we're at the time right before the big, worldwide Flood. These people were smart, but they were also very wicked, doing bad stuff. The Bible says this in Genesis 6:5: Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great . . . and that every thought of his heart was only evil (bad) continually (all the time).

Pull out Poster 4: Wicked World

Teacher One: Can you imagine living in a world where every thought of every person was only bad always? They thought up lots of bad stuff to do. Wow!

Teacher Two (as anchor person): This just in. Our news team found one person still standing for God. His name is Noah. He seems to be the only person left on the face of the earth who still loves God, by God's grace. We will keep following this story and see what more we can find out about this man Noah. This is Stan the Man reporting for Eyewitness News.

Teacher One: So, out of a world with millions of people, only one could be found who still loved God and followed Him—Noah. He's a super cool guy, and we're going to hear a little more about him as we learn a little rhyme right now.

N—O—A—H (Four adults or teens each hold up a letter consecutively while the kids shout them out and jump as they say each letter.)

Noah loved God and obeyed (Teacher shouts this line out.)

N—O—A—H (Four adults or teens each hold up a letter consecutively while the kids shout them out one at a time and jump as they say each letter.)

Noah was a man of faith (Teacher shouts this line out.)

N—O—A—H (Four adults or teens each hold up a letter consecutively while the kids shout them out one at a time and jump as they say each letter.)

Noah stood for God by grace (Teacher shouts this line out.)

Repeat.

Note: Do this chant over and over throughout the week as you have time.