

LEARNER TAKE-HOME SHEET: THE FLOOD

Genesis 6-9



Take this sheet home and keep it someplace near the dinner table like on the fridge. At least three times next week at dinner, use Prayer Time and one other family activity to make your confirmation learning come alive!

PRAYER TIME

Sit in silent prayer with one another. (Watching a candle helps everyone focus.) Take turns mentioning the name of someone you know whose life seems to be spinning out of control. Hold that person in God's covenant love, praying that God would be with her or him and make a new beginning. Conclude by praying the Lord's Prayer together.

TALK TIME

- Laundry time seems like the perfect opportunity to talk about the flood story. Why do we have to make sure things are clean? What happens if we forget? Our dirty laundry reminds us of the stink of the world that God was dealing with. God must have felt a sense of accomplishment, as we do, when the task was completed. Couldn't God have done something less drastic, though?
- Within a family we cannot hide our imperfections. Just as God recommitted to an imperfect world, we need to respect one another's limits, while expecting each other to do his or her best. What's our best? What are our limits? Talk about it.
- Pray for the families of friends who are experiencing crises. Work together to bake something and pass it on in a gesture of caring.

WEB TIME

Search for the Key Words listed above. Then do a search for "Sign of the Rainbow." What do you find? Explore five sites that mention the term, and discuss the various opinions and perspectives you find about daily bread.



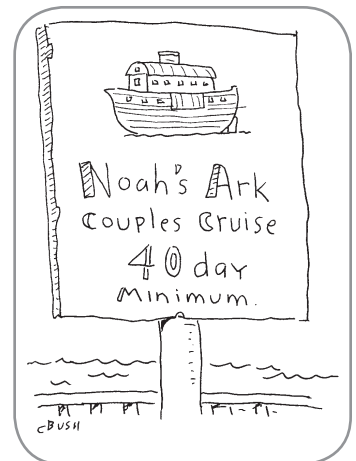
KEY WORDS

Keep a family white board someplace near the dinner table, and write these words on it. Try writing a family definition for each one during the week.

WASHED

IMPERFECT

COVENANT



RITUAL TIME

Gather around a piled-high laundry basket and say in unison: "We are often a mess. Save us, please." Point out rainbows to one another as you're driving. Whisper or speak aloud a prayer of thanks for this continuing sign of God's covenant.

