

***FAITH LESSONS***

Genesis 9:1—11:32

*“I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you  
and with every living creature....”* Genesis 9:8–9a

1. Read Genesis 9:1–7. The charge God gives to Noah is similar to the charge he gave Adam (Genesis 1:22), but sin has brought about differences as well. List the differences you notice.
2. Read Genesis 9:8–17. What promise (covenant) does God make to humans and all living creatures? (verses 9–10) What sign does God give of his promise?
3. Try to put yourself in Noah’s place. What would it be like to live through the flood: to see your home, your town, your neighbors and family—your whole world—destroyed right before your eyes? Now re-read verses 8–17 and count how many times God uses the word “covenant” (promise). Why do you think he repeats this word so often?
4. God promises to never again destroy the earth by flood even though he knows that people haven’t changed (Genesis 8:21). What does this say about God’s heart toward people?
5. Read Genesis 9:18–28. What does Ham do in response to his father’s sin? How do Shem and Japheth respond to the same circumstance? Describe a way that you could extend grace to your parents when you notice their sins and weaknesses.
6. Read Genesis 10:1–32. As the Israelites hear these Genesis stories for the first time, they are getting ready to enter the land of Canaan to conquer its inhabitants (Canaan’s descendants). Why is it important for the Israelites to know this family history?

7. Read Genesis 11:1–9. What two reasons do the men who settled in Shinar give for building their tower? (verse 4) What were these men trying to achieve? (Ezekiel 28:2)
  
8. In what ways do you seek to make a name for yourself? What is our calling instead? (Isaiah 26:1–8)
  
9. What does God do in response to the building of the Tower of Babel? Why does he do this?
  
10. Read Acts 2:1–12 and Galatians 3:28. How does Jesus' coming reverse what happened at the Tower of Babel? Describe how this is happening in your life.
  
11. Read Genesis 11:10–32. Whose family is now taking center stage in the book of Genesis?