

God is The Lifeboat

That Keeps Me Afloat

Genesis 6:5 says that in Noah's time people's thoughts were "consistently and totally evil." Noah was the only person who always tried to please God and do exactly what God asked.

God trusted Noah, so God told him to build a big **boat** that would float way above the Flood that was going to cover everything. Noah obeyed. God's directions became the lifeboat that kept Noah and his family alive.

God is still in the lifeboat business today. He's always looking for someone who will climb aboard and get involved in his big plan for the world. And he'll be there to help in time of trouble. He wants to float your boat. Will you let him?

Key Verse

*As the waters rose higher and higher above the ground, the **boat** floated safely on the surface.*

Genesis 7:18

Click

Your child will now be able to say the meaning of this Bible verse in their own words.

Stick

The life application meaning of this verse is tied to the image of a **boat**.

Clicker: Boat

Whenever you see, ride in, or think about a *boat*, let this HoneyWord float through your mind as it clicks and sticks.

Read Genesis 7:18

Make-it-Stick

Form a piece of aluminum foil into the shape of a boat. Then watch it float in a pool, a bucket of water, or a bathtub. It floats because it has sides that keep the water out. Now flatten the sides and see what happens. It sinks! When we don't obey God, it's like taking away the sides of our boat. But when we obey God, he becomes the boat that keeps us afloat.

Everyone Take Turns Explaining the Meaning of this Lesson in Your Own Words

Ask, "What does this lesson mean?" If the answer is in the ballpark of the correct meaning, praise that person out loud. Then ask another child to explain it. Do this 2 or 3 times in a row.

Hold Up the Clicker

Hold up the Click-er (boat) and say this HoneyWord Lesson out loud:

"God is the *lifeboat* that keeps me afloat."

Then repeat it out loud together one more time.

Pair Up in Small Groups of Two

If you're with more than one child, have your children pair up and ask each other to say the lesson out loud to each other.

Re-Group and Recite Again

Ask one child to say the lesson one more time, and then explain what it means.

Discuss How This Truth Applies to Your Everyday Life

