# Origin Story — When Our Story with God Begins



DAY 1

## **Read Hebrews 11:7**

"Noah had faith. So he built an ark to save his family. He built it because of his great respect for God. God had warned him about things that could not yet be seen. Because of his faith Noah showed the world that it was guilty. Because of his faith he was considered right with God" (NIrV).

Have you ever thought about what it's like to be an actor in a movie or TV show?

They have to read the script, memorize it, and then act it out on a set. Nothing is really complete yet; they are doing their part. And then, a long time later, they see the finished product.

Sometimes, like in big superhero movies, they are talking to things that aren't even there. But once the computer graphics have been added, it's a whole different scene in the final movie.

The actor did something that wasn't fully seen yet. It is a lot like faith, acting on something that might not be seen.

#### **ACT IT OUT**

Write up a story about a superhero coming in and saving the day. Once you're ready, film it or draw it.

DAY 2

## Read Genesis 6:22.

"Noah did everything just as God commanded him" (NIrV).

Let's break this down...Noah had a HUGE task ahead of him. I mean, this was a big deal. Building one, very big ark (a big huge boat)!

At some point, he had to pick up the hammer and start working. At some point, he had to pick up the first piece of wood and, you guessed it, start working!

Have you ever had a school project or a big chore to do? I'm sure it probably took a while, but at some point, you finished it. The first step was just starting, then doing the hard work to get it done.

Noah did everything just as God commanded him. This is something we should go after! If you know you are supposed to do something, are you doing everything you need to do?

#### FINISH THE PROJECT

Go get some Lego®s or some paper, tape, and scissors. Make a big boat! And make sure you finish it; you could even write on a sticky note and put it on the fridge, "By this date, (fill in date) I'm going to finish making the boat." Let it be a reminder that we can work hard and finish what we start!

#### Read Genesis 6:9.

"Noah was a godly man. He was without blame among the people of his time. He walked faithfully with God" (NIrV).

Noah seemed to be very focused on following what God asked him to do. Here's the thing: Noah didn't have a huge crowd cheering him on... There wasn't this massive group of people telling Noah, "Go, Noah! You got this! Keep going!"

In fact, Noah had the opposite. People made fun of him for doing what God asked him to do.

He chose to keep going without tons of support, but he had God's support. He walked faithfully with God. Even when other people aren't supporting you, God is.

Who do you listen to? Is there anyone or anything you care more about than God? Do you value their opinion more than God's? Write down anyone or anything that influences you below.

Ask the Lord to show you if you should still follow what you wrote above. Or if you need to make some changes in what is influencing you.

# You can trust that God has a plan.

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What is one of your favorite things? Draw or write in the box what your favorite thing is!

#### MY FAVORITE THING

When you have something that is your favorite, you take care of it! You make sure you don't lose it and you are proud of it!

Who is someone you really love? Draw or write in the box someone you love.

#### **SOMEONE I LOVE**

When you have someone you love, you are nice to them; you want to know about them, and you respect them.

Noah loved and respected God! He built the ark because he respected God!

Do you feel that way about God? If so, how can you show God that you respect Him?