

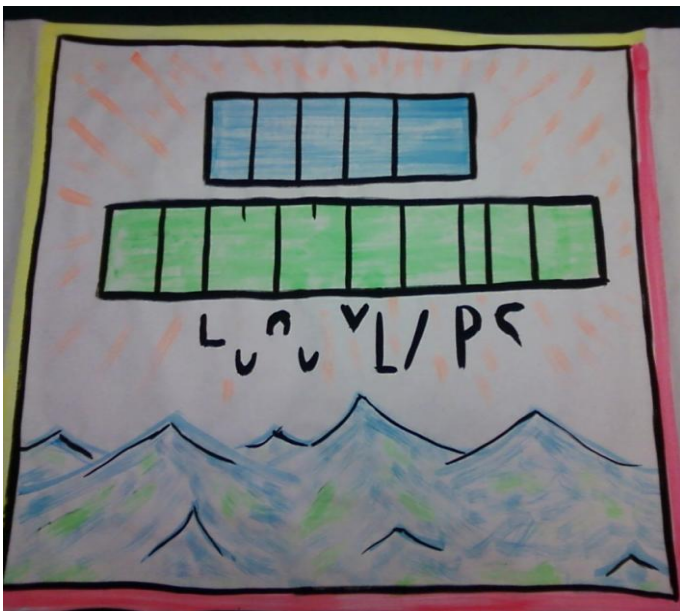
## OCEAN COMMOTION – Noah and the Flood

This presentation was designed for a 25 minute, black-light Gospel presentation at a Vacation Bible School. Underlines indicate painting actions to take. Paintings and scripts can be adjusted as necessary to meet the requirements of the fellowship you're serving.

### Slide 1/11, Ocean Commotion > Genesis 6-9

Speaking to you today of a true story that happened about 4,000 years ago. What happened was an Ocean Commotion. A commotion is a very noisy disturbance.

This ocean commotion is recorded in God's word, the Bible (paint lines to connect the wings of the birds to make a book – *I did it as I was sharing, but it can also be prepared*) in the book of Genesis, chapters six through nine.



## Slide 2/11, God's Pre-Flood Perspective > Genesis 6:1-2, 5-7

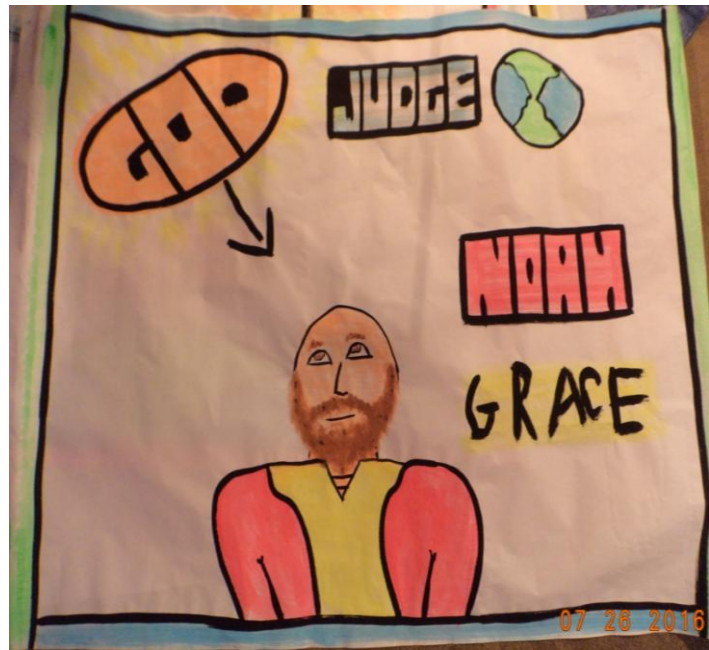
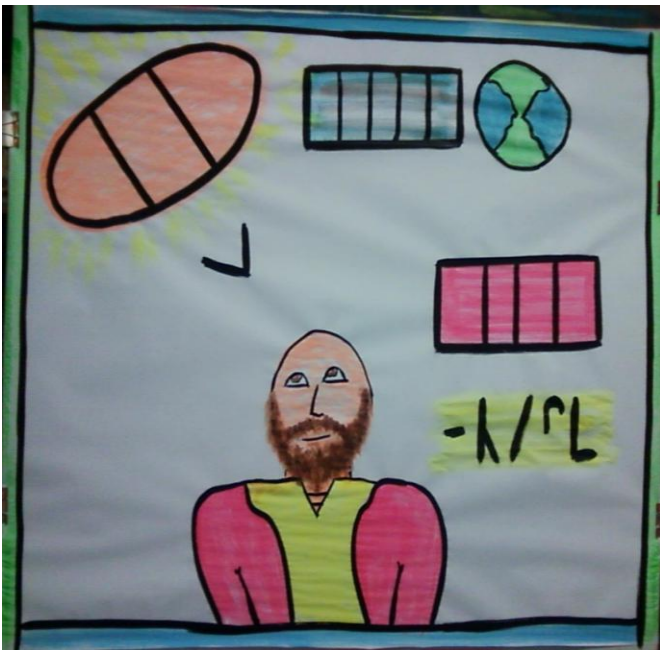
At this time, God looked down on the Earth and what did He see? He saw sin. The hearts of people were wrong in God's sight (paint heart black). Their motives, or why they did whatever they did, were wicked. Instead of telling the truth, they would lie. Lying is a sin. They were taking things that didn't belong to them or stealing. They were disobeying their parents, leaders, teachers, and authorities and they were murdering/killing each other. Stealing, disobedience, and murder are also sin. God was very upset with mankind and was going to do something very serious about it...



**Slide 3/11, Judgment & Grace > Genesis 6:7-10, 18; Matthew 24:37-39; Mark 9:44; Hebrews 11:7; 1 Peter 3:20**

God had decided He was going to judge the world. He was going to destroy all living things off of the face of the Earth with a great flood. God also saw one man (paint arrow to Noah), who found grace in God's sight and his name was Noah. Grace is God's goodness that we don't deserve.

The Bible also tells us that Noah was a married man and he and his wife had three sons and they were married too. God instructed Noah to build an ark, a huge ship, to hold him, his family, and animals from the Earth to save them from His judgment.

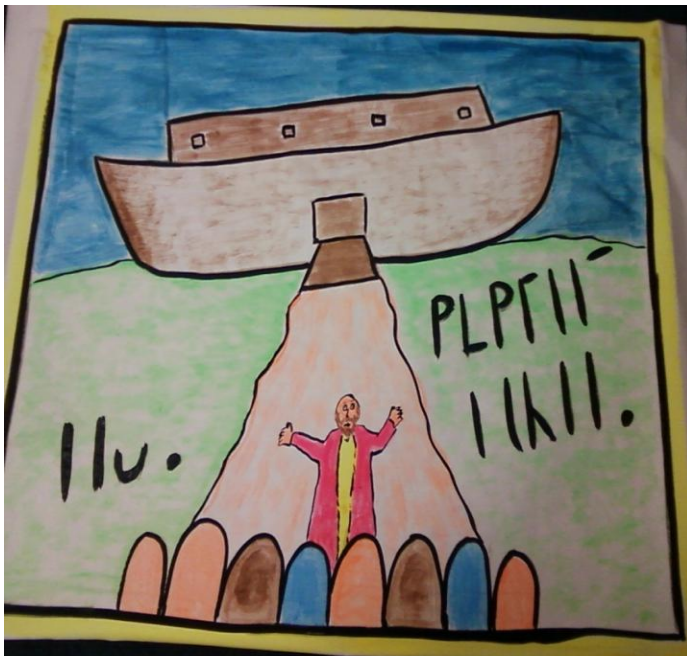




**Slide 4/11, Noah Preaches Righteousness > Mark 1:15; 2 Peter 2:5; Hebrews 11:7**

While the ark was being built, Noah instructed the people (paint heads on them) to live properly/in a way God would approve of, but they wouldn't listen. He told them that God was holy and perfect and that they needed to repent, to turn from their sin to escape God's judgment of the flood, but they refused, they said no!

Some people today think that the ark wasn't big enough to hold the animals, Noah, and his family, but the top deck of the ark is about the size of 1 ½ football fields and it had three decks or levels! About three space shuttles could fit on the deck! Also, over 500 train cars could have fit inside it! In Kentucky, a ministry recently built one the same size as Noah's and people can go on tours to see it!



## Slide 5/11, The World Judged > Genesis 7:17-23

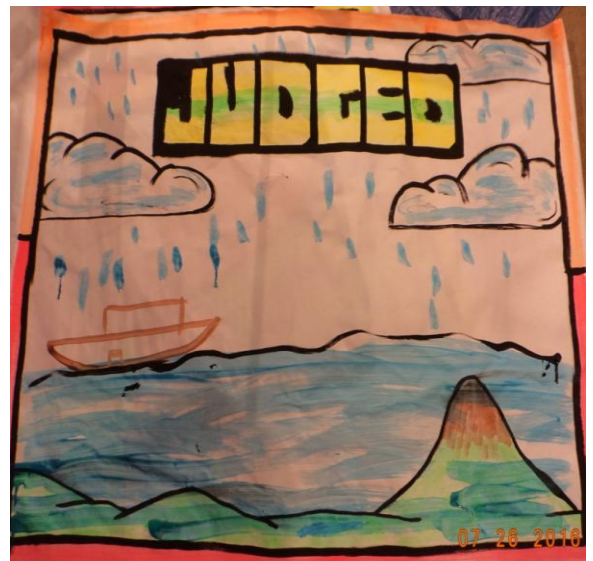
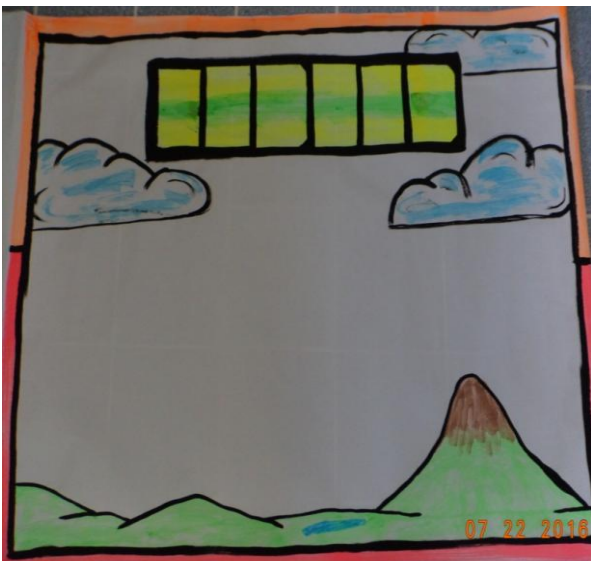
When the ark was finished and the animals were in it, the Bible teaches us that God instructed Noah and his family to go into the ark and God closed the door. At that time God's promise to judge(d) the world began.

God always keep His promises, the good ones and the tough ones too. It started to rain (paint in drops of rain falling down). The Scripture teach us that it rained for 40 days and 40 nights and that the water rose more than 20 feet over the tops of the highest mountains (paint water above mountains). However, Noah, his family, and the animals were all safe in the ark (paint the ark on the water).

All the other people on the Earth died because they wouldn't listen to God's word through His servant Noah. This was defiantly the greatest ocean commotion ever.

Some people doubt that the flood happened and that Noah even really lived. We have many strong reasons to know that the story from God's word is true. For example, Peter, Paul, and the Lord Jesus confirmed Noah was a real person about 1,000 years after it happened!

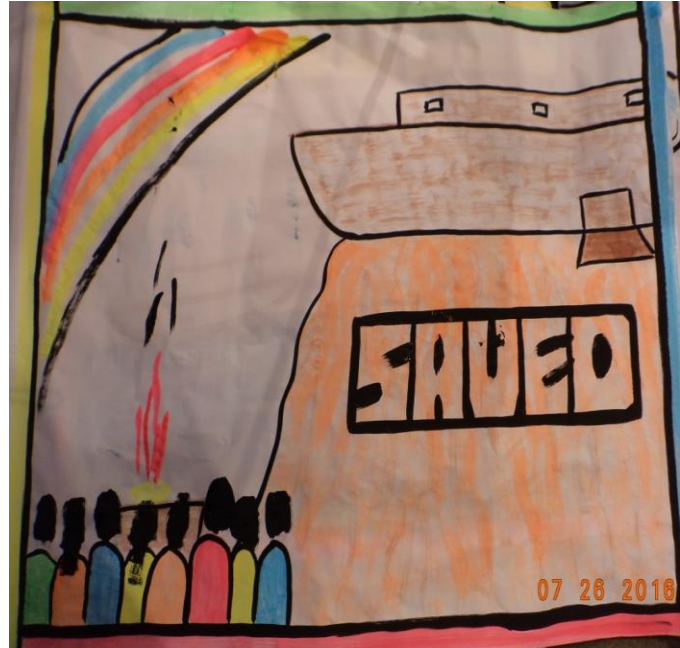
Also, did you know that there are more than 250 stories of a flood from many historical, people groups around the world and that they still find sea shells at the tops of high mountains?!? This is more evidence that the flood truly happened just as the Bible teaches us.



## Slide 6/11, Worship & the Rainbow > Genesis 8:4, 20-21; 9:12-15

After about a year in the ark, it settled on the mountains of Ararat. Noah, his family (paint heads on the people), and the animals in the ark were all saved because they obeyed God's instructions. The Bible teaches us that Noah and his family built an altar and offered sacrifices to the Lord and that God was pleased with them (paint a fire on the altar).

God also made a promise to Noah and all the people after him. It was that the Lord would never again destroy the Earth by water and the sign he used to confirm His promise was the rainbow (paint one). Still today, when we see a rainbow in the sky, we can remember God's promise and that He always keeps His promises.





**Slide 7/11, Sin Remains Today > 1 Peter 1:15-16; Romans 3:23**

So, how about today? God, just like in the times of Noah, is still holy and holy means He is perfect. When He looks down on the Earth and does He still see sin? Yes, He does. We can define sin as anything we say, think, or do that offends/goes against God and His word.

When we sin, we are turning our backs to God (paint arrow). God's word tells us that 'all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God'.



**Slide 8/11, Dying without Christ > Isaiah 66:24; Romans 6:23; Revelation 20:11-15; Matthew 8:12, 13:42; Mark 9:44-48; 1 Peter 3:9**

So, what happens if we continue in our sin? (paint arrow on road) The Bible teaches us that 'the wages of sin is death'; that we die because we sin. But it's not only physical death that we have to face if we die in our sin. God's word speaks of a 'second death'. That is when God will put all people who did not put their faith in the Lord Jesus into the Lake of Fire. This is spiritual death.

In addition to burning, this place is also described as in darkness, where there is weeping, and where there are worms or maggots that never die. But God's desire is that none would go there, but that all would come to repentance.

Again, the word repentance means to turn away from our sin. Like God put Noah in the peoples' life before the flood to warn them, by His mercy and grace God puts others in our lives to tell us to do the same; to turn from our sin.





Now, I want to tell you about this - God's awesome plan (*don't forget the dot in your 'D', like I did*). How the Lord dealt with sin once and for all! God the Son took care of the serious problem of sin for us. The Lord Jesus, left the glory of heaven and came down to the Earth (paint vertical beam of cross from top to bottom). He lived a life without sin. He didn't disobey the Father; not even one time. He sacrificed His perfect life for our imperfect, sinful lives (paint horizontal beam of cross) on the cross over the word 'sin'.

While hanging on the cross, the two criminals on the crosses next to the Lord Jesus (paint two crosses) mocked/made fun of Him. Then, one of the criminals realized they both were there because they were guilty of their crimes and that Jesus was not guilty at all. He asked the Lord to remember him when Jesus came into His heavenly kingdom and the Lord replied that the repentant criminal would be with Him in Paradise. He said Yes to Jesus. The other criminal did not turn to the Lord (paint No), so he would go to hell.

The Lord Jesus paid the price for us, shedding His blood as the spotless Lamb of God. He died on that cross and was buried in a tomb. Some tried to stop Him from raising from the dead as the Lord Jesus said he would, so they put a huge stone in front of the tomb (attach stone; *I made a separate 'stone' and used tape to attach it*), had Roman guards watch the tomb, and they sealed it shut. All they did to keep Him in there didn't matter, because He did rise from the dead after three days, just like He said ('roll' stone to side)! You might ask, 'why would God do this for me?' and the answer is because of His love (paint heart around Christ's cross); as you do, you can quote Rom 5:8 and/or John 3:16.

After the Lord went back to heaven, the repentant criminal would follow Him (paint arrows upward). The criminal that did not turn to Jesus would go to hell (paint arrow downward). These two criminals represent all of humanity/people. The Bible instructs us that all will go to either heaven or hell when they die. Those that go to heaven will be those that turn from their sins, put their faith in the Lord Jesus, and give Him their lives.



Slide 10/11, The Way to Heaven > John 10:7-9, 14:6; Acts 4:10, 12; Revelation 3:20

The Bible is clear; there is only one way to heaven. It says there is no other name given by which we can be saved. You must go through Jesus, by His cross (paint arrow). God still calls all men, women, boys, and girls to come to Him through the Lord Jesus.



**Slide 11/11, To Respond/Invitation > Mark 1:14-15; Acts 16:31; Romans 10:9-10, 13; James 1:22**

So for my last painting, I want to share the A-B-Cs of taking Jesus as your Lord and the Savior from your sins. You have to admit that you have sinned against God. Next, you believe that the Lord died on the cross for your sins, that He was buried, and that He rose again. Lastly, you commit your life to Him; put your life in His hands forever.

