

January 6

Genesis 7:24-9:1

These verses tell of the flood coming to an end and of God's promise to never again destroy all living creatures.

Question to Consider:

When the waters finally receded and Noah and his family were able to leave the ark, the first thing they did was build an altar and worship God. When God does something for you, how do you respond?

Prayer:

Holy God, you are awesome and you do so much for me every day. I give you thanks and praise. I pray that the way I live my life will be pleasing to you. In Jesus' name, Amen.

January 7

Genesis 11:1-9

The story of the Tower of Babel is told in these verses, as God confused the language of disobedient people.

Question to Consider:

The people chose to build a tower so that they could "make a name for themselves" (verse 4). What are some things that people do today to "make a name for themselves" in the same way as the people in this story?

Prayer:

Loving God, forgive me for the times when I have tried to make a name for myself instead of living my life for you. Please help me to put you first in everything that I do. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.

January 8

Genesis 12:1-7

These verses tell the story of God calling Abram (Abraham) to leave his homeland and "go to the land I will show you." God was leading Abram to what we know today as Israel.

Question to Consider:

At God's command, Abram left all that was familiar and set out on a journey to a land he had never seen before. He was stepping out on faith! If God asked you to step out on faith and take a large risk, would you do it?

Prayer:

Almighty God, the day may come when you ask me to follow in the steps of Abram, step out on faith, and take a risk for you. Please help me to find the courage and strength to say "yes" to you when that time comes. In the name of Jesus I pray, Amen.

January 9

Genesis 15:1-21

In these verses, God promises to make Abram the father of a great nation (Israel). The promise begins with God's assurance that despite his old age, Abram will have an heir.

Question to Consider:

Think of a promise that someone made to you, and then kept. What was it? How did it feel to have the promise kept? Now, think of a promise you have made to someone, and kept. What was it? How did it feel to keep your promise?

Prayer:

Dear God, you are always true to your word. Help me to be true to my word - always being honest and keeping the promises that I make. I long to be a person of integrity, and with your help I can be. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.

January 10

Genesis 18:1-15

Abraham and his wife Sarah were old, too old to have children - or so they thought. When Sarah heard of the promise God had made to Abraham, she was skeptical.

Question to Consider:

Have you ever doubted a promise that later came true? What was it?

Prayer:

Loving God, I know that you are true to your word. Increase my faith, and help me to trust you more and more. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.