Roots WBS Kids' Lesson #05 Genesis 5-6:8

**Hook:** Did you know that you make choices all the time? You might chose what clothes to wear or whether you want water or milk to drink. You chose what toy to play with and what show to watch. You also choose how you are going to act. You chose to be kind or unkind. You choose to forgive or stay angry. You chose to obey your parents with a good attitude or to throw a temper tantrum instead.

Book: We learn in the book of Genesis that the people God had made—His beautiful creation—were choosing to act in an ugly way. The Bible tells us that, "They only thought about evil things."(NIRV) It says, "God saw that human evil was out of control. People thought evil, imagined evil—evil, evil, evil from morning to night."(MSG) Wow! That's so sad. God lovingly created and cared for people (humans) and then those same people, made to love and obey Him, were doing and thinking and being evil all the time! Because of the how bad everyone was being, it says God "...was sorry that He had ever made them and put them on earth. It broke his heart."(NLT)

**Look:** It's very alarming to learn that people had become so evil, so wicked that God wished He had never created them, but the Bible goes on to tell us that there was one man on earth that still pleased Him. It says, "**But Noah was different. God liked what he saw in Noah."** (MSG) We love to hear the story of Noah and we will learn more about Him next week, but for now we are told that even though everyone chose to do evil, Noah chose to do good. He was different than the rest of the people and that pleased God.

**Took:** Boys and girls, it pleases God when we obey Him and live as we were created to live. Can you raise your hand and share one way you think we can please God with our lives? (Take a few minutes and give the kids a chance to share.) Thank you for sharing! The Bible is God's Word and it teaches us how we are to live. When we choose to live as He says to, it pleases Him!

Bible Verse: "...the Lord was very pleased with Noah." Genesis 6:8

**Prayer:** "Dear God, Thank You for the example of Noah. Help us not to live as evil people, but as people who love and obey You. Amen."

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Brainstorm with your child about choices he makes during the day. Choices about what toy to play with, what food to eat, what show to watch, etc. Then talk about those choices that really matter to God, like whether to forgive or hold a grudge. Should I obey my parents and do what they say or throw a temper tantrum? Read the memory verse out loud and then ask your child to name some ways he can please the Lord with the choices he makes. Then, pray the prayer below:



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