

# TORAH TIME

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## PARASHA

Noach

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The world is totally consumed with violence and corruption. So, YHWH instructs Noach, the only righteous man, to build a large wooden ark, called a "teivah" in Hebrew. The ark is to be coated within and without with pitch. A great deluge, says YHWH, will wipe out all life from the face of the earth; but the ark will float upon the water, sheltering Noah and his family, and each animal species.

Rain falls for 40 days and nights, and the waters churn for 150 days more before calming and beginning to recede. The ark settles on Mount Ararat, and from its window Noah dispatches a raven, and then a series of doves, "to see if the waters were abated from the face of the earth." When the ground dries completely -- exactly one solar year (365 days) after the onset of the Flood -- YHWH commands Noah to exit the teivah and repopulate the earth.

Noah builds an altar and offers sacrifices to YHWH. The Almighty swears never again to destroy all of mankind through water because of their deeds, and sets the rainbow as a testimony of His new covenant with man. YHWH also commands Noah regarding the sacredness of life: murder is deemed a capital offense, and while man is permitted to eat the meat of animals, he is forbidden to eat flesh or blood taken from a living animal.

Noah plants a vineyard and becomes drunk on its produce. Two of Noah's sons, Shem and Japeth are blessed for covering up their father's nakedness, while his third son, Ham, is cursed for taking advantage of his debasement.

The descendants of Noah remain a single people, with a single language and culture, for ten generations. Then a group of Noah's descendants defied their Creator by building a great tower to symbolize their own invincibility; YHWH confuses their language so that "one does not comprehend the tongue of the other," causing them to abandon their project and disperse across the face of the earth, splitting into seventy nations and languages.

This Torah portion concludes with a chronology of the ten generations from Noah to Abram (later Abraham), and the latter's journey from his birthplace of Ur Casdim to Charan, on the way to the Land of Canaan.

(This is an easy explanation of the Torah portion taken from the book "The Open Bible" available at [www.emetministries.com](http://www.emetministries.com))

## MEMORY VERSE

Genesis 6:8, "Noach found grace in the eyes of YHWH."

## LEARNING ACTIVITY

The earth was evil and people didn't care about each other during the days of Noah. Something had to be done to stop the wickedness. YHWH decided to wash the world clean with a huge flood. Noah was chosen to save mankind and the animal kingdom. Why was he chosen over others? The Bible says "Noach found grace in the eyes of YHWH." It wasn't his ability that earned him grace. No, Noah found grace because of His availability. Noah heard from YHWH and obeyed.

When the Bible says that He "found" grace it uses a special Hebrew word. The word "found" means to "discover after looking." It is an active verb. Adam "found" no helpmate from among the animals and was given Eve. Noah was actively looking for YHWH and was given a big job to accomplish. Noah's neighbors were nasty and mean. He wasn't participating in the sins of his day but seeking YHWH by walking in love. When Noah found "grace" he found YHWH.

Noah found kindness in YHWH's eyes because Noah was looking for YHWH. Grace, or "chesed" in Hebrew, is not hidden from us. Grace is hidden for us to discover as we come near to YHWH. Hebrews 4:16 says we can "come boldly unto the throne of grace that we may find mercy and find grace in our times of need." You can see grace in the rainbow and in the animals

For this week's activity you will need a box of Fruit Loop cereal, glue, and a piece of poster board. Divide the box of cereal by color. Use the colors and glue to create a large rainbow on the poster board. Remember that the rainbow is a sign that YHWH is faithful. Thank YHWH for His grace.

Make a list of ways you can show grace this week to your friends and family:

# My Acts of Grace

To Whom:	What to Do:

## Noah Found Grace

B Z  
 Y I  
 K V E Q  
 R R D R  
 F A G O J Q  
 T W C O W G  
 S V H E F Q W A S D G N D E A P Z N T F  
 B V S I C O H Y R D L I U B N U I H S L  
 N R W J A R A V E N M Y W S A W A I  
 K Z G M R T Q B E Z X L R Y V V  
 P Z C H G Y L E P A R B E E  
 D L N W A P D M R U D W  
 F O H C N R A I N B O W G F  
 T L A D X G N D I U H M D E  
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 S U E N O P E R U I F I S M  
 J P V T F A D S C F I W E H  
 E O A E K U R V R W  
 Z D V Z J A H D  
 F K Y I

ANIMALS  
 ARK  
 BUILD  
 DOVE  
 DRY  
 EVIL  
 FLOOD  
 FORTY  
 FOUND  
 GOOD  
 GRACE  
 LAND  
 NOAH  
 PROMISE  
 RAIN  
 RAINBOW  
 RAVEN  
 SAVED  
 SIN  
 YHWH

## WALK THE TALK

Genesis 6 says that Noah “walked with YHWH” and found “grace” with YHWH. Just like back then, we walk with YHWH by “grace” through faith. In Hebrew, one word for grace is “chesed.” This Hebrew word “chesed” means “unmerited favor and love.” Grace is YHWH doing for mankind what we can’t do for ourselves. Chesed is also any act of mercy or kindness towards someone who can’t pay you back. You can show grace by being kind and taking care of people in your life. YHWH showed grace when He spared mankind and the animals. He placed a sign of grace in the sky with the rainbow to remind us of his faithfulness. How can you show grace this week? Who can you help by being extra kind?

## TORAH TALK

What does the name of this portion mean?

Why is this portion special?

What is the main subject of this portion?

How can you live this portion?

What commandments are in this portion?

Did you read about the Messiah in this portion? Where?

How did YHWH show His love to man in this portion?

What did you learn from the Torah?

## HEBREW LESSON

### MEET THE BET:



Bet = house

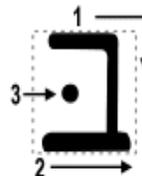
Baruch = blessed

Betzah = egg

Ben = son

Bat = daughter

### WRITE THE LETTER:



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