

What If Noah Rocked The Boat?

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BOOK DEDICATION

Nia Elise Gabrielle Munford

"What if Noah Rocked the Boat?" is dedicated to my great niece, Nia Elise Gabrielle Munford, the first in her generation.

May your heart always be united to honor God.

May you always follow the prepared road the Spirit of God previews for you.

May the grace of God be the supplier of every need, desire,

and above that which you can ask or even think.

May all your steps be ordered by the Word of God.

May the blood covenant be your provision through watchful prayer.

May you always know His Name intimately.

May you be wise as a serpent, but harmless as a dove.

I "do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; that ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and long-suffering with joyfulness;" Colossians 1:9-11

Love, Big Kat

RECOMMENDED USE

"What if Noah Rocked the Boat?" is an educational tool to support parents, teachers, and mentors. It has been exclusively designed to instill godly character and the fruit of the Spirit in children of all ages. It skillfully aids its readers and/or listeners to make quality choices and lasting commitments. This book is a spin-off of "The Noah No One Has Ever Known: Genuine Connection with the Spirit of God", published for the mature reader.

"What if Noah Rocked the Boat?" is ideal to help increase family devotion, bible study, and fellowship time. You can find the story of Noah in Genesis chapters 5-10. It is highly recommended for trainers to read to their young, as well as, to encourage older children to read and use the concepts in their daily Christian walk. Never underestimate what any child can grasp and retain. The youngest recorded king in the Bible was eight years old. His name was Josiah and he reigned successfully in the sight of God for 31 years. (2 Kings 22:1-2)

"What if Noah Rocked the Boat?" is packed with word pictures. Word pictures are very important to help develop one's imagination. Here is what God says about his creation and the power of the mind's eye in Genesis 11:6, "... and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do". A picture details what each artist images only. However, an image created from a word picture sparks ingenuity therefore removes boundaries to create. As an exercise, have your child create a picture after each character trait has been read. This will help you as a trainer to see how the child views the story's ideas, concepts, and insights. The publisher welcomes all pictures birthed from this exercise. Give the child a picture and you will help him/her visualize the story in the eyes of the artist only. The child will envision that same

picture every time. Instead show the child how to create a picture and you will expand his/her potential for a lifetime.

"Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou mightiest still the enemy and the avenger."

Psalms 8:2

PREFACE

God marveled at the works of His own hands when He created mankind. The Lord remarked, "...very good" (Genesis 1:31) after seeing His own image and likeness in Adam and Eve, for God made them more honorable and wonderful than all of His other creations.

However, during Noah's lifetime God gazed down from heaven and saw that man continually followed the wrong direction. Searching throughout the earth, God found only one man, Noah, who obeyed all of His commandments. God was very pleased to see Noah serving Him with his whole heart. Noah's spiritual examples were his father, Lamech fervently prayed to God for a comforter; his grandfather, Methuselah lived before God honorably for 969 years; and his great-grandfather, Enoch walked with God as a close friend from earth to heaven never seeing death. Although each generation had a different part in God's plan, they all had the same mission, salvation. There is a part we also have in spreading the gospel throughout the whole world.

Noah accepted the great, big job to help God fulfill His plan of salvation for the world. Noah felt very special to work for God. Noah preached salvation to the world around him. Noah set before the people life or death, blessing or cursing, i.e., success or failure. God's love for mankind is so great that He desires that no one perish. However, God allows mankind to make his/her own choices and commitments. The bible says to choose life, blessing, and success.

God gave Noah step-by-step instructions on how to build a special boat called an ark. Noah became the world's first ship builder. He completed his work on time and boarded his wife, three sons and three daughter-in-laws, and two of each kind of animal, both male and female, food, and sacrificial offerings, just as God said. Since God designed the ark, it never once had any problems floating nor did it sink, but reached its destination safely.

God depended on Noah because there was no one else on earth who did the right things. To show His commitment to him, God made a special agreement called a covenant with Noah to preserve and protect him and all the ark's guest list, although all others in the world would be lost. God always kept His promises to Noah; and Noah kept his promise to God. Noah followed every detail God gave him. He never once did anything God did not tell him to do before and during the flood. Noah made the best choices and kept his commitment. He put God in the most important place, at the head of his life. He talked to God and listened to him daily. He walked with God and did everything he was told to do.

What happened before the flood was quite different from the events afterward. The difference clearly showed a change in whom Noah served. Noah made no room for God's input, therefore the fruit of the Spirit withered away and the root of character was plucked up. He began to depend on what he could do for himself. A chance for failure always surfaces when a person acts on his own. When a branch is disconnected from the vine it cannot receive life. Neither can you receive eternal life if you are disconnected from Jesus Christ.

God made Noah just like him on the inside. You and I are also God's wonderful creations. God used the same mold for everyone. On the outside, we may look a little different from everyone else. More importantly, on the inside we are all the same, in the image of God. Man receives every good and perfect gift from heaven. There is not one thing God has that He didn't give to us. Some people use them but never fully understand that God is the source of these gifts. Now you may not use what has given or you may even misuse or even lose what you have, but God never takes back what He has given to you.

God has given us all things that pertain to life and godliness (so we can be just like Him). You and I already have God's nine characteristics that Noah exhibited before the flood. God's wisdom, understanding, counsel, might, knowledge, reverence, righteousness, faithfulness, and glorious character are all a part of us. God's love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance fruit of the Spirit are also a part of us. We can use

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them every day of our lives. Because the best seeds of character have already been planted in us, as we use them we continue to grow and mature into irresistible fruit.

Since you now know where these precious gifts come from, the best way to keep them flowing is to get acquainted with God and acknowledge Him as the Giver of all gifts. Ask God to rise and live big in you until the Holy Spirit is a fountain overflowing in your life. [Activity: Blow up a balloon to show that when you apply energy what is inside will increase.]

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The root is your life support so that you can't be overthrown by the storm

Wisdom is doing the right thing at the right time, every time.

If Noah would have departed the ark before the set time,
he, his family, and the animals might have all looked like one-of-a-kind.
It would have been hard to tell one from the other for they would have been muddy.
Time would have wasted; because Noah would have been quite busy scrubbing.

What if Noah would have used his own wisdom, instead of God's?

Even if Noah's wisdom had been at its best,
everything could have ended in a complete mess.

But Noah did the right thing at the right time,
so he had perfect peace and perfect rest.

If Noah didn't have the wisdom that comes from above,
he, his family and all the animals would have drowned.

Instead Noah had God's wisdom,
so at the end of their journey, they were all safe; they were all sound.

Understanding is knowing how to put something together after taking it apart.

If Noah did not understand the directions God gave to build the ark,

he may have placed the door where the window was; and the window where the door was marked.

Yes, they could have all still entered the ark not from the side, but at the top.

Oh what a tiring climb it would have been, and oh what a big, big drop.

What if Noah would have used his own understanding, instead of God's?

Even if Noah's understanding had been at its best,

everything could have ended in a complete mess.

But Noah knew how to assemble the big job ahead,

so he had perfect peace and perfect rest.

If Noah didn't have good understanding that comes from above,

he, his family and all the animals would have drowned.

Instead Noah had God's quick understanding,

so at the end of their journey, they were all safe; they were all sound.

Counse is knowing what to do and why.

If Noah didn't build an ark, but decided to use water skis for the storm ahead. He may have piled all the animals one by one on the top of his head. Noah could have also chosen the finest sailboat, submarine or even a canoe, but it was in God's plan to use an ark, and only that kind of vessel would do.

What if Noah would have used his own counsel, instead of God's?

Even if Noah's counsel had been at its best,
everything could have ended in a complete mess.

But Noah knew what to do, and why, in each situation,
so he had perfect peace and perfect rest.

If Noah didn't have the counsel that comes from above,
he, his family and all the animals would have drowned.

Instead Noah chose the Master's plan,
so at the end of their journey, they were all safe; they were all sound.

SALVATION & THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Dear Heavenly Father, I come before you to acknowledge my need for salvation. I repent of my sin and ask you to forgive me. I invite you to be my Saviour and the Lord of my life. Romans 10:9 says, "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." I believe that I am saved, right now. I believe that You have accepted me as I am. By the shed blood of Jesus Christ, I believe You have included me as the newest member in the heavenly family right now. I believe I receive all the benefits of salvation right now: forgive all my iniquities, heal all my diseases, redeem my life from destruction, crown me with loving kindness and tender mercies, and satisfy my mouth with good things so that my youth will be renewed like the eagles as Psalms 103:3-5 declares. I declare that there is absolutely nothing in my life that needs saving. I am saved to the uttermost. Now that I am saved, I am an immediate candidate to receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit. I ask you to fill me with the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in other tongues, as was experienced in Acts 2:4, "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Therefore, I believe I receive the Holy Spirit right now. John 7:38 declares, "He that believeth on me (Jesus Christ), as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water." I believe I am empowered to be an eyewitness as Acts 1:6 declares, "But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Thank you for salvation and the baptism of the Holy Spirit. I believe I am brand new. Il Corinthians 5:7 says, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." In Jesus' Name, Amen. I salute you as the newest member of the body of Christ. This is the most important decision you will ever make in this life. Welcome to our family.

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God told both sides of the story so that Adam could know God and know the enemy. *Comprehensive*.

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