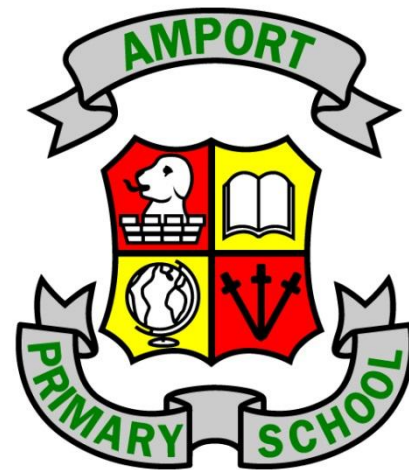


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COURAGE COMPASSION RESPECT



What Happened?!?



Have you ever been frustrated by a device not working properly?

How many times has this approach worked?





"Have you tried switching it off and then on again?"

Do you think the world is working in the way that God would like?

Why do you think God might feel like he needs to agree to this suggestion?

The earth was very sinful in God's eyes. It was full of mean and harmful acts. God saw how sinful the earth had become. All of the people on earth were leading very sinful lives.

So God said to Noah, "I am going to put an end to all people. They have filled the earth with their harmful acts. You can be sure that I am going to destroy both them and the earth.

God was so upset with how the people of the world were, He decided to wipe them off the planet. How would you have liked to have been Noah at that time? God has just told him that the whole world was going to be wiped out! He hasn't said anything yet about saving Noah.

"So make yourself an ark out of cypress wood. Make rooms in it. Cover it with tar inside and out. Here is how I want you to build it. The ark has to be 450 feet long. It has to be 75 feet wide and 45 feet high. Make a roof for it. Leave the sides of the ark open a foot and a half from the top. Put a door in one side of the ark. Make lower, middle and upper decks.

"I am going to bring a flood on the earth. It will destroy all life under the sky. It will destroy every living creature that breathes. Everything on earth will die. "But I will make my covenant with you. You will enter the ark. Your sons and your wife and your sons' wives will enter it with you.

God wanted to save Noah. So God gave Noah specific directions on how he could be saved. He had to build the ark. He had to follow God's directions – every little step – in order to be saved.

"Bring two of every living thing into the ark. Bring male and female of them into it. They will be kept alive with you. Two of every kind of bird will come to you. Two of every kind of animal will come to you. And two of every kind of creature that moves along the ground will come to you. All of them will be kept alive with you. "Take every kind of food that you will need. Store it away. It will be food for you and for them."

- The flood symbolises a fresh start for humanity.
- The big story of the Bible tells us that God tried lots of ways to get people to make a new start and live together better.
- For Christians, this is the meaning of the story of the flood – most Christians don't believe that the Noah's Ark story happened literally but that it tells us about people being very stubborn and God realising that he must always give them a second chance.
- Christians believe that in the end, God realised that He was going to have to come to earth to offer himself as an example.
- The death of Jesus shows Christians that self-sacrifice and service is what matters most to God and the resurrection shows them that there is always hope for the world to be made better when we follow this path.



How can we play
a part in resetting
our world for the
better?

Door Moments

‘...The Son
of Man
came not to
be served
but to
serve...’

Matthew 20 vs 28



Stepping out to serve others...



**Why should
we serve
others?**

**What would
the world be
like if we all
served each
other?**

Lord of service

Thank you that we are able work with you to share your joy with the world, through serving others.

Help us not take for granted the gift it is to offer others love and hope.

Help us have eyes to see the needs around us and to respond to those needs with joy and enthusiasm.

Thank you for your gift of Jesus, the perfect servant. We ask that you help us to follow His example.

Amen