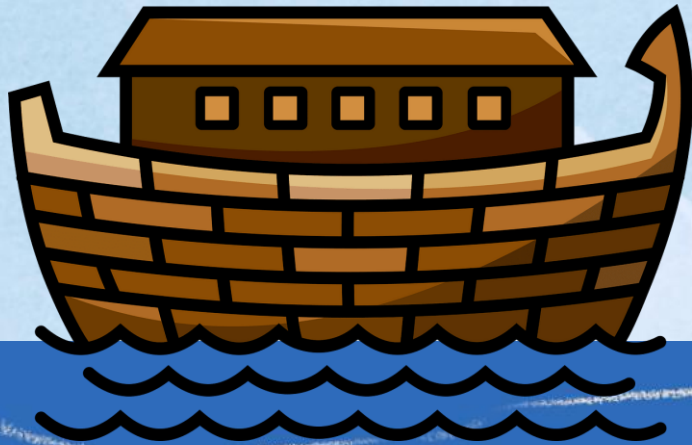


# Sailing in Obedience

Family Discussion



So make yourself an ark of cypress wood; make rooms in it and coat it with pitch inside and out. This is how you are to build it: The ark is to be 450 feet long, 75 feet wide and 45 feet high. Make a roof for it and finish the ark to within 18 inches of the top. Put a door in the side of the ark and make lower, middle and upper decks. I am going to bring floodwaters on the earth to destroy all life under the heavens ... But I will establish my covenant with you, and you will enter the ark--you and your sons and your wife and your sons' wives with you. You are to bring into the ark two of all living creatures, male and female, to keep them alive with you.

Genesis 6:14-19 (NIV)



# Discuss

- How do you think Noah would have felt having heard the list of tasks God gave him?
- Why might the logistics (management) of these tasks have been difficult for Noah?
- What might the social or emotional costs have been? What jokes or insults might he have endured?
- What should we do when God asks us to do something that possibly doesn't make sense at first?





# Pray

- Thank God for a great example in Noah of someone who was willing to obey God at great cost.
- Ask God for the courage and wisdom to do what God calls you to do.
- Pray for pastors and missionaries who have obeyed God and are serving Him.
- Ask the Lord to be with Christians in places where they are obeying Him but suffering social, emotional, and even life threatening opposition to the Gospel message.

