



GENESIS 6: 17-18

I am going to send a flood on the earth to destroy every living being. Everything on the earth will die, but I will make a covenant with you.



CHRISTIANITY - What is it like to follow God?

OUR LEARNING

The **Old Testament** tells the story of a particular group of people, the children of Israel known as the People of God — and their relationship with God.

- The People of God try to live in the way God wants, following his commands and worshipping him.
- They believe he promises to stay with them and Bible stories show how God keeps his promises.
- In the story of **Noah**, God sent the flood to bring good into the world and wipe out evil.
- After the flood, he promised to stick with people - even though people often make mistakes; God keeps on forgiving.
- The story shows that people have responsibilities given by God - part of being the People of God is trying to live by God's commands.
- When God gives rules in the Noah story, he is making his first **covenant**.
- The covenants show people correct beliefs, attitudes and behaviours that are appropriate for being in a caring relationship with God, but they also show what they can expect from God.

- Some Christians believe that everyone can be one of the People of God.
- Christians try to follow God's directions in order to do this.
- Lots of Christians dedicate their lives to acting in ways that they think will please God. They think loving God is really important and rewarding.
- A Christian wedding is like a covenant because both parties make promises - to each other and to God.

- Christians say following God includes trusting God, obeying God, believing that God promises to stay with them, forgiving others and believing that God will do this too.

KEY VOCABULARY	MEANING
Bible	The Christian holy book, which is made up of two main parts: the Old Testament and the New Testament.
Old Testament	The first part of the Bible. Stories in the Bible which happened before Jesus was born. They often focus on the friendship between the main characters and God.
New Testament	The second part of the Bible. Stories about Jesus and his followers.
Ark	The ship built by Noah to save his family and two of every kind of animal from the Flood.
Covenant	An agreement, pact or promise.
People of God	A description in the Old Testament that applies to the Israelites and that in the New Testament applies to Christians.
Symbol	Something that represents or stands for something else.
Forgive	Stop feeling angry or resentful towards (someone) for an offence, flaw, or mistake.

