

Consider

Great Adventure: History of the Early World: Creation – 2000 B.C.

Theme: Justice and Mercy of God

Background readings for the parent/teacher:

It is not necessary for you to read all of the selections below, but we do highly recommend that you choose at least one of the following background resources to read and study over the course of the units.

You Can Understand the Bible pp.xi-18

Making Senses Out of Scripture: pp. 46 – 70

Genesis the Book of Origins: Preface, Ch. 1 - 4

Salvation History: Tape one (One Holy Family: From Adam to Noah)

Catechism of the Catholic Church:

paragraphs 279-324 (Creation)

paragraphs 386-421 (The Fall)

paragraphs 56-58 (The Flood)

Discussion Prompts:

Following are some prompts to encourage discussion with your children. Before using these prompts please take time to review the **Consider** section of the introduction. Prompts begin with simple ideas and advance to more complex ideas. Rather than just reading through this list, use these ideas to stimulate your child's interest in the unit then follow the lead of your child. Remember that what may be important to your students may not be what most interests you as an adult. Don't be concerned with imparting information during this stage the goal is to discover what the child already knows and to spark an interest in the material to be presented.

- how do you think the world came into existence
- how do we know about creation
- what do you think God made first and why did He make that first
- can you make something from nothing as God did
- if Adam hadn't sinned would other people have been disobedient
- were Adam's children disobedient
- if you found yourself in the wilderness for a long time without supplies how would you start a fire
- where would you get water and what would you eat
- how would you stay warm
- what happens when people become greedy and jealous
- what might happen if everyone in our town suddenly spoke a different language
- how would you go about building a boat and how long would it take
- how would you do that if you didn't have modern tools
- do you know how long it took Noah to build the Ark
- what is a promise and why are promises special
- do you know if God made a promise to Noah
- do you know what the term patriarch means (give a short explanation)
- do you know what an emperor is (give brief explanation)
- how is a patriarch the same as an emperor? how are they different?
- are God's promises different from human promises
- how did man stay alive when he had nothing but his hands, his mind and God to help him
- did early man rely on God for help
- why is history filled with wars, suffering, illness, hunger, crime etc
- what does the study of salvation history have to do with people today
- can the study of ancient history benefit us in any way
- does the study of history encourage us to search for truth
- what is mercy? what is justice? are they opposites? in what ways is God both just and merciful