

FAMILY FAITH

Chapter 4: God's Plan to Save Us

God begins to gather His family together.

Chapter Summary

After Adam and Eve's sin, mankind was separated from God. Because man was no longer in friendship with God, sin began to grow in the world. God's loving plan to save us from sin was to send a Savior, but it would take much time to prepare God's people. Sin began to spread in the world as Cain, Adam and Eve's son, killed his brother, Abel. Over many generations, mankind became very sinful. God sent a flood to cleanse the world of sin and evil. Because Noah loved God and was faithful to Him, God saved Noah and his family from the Flood. God's plan was to form a people who would love Him. God chose Abraham to be our father in faith because of Abraham's great faith in God even in difficult times.

More for Parents

Do you think Noah had a difficult time calling his family to be faithful to God when the world around them was not? Do you think he worried about what would happen to his children if they chose to live like the wicked people surrounding them? Let the significance of this amazing story not be lost on us as parents. Noah kept his family safe by sheltering with them inside the safety of the ark. The Church sees the ark as a foreshadowing of the Church. The waters of Baptism not only wash away sin but also unite God's family within the Church. Always bring your children to the safety of the arms of their Father within the walls of the Church.

Virtue in the Family

Inspired by grace to live with virtue, God's family is to be a "light to the nations" (Isaiah 42:6). Our families, inspired by God's grace in the sacraments, are called to this same mission. Your family has the ability, with God's grace, to change the world.

A Chosen Family

- Prayer activity:
 - Spend a few minutes in silence as a family. Reflect on these points:
 - You were chosen by God to do great things.
 - God helps you accomplish great things by His grace and virtue.
 - What can you do to remain faithful to what God asks of you?
- Speak to your children about their hopes and dreams. Help them bring these aspirations to God in prayer, asking Him to help make His plan for them clear.
- Build community with another family. Invite another family from the parish over for dinner.

Vocabulary Words for Your Children to Review

- **covenant**
- **faithful**
- **foreshadow**
- **sacrifice**

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