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Sunday School Lessons

Unit Two

"God Destroys & Re-Creates"

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In Genesis, the book of beginnings, God is revealed as the Creator, Sustainer, Judge, and Redeemer, who brought all things into being. The fall quarter surveys the Book of Genesis in developing sessions on God's creation of the universe, earth, and people. It also details how God continues to co-labor with sinful humanity in reconciling and re-creating order in all things. Unit II, "God Destroys and Re-Creates," has four sessions. Noah and his family are presented in the first two sessions as righteous followers of God, who help repopulate and restore the earth after the destruction caused by the great flood. The biblical couples, Abraham and Sarah, and Isaac and Rebekah, who worked with God in the cycle of continuing creation, are studied in the last two sessions of the unit.

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Faithfulness is a needed quality of life, but it is difficult to achieve. How can persons be faithful in difficult situations? Noah is an empowering example of someone who remained faithful to what God asked him to do regardless of the opposing circumstances and consequences.

Goal for the Learners

- ✓ To remember Noah's faithfulness in obeying God's command to build the ark.
- ✓ To repent of times, we have failed to follow God's instructions.
- ✓ To embrace the calling to do what God commands despite the challenges this entails.

Lesson Challenges for the Week

- Write on a piece of paper the names of friends, family members, or public figures who could be described as "righteous" and "blameless in [our] generation" (6:9).
- Consider how human behavior negatively affects God's creation. Write out what you have considered.
- Make a list of other biblical figures who trusted and followed God's instructions in difficult situations. With which characters do you most easily identify? What can each of their stories teach us about cultivating a faith that doesn't waver in crisis?

We are providing these notes from the Committee on Uniform Series that prepares associated Sunday School lesson outlines long in advance of their usage. Included in this Guide are thoughts that are reflected in the Lesson Development Guide for writers of Sunday school lessons and the recommended commentary of the Department of Christian Education, The New International Lesson Annual published by Abingdon Press Nashville, Tennessee. Send an email to: sundayschool@thecmechurchced.org to receive this guide electronically each week.

