

# PIRATES of the CARIBBEAN

## THE CURSE OF THE BLACK PEARL

### Heroes of Scripture and Screen: The Ark and Pirates of the Caribbean

After watching the movie, read these **questions** and the Bible passage and talk about them as a family. It's best to do this right after watching the movie but you can also do it in the next day or so. The conversation could take anywhere from 10-20 minutes but we hope that it sparks an interest in noticing and sharing God throughout your daily life.

**A Moment to Remember:** **Which moment in the movie did you like the most? Why?**

*Read this passage from the Bible (From Genesis 6-9 NRSV):*

Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight, and the earth was filled with violence. And God saw that the earth was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted its ways upon the earth. And God said to Noah, "Make yourself an ark of cypress wood; make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and out with pitch. For my part, I am going to bring a flood of waters on the earth, to destroy from under heaven all flesh in which is the breath of life; everything that is on the earth shall die. But I will establish my covenant with you; and you shall come into the ark, you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you. And of every living thing, of all flesh, you shall bring two of every kind into the ark, to keep them alive with you; they shall be male and female. Of the birds according to their kinds, and of the animals according to their kinds, of every creeping thing of the ground according to its kind, two of every kind shall come in to you, to keep them alive." Noah did this; he did all that God commanded him. The waters swelled and increased greatly on the earth; and the ark floated on the face of the waters. But God remembered Noah and all the wild animals and all the domestic animals that were with him in the ark. And God made a wind blow over the earth, and the waters subsided; the fountains of the deep and the windows of the heavens were closed, the rain from the heavens was restrained, and the waters gradually receded.

*If you have the time, take a look at this Venn Diagram and talk about whether it lines up with how you interpret the scripture and the movie (or just skip to the rest of the **questions**):*

## Black Pearl

Pirate Ship.

No clue where it came from.

Boats.

Special boats.

Both have a troubled captain who's a good man with a lot of issues.

Both carry a really colorful crew.

## The Ark

Sacred vessel.

Built by its crew.

### Theme in Scripture – Home:

The purpose of Noah's Ark was to preserve life. It became to Noah and his family a home. But it also became home to every species of animal and bird in the world. For a period of time, it was the only place a person or animal could call home. Everyone on that ship literally had nowhere else to go. Yet, we can imagine that the ark became more than just a place to live. We can imagine that the people and animals who lived aboard made it into a place of their own. **How could the ark become more than just a boat, but also a true home? Did the lives on board love the ark?**

### Theme on the Screen – Home:

In the Pirates of the Caribbean series you see the ships emerge as characters as much as any of the actual characters. That's definitely happening with the Black Pearl in *The Curse of the Black Pearl*. Even though the crew of the Pearl is cursed, it's their refuge. It's their home. It's definitely the home of Jack Sparrow too. Jack loves that ship. The ship might even love him back. And Jack isn't the only one. There are people in the movie who don't truly have a home a crew/family to be a part of until they find the Black Pearl. **How was the Black Pearl a home to its crew(s)?**

**The Scene that Says it All:** **Which scene in the movie best represents this theme of home.**

**Why?** *(Is it when Jack finally finds himself back at the helm of the Pearl, or when you realize that the new crew of the Pearl have come to rescue Jack, or another scene?)*

**Bonus question:** **Yo ho, yo ho, is the pirate's life for you? Would you want to be the "good" kind of pirate like Jack and his crew?**