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- His \_\_\_\_\_ (11-12)
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**What Should We Learn?**

1. Don't miss \_\_\_\_\_.
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1. When you think of the story of Noah and the Ark, what stands out to you the most? What seems the oddest? What is the most difficult to embrace? Why?
2. The thing that stands out most to me is Noah's ability/determination to be obedient to God, no matter the price that was paid. As you think about obedience, what price have you seen some pay in order to obey? What losses have you seen people suffer to obey? Was it worth it? Why or why not?
3. Noah was seen as odd by his contemporaries, but that oddness served as a light for God in a dark world. As followers of Christ, we have also been called to be "children of light" (Ephesians 5:8) in a dark world. Read Ephesians 4:17-32 and jot down the contrasts you see regarding choices, attitudes, and actions between living as a light and living in darkness.

How could living like this cause people to think we are odd?

Which of these attitudes or actions is most challenging for you to consistently live out?

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5. Here are some more challenging questions that will be great to ponder among your small group.
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