A NEW BEGINNING

Genesis 8-11   Lesson 5b
Key Verse: 8:1a

*   GOD REMEMBERED NOAH (8:1-22)

1.   What does it mean that "God remembered Noah"? (8:1) How did the waters
     recede? (1-5) What does this suggest about God's care for one man?

2.   When and why did Noah first send out the raven and the dove? How did the dove
     bring Noah hope the second time it was sent out?

3.   When did Noah come out of the ark? How long was he in the ark? (13-14) What did
     he do when he came out? What did God say? Had the devastating flood solved
     man's sin problem? What was the meaning of Noah's burnt offering?

4.   What promise did God make concerning the world and all living creatures? (8:21,22)
     How is this promise an expression of God's grace?

*   THE NEW BEGINNING (9:1-28)

5.   How did God bless Noah and his sons? (9:1) How did he reestablish order (2,3)?
     How was the basis of this new order different from that of the original creation order
     which God established? Why was it necessarily different?

6.   Why is human life valuable? (6) Why is it significant that the value of human life
     does not rest on pragmatic considerations?

7.   In what ways did God teach men that human life is valuable? (4-6;11-13; See Lev
     17:11) Why were these lessons necessary? Describe the covenant of life which God
     made with all living creatures. What does the rainbow teach us about God?

8.   How did Ham violate spiritual order? What does God's punishment of Canaan teach
     us about the importance of spiritual order in the family? [How did God fulfill this
     prophecy in his dealing with the idolatrous Canaanites? (cf Lev 18:2,3; Jdg 1:30; Jos
     9:27;16:10)]

*   FILLING THE EARTH -- THE TOWER OF BABEL (10:1-11:32)

9.   What are the contents of chapter 10? What words are repeated in verses
     5,20,31,32? How are these chapters related to the Tower of Babel incident? Why is
     Shem's genealogy repeated in chapter 11?

10. Look at 11:1-9. Why did men build the tower of Babel? Why was God displeased?
     How did God deal with the problem? What does this event teach about mankind?
     About God?