



# What is it like to follow God?



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## The People of God

The **Old Testament** tells the story of a particular group of people, the **children of Israel** known as the **People of God** — and their relationship with God. The People of God try to live in the way God wants, following his **commands** and worshipping him. They believe he promises to stay with them and Bible stories show how **God keeps his promises**.

## Vocabulary

**Old Testament:** the books of the bible before the birth of Christ.

**Genesis:** the first book of the bible.

**Promise:** Saying you will do something.

**Covenant:** promises made by two people to each other.

**Command:** being told to do something.

**Consequence:** the result of our actions.

**Faith:** complete trust and confidence in something.



## The story of Noah

(Genesis 6:5–9:17)



In the story of Noah, God sent the flood to bring good into the world and wipe out evil. After the flood, he promised to stick with people – even though people often make mistakes; God keeps on forgiving. The story shows that people have responsibilities given by God – part of being the People of God is trying to live by God's commands. When God gives rules in the Noah story, he is making a covenant. The covenants show people correct beliefs, attitudes and behaviours that are appropriate for being in a caring relationship with God, but they also show what they can expect from God

## Key Knowledge

- The Old Testament tells the story of the children of Israel (People of God).
- The People of God try to follow God by following his commands.
- People of God believe that God promises to stay with them.
- Noah was one of the people of God trying to follow his commands.
- Noah was trying to do away with evil in the world and make it a better place.

## Christians are People of God

In the same way as Noah, some Christians give up things to follow God because they believe that everyone can be one of the People of God. Lots of Christians dedicate their lives to acting in ways that they think will please God. Christians say following God includes trusting God, obeying God, believing that God promises to stay with them, forgiving others and believing that God will do this too.

