



Against the current

AT A GLANCE



Bible

Genesis 6:9–22



Topic

Standing by your convictions when everyone thinks differently



Takeaway

Courage for integrity



8 minutes



Object: a bowl of water and a stick



Preparation: 5 min



indoors or outdoors



Make it personal: In two sentences, share something you have experienced yourself on the topic "Standing by your convictions when everyone thinks differently". Real stories stick best.



How the devotion works

1 min

Opening

Stir the water with the stick until everything flows in one direction. Then hold the stick still against the flow. Ask: What is easier?

2 min

Bible text

Read Genesis 6:9–22. Noah lives in a world where "everyone" lives differently. He builds what God tells him to build – and becomes a laughing stock.

3 min

Thought

Everyone knows peer pressure: in class, in group chats, at parties. Going with the flow is easy. Noah shows that faithfulness to God can mean being unpopular. But it is the path that holds when the storm comes.

2 min

Conversation

Where do you find it hard to swim against the current?



Against the current



Prayer to read aloud

God, you know the pressure I feel. Give me Noah's courage to do the right thing, even when it costs me something. Amen.



To think further

- What helps you stand by your values – friends, prayer, role models?
- Are there situations where going with the flow is fine?



For leaders

- Never put young people on the spot: ask open questions, nobody has to answer.
- Let one of the young people read the Bible text aloud.
- Encourage them to say the prayer themselves – the written prayer gives confidence.



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