



EXPLORE THE BIBLE.

Session 9: God Acts
Suggested Week of Use: November 1, 2020
Core Passage: Isaiah 46:3-13

News Story Summary

With the pandemic, hurricanes in the South, wildfires out West, and a derecho (intense, widespread, straight line windstorm) in Iowa, many have discovered the importance of having a go-bag. A go-bag is a small bag filled with necessities that you can grab as you head out the door to evacuate during a disaster. The go-bag should contain hygiene products with the addition of face masks and hand sanitizers due to the pandemic. For sheltering in place, experts suggest that the emergency kit contain water, food, prescriptions, etc., and enough to last for at least two weeks. Experts claim that with proper planning, we can be prepared for most emergencies.

(For more on this story, search the Internet using the term “Go-bag guide: Preparing for a natural disaster during the COVID-19 pandemic”).

Focus Attention

To supplement the Begin idea under Focus Attention, discuss what might hinder the group from reaching their goal and conclude by asking: *If you had known the pandemic was coming, what plans would you have made in advance? Explain.* Share information from the article about preparing go-bags and emergency kits to be used in the event of a disaster. Note how the pandemic has altered the supply list. Ask: *How many of you have emergency plans in place? Why or why not?* Complete the step using the Transition idea.

Summarize and Challenge

To enhance the Review idea under Summarize and Challenge, conclude the idea by reading aloud the summary statement for this session: *The one true God is incomparable; He will complete His plan to save His people.* Remind the group of the suggested items to include in a go-bag and an emergency kit. Point out that these can help us in a disaster, but they cannot save us eternally; only God can do that. Guide the group to suggest items that need to be included in a “spiritual” go-bag. Use the bulleted summary statements under Apply the Text as a starting place. Complete the step, using the Respond idea.