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A Spiritual Lesson In Toon Language: Lesson 20

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Series: Smurfs, Superbook

Episode: The Smurfomatic Smurfolator (Smurfs)
and The Flood (Superbook)

Topic: Noah's Ark

Introduction:

This lesson is simple but fascinating with the secular cartoon inside it. I use a Smurfs episode called **The Smurfomatic Smurfolator. Because of the vast amount of Bible Scripture used, I use a Superbook episode called **The Flood**.**

Scriptures Used Include:

Genesis chapters 6-8 and some of chapter 9. To me, the parallels are striking.

I) Opening Prayer

II) Opening Discussion: Have you ever felt the need to do something, but ultimately, everyone around you (or a good number of them) thought you were crazy?

What did this feel like? If you haven't had this experience what do you think it would feel like?

III) Cartoon Show: I will now show a cartoon show from the Smurfs series called The Smurfomatic Smurfolator and we will have a discussion and a Bible study.

Cartoon Link:

http://toonspirit.net/lessons_and_studies/l20/The_Smurfomatic_Smurfolator.webm

IV) Discussion And Bible Study: Our story lies in Genesis, covering chapters 6-8 and chapter 9: 7-17.

For our Bible story, I will show the Superbook episode called The Flood.

Cartoon Link:

http://toonspirit.net/lessons_and_studies/l20/The_Flood.webm

What did you see in the Smurfs cartoon that might go with the account of Noah's Ark? In our Smurfs cartoon, Handy was told to make his machine with what would be considered a funny looking dream.

Why do you think that nearly all of the Smurfs discounted and scoffed at Handy's dream and his machine? In Superbook we found that the people

around Noah gave him the same treatment. Why do you think that these people did so? Would you feel like one of these Smurfs or the people around Noah if you didn't know the outcome of both stories? Why or Why not? Let's analyze the cartoons. In the Smurfs episode. We see the dream that Handy is given. This symbolizes God giving Noah the instructions on how to make the boat. The magic weed seeds in this cartoon are symbolic of the flood that choked the life out of the world in Noah's day.

The Smurfs wanted to stop Handy from building this machine by demanding their borrowed equipment. This symbolizes the selfishness of the people in Noah's day. The Bible states:

LK 17:26 “ And just as it happened in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man:

LK 17:27 they were eating, they were drinking, they were marrying, they were being given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all.

Luckily for the Smurfs, the weeds didn't destroy them, because they were able to get safely aboard their machine. The Smurfs quit being selfish in the nick of time. As for the people in Noah's day they were selfish to the end and were destroyed. Linking to the cartoon and cartoon Bible Study, why do you think selfishness and unbelief are so spiritually deadly? How can you be unselfish with people

and trust in God more so that your spiritual life
will be a healthy one?

V) Closing Prayer