



NOAH AND THE ARK



Genesis 6 - 9

Noah was God's friend. Noah made God happy. Noah tried to do just what God told him. Now Noah had three boys. Their names were Shem, Ham, and Japheth. God said, "Noah, make a big houseboat. Water is coming. Water will cover up everything. You will be safe on the boat." And Noah did what God told him.

God said, "Make rooms in the boat." Noah made rooms. God said, "Make a window in the boat." Noah made a window. God said, "Make a door in the boat." Noah made a door.

God said, "Put something to eat on the boat." Noah did what God told him. God said, "Put animals on the boat." Noah did what God told him. Into the houseboat went -- Mr. and Mrs. Cat, Mr. and Mrs. Horse, Mr. and Mrs. Dog, Mr. and Mrs. Pig, Mr. and Mrs. Grasshopper, Mr. and Mrs. Woolly Worm, Mr. and Mrs. Duck, and more animals too. Then God said, "Now you and your family get on the boat." So Mr. and Mrs. Noah got on the boat. Mr. and Mrs. Shem got on the boat. Mr. and Mrs. Ham got on the boat. Mr. and Mrs. Japheth got on the boat. And THEN God shut the door. After a while, down came the rain, DRIP, DRIP, DRIP. After a while up came the water, SPLASH, SPLASH, SPLASH. Soon -- water ran over the streets. Water ran over the houses. Water ran over the little hills. Water ran over the big hills.

Now the houseboat was floating! But Noah was safe inside. His family was safe inside. The animals were safe inside. Noah's family had something to eat. They gave the animals something to eat. Then they waited. They waited till the water went away. They waited till God said, "IT'S TIME TO GET OFF THE BOAT."

Noah did what God told him. Mr. and Mrs. Noah got off the boat. Mr. and Mrs. Shem got off the boat. Mr. and Mrs. Ham got off the boat. Mr. and Mrs. Japheth got off the boat.

All the animals got off the boat. They walked and ran and crawled and hopped. God said, "Don't worry. The water won't come back. The water won't cover up the world anymore." (It never has.) And God made a rainbow.



Who is God? God is our Creator and King.



PRESCHOOL



WELCOME

Prepare tables with the opening activities. Greet kids by name as kids arrive. Be sure to welcome any new families.

TABLE #1 - Coloring sheet, draw with chalk

TABLE #2 - golf tees, toy hammers, small cardboard box

Floor - blocks, animal figures (see activities), tool kits



INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

Dove and the Branch - Show preschoolers the olive branch. Tell preschoolers you will hide the olive branch for them to find. Have preschoolers close their eyes and hide the branch where they will not be able to find it. Have preschoolers pretend to be doves. Demonstrate how to use their arms to 'flap their wings', make a cooing sound with their voice, and move gently about the room looking for the olive branch. Gather preschoolers to the story circle and show them where the branch is located. Play again, but hide the branch where they can locate the branch. Remind preschoolers how the dove flew from the ark two times before finding an olive branch.



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Options: 1) Read the story from the Read and Share Bible story book, _____; 2) Play the story video on the TV; 3) Read Aloud Bible Stories Volume 3 using the flannel graph.

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SONG

Lead preschoolers in singing one or more songs found in the February 2025 file.



PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE

Display the key passage poster. Read the words and help preschoolers memorize the words. Clap out a simple rhythm or pass a small object around the circle as each word is stated.

Proverbs 3:5

Trust in the Lord with all your heart,

ACTIVITIES



FLYING DOVE

- Pass out two dove shapes to interested preschoolers. Allow them to add features and a bit of color. Attach the dove pieces to the stick and bend wings slightly. Demonstrate how to move the dove up and down so the wings flap.
- **Noah sent a dove out of the ark to help him know if it was safe to exit the ark. When the dove did not return, he knew the dove had found a place to build a nest. When Noah and his family left the ark, Noah thanked God for keeping him and his family safe. God caused a rainbow to appear in the sky to remind Noah He would never flood the entire earth again. The rainbow reminds us God always keeps His promises.**

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DRAW WITH CHALK

- Use this activity at the beginning of class, if desired. Before class, add the chalk to the waterproof container and fill with water just enough to cover the chalk.
- Hand interested preschoolers a sheet of dark construction paper. Remove the chalk from the water and place near the coloring area at the table. Allow preschoolers to create colorful pictures with the wet chalk.
- **Wet chalk makes the colors so much brighter! They're so pretty. I'm glad God created the rainbow to remind us of His promise to never flood the whole earth again. God is our Creator and King. We can trust Him to keep His promises.**



Match parent pick-up numbers, with child name tag numbers.

Build relationships with parents, encourage them to take a picture of the parent recap page to go over on the ride home.