

Noah's Ark

Lesson with story telling options and engagement options

	Storytelling
Option 1	<p>Show YouTube video of the story. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QAsfOcGjgoM 9:42 minutes</p> <p>Big Questions??? What is an ark? A big box and in this case it is a boat.</p> <p>What did God instruct Noah to do?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Build the ark and load it up with his family and animals; two of each type.. - God was going to send rain for 40 days and nights and flood the earth. <p>Why did God want him to do this?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - God was unhappy with the people - The people were not behaving well - They were unkind etc. <p>How could the people have prevented the flood? Did they do it?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Turn to him and mend your ways. - Pray to him. - Ask him for forgiveness and you will be saved. - Come with Noah on the ark and you will be saved. <p>This is Noah's work and God has asked him to do this.</p> <p>How can we follow the instructions that God gave Noah?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Be kind - Care for each other - Kids can brainstorm other age appropriate answers.
Option 2	<p>Tell the Story</p> <p>Below is a story of Noah's ark that builds. Divide the children into Noah, Noah's wife, the sons, the daughters-in-law, and then various animals that make noises.</p> <p>Give each child a part so they have something to say when they hear their name in the story, such as: You decide which animals will be represented in the story and invite the children to make their respective sounds.</p> <p>Noah will say "Yes God", Mrs. Noah "You must have heard wrong"</p>

sons "aww dad"
daughters-in-law "amazing"
The animals make their respective sound.

*One child can play more than one role.

Now tell the story of Noah but tell it in steps adding a new character each time.

God said to Noah (Yes God), "Build me an ark Noah (Yes God) Make it big enough for all the animals (name each animal so they can make their sounds).Noah (Yes God)Invite your family Noah (Yes God)

It is going to rain and rain and only you and your family shall live. The first person he talked to was Mrs. Noah (I must have heard wrong) and then he told his sons (aww dad!) and his daughters-in-law(amazing)

The ark began with the order, "Cut down the trees sons (aww dad)" and then "Gather up food for our family and all of the animals for several months Mrs. Noah (I must have heard wrong)and he asked what do you think of it daughters-in-law (amazing)

When the ark was built God said, "Gather male and female of all the animals Noah (yes God)

"Two by two the (name each animal you decided on) came (repeat until all of the animals are said).

Then God said, "It is going to rain for 40 days and 40 nights Noah (Yes God)"

Tell your family they must stay on the ark until the water has dried from the earth. The first person he told was Mrs. Noah (I must have heard wrong), then he told his sons (aww dad) and his daughters-in-law (amazing).

After they were safely inside it rained for 40 days and 40 nights and flooded the whole earth.

The family floated for many months but finally sent out dove (sound) who found an olive branch. After more waiting, the waters finally dried up and the family left the ark.

The site took the breath away from the daughters-in law (amazing).

Mrs. Noah (I must have heard wrong) was told to let the animals out. Out came the (name each animal) (repeat until all are said.)

The sons (aww dad) were told to build an altar and everyone praised God for saving them.

God put a bow in the clouds and that promised he would never again destroy the world by flood. God said "Go forth and populate the earth Noah" (Yes God) The end.

Food craft option:

Supplies needed: 2 pieces of bread and animal crackers, plate



Take 2 pieces of bread and place it on a plate with the tops facing down. Cut out the top sides using kitchen scissors into the shape of a ark. We made windows and a ramp using the crust. Have the kids separate the animal crackers into 2's and place them around the ark. How easy is that?!!

Science Option

Materials needed

Big container to float boats

Roll of tinfoil to make boats

A lot of animal crackers (some to load up into the boats and some to eat after)

A few pieces of cardstock to use in the construction of boats.

This was a fun idea: We tested several objects for sink or float-ability. (find objects to demonstrate its ability to float, like a piece of wood, rock, cup, ball, etc)

Then make small (open top) aluminum foil boats by folding the foil around the bottom of a piece of cardboard to give it stability. Kids can get creative in their construction of the boats..

Float the boats then put animal crackers on them. Try to guess (then test) how many animal crackers it would take to sink the boat. See who can get the most animal crackers in their boat. (large flattish container that the kids can float their boats in)

Discuss how ark really means "box" and what it would have been like to be in the ark tossing around during the storm.

Save some animal crackers to eat!

Music Option

Below are several song options to listen to.

Print off the lyrics to "All things bright and beautiful and invite children to draw images on the printed page as they listen to the music.

All Things Bright and Beautiful by Cecil Frances Alexander, L. Wasson

All things bright and beautiful **Refrain:**

**All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.**

Each little flower that opens,
each little bird that sings,
he made their glowing colors,
he made their tiny wings. **Refrain**

The purple-headed mountain,
the river running by,
the sunset, and the morning
that brightens up the sky. **Refrain**

The cold wind in the winter,
the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden,
He made them every one. **Refrain**

He gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is God Almighty,
who has made all things well. **Refrain**

Younger children may enjoy the song ARKY ARKY found here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fztN0PdYkqQ> complete with actions and lyrics

Activity

Listen and interpret



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Mix - Sting - Rock Steady (CD ...Nothing like the sun)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bXbAWXPF_2A

Listen to Sting's interpretation of the story

Full page lyrics are in google doc so kids can have their own copy to read. (Noah's ark weeks 1-4 visuals for the story)

[Verse 1]

Saw an ad in the newspaper that caught my eye
I said to my baby this sounds like a ticket for you and I
It said volunteers wanted for a very special trip
To commune with Mother Nature on a big wooden ship
We took a taxi to the river in case any places were free
There was an old guy with a beard
And every kind of creature as far as the eye could see
This old guy was the boss, he said
"I won't tell you no lie
But there's more to this journey that is apparent to the eye
He said he'd heard God's message on the radio
It was going to rain forever and he'd told him to go
"I'll protect you all don't worry I'll be a father to you all
I'll save two of every animal, no matter how small

But I'll need some assistants to look after the zoo
I can't see nobody better so you'll just have to do"
I said, Just tell me something before it's too late and we're gone
I mean just how safe is this boat we'll be on?

[Chorus]

"It's Rock steady Rock steady
Rock steady Rock steady[x3]

[Verse 2]

It rained for forty days and forty long nights
I'd never seen rain like it and it looked like our old friend
Was being proved right
We had no time to worry though there was just too much to do
Between the signified monkey and the kangaroo
We had to wash all the animals we had to feed them too
We were merely human slaves in a big floating zoo
She said, "Hey Baby I don't mean to be flip
But it seems this old man is on some power trip"
I said, "No, no sugar you must be wrong
I mean look at the size of this boat we're on
We're as safe as houses, as safe as mother's milk
He's as cool as November and as smooth as China silk
He's God's best friend, he's got a seat on the board
And life may be tough but we're sailing with the Lord."

[Chorus]

Rock steady Rock steady[x4]

[Verse 3]

Woke up this morning and something had changed
Like a room in my house had just been rearranged
She said, "It's stopped raining and I know the guy's kind
But if we stay here much longer I'm gonna lose my mind."
So we said we had a mission for his favorite dove
To see if there was any mercy from this great God above
So to find dry land, away the white bird flew
We didn't need no country just a rock would do
When the dove came back to us, he threw down a twig
It was manna from heaven and meant we could blow this gig

	<p>"But the rock's too small," he said, "can't you see?" I said, "It's just perfect for her, it's perfect for me."</p> <p>[Chorus] Rock steady Rock steady[x6]</p>
Activity	<p>Kids can choose a melody from a song they know and write their own lyrics for the Noah's Ark story. They kids could do the activity alone, or with a partner. Ideas to write about could be....</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- What it was like on the water in a storm- Building the Ark- Being stranded on water in the rain for 40 days and 40 nights- Sending the dove to look for dry land- Finding dry land- What God wanted them to learn from 40 days of rain and the flood- How to be a better person- Etc. brainstorm other ideas