

Week 1: Noah's Ark

Character Focus: Obedience



Supplies

- Bible
- Rain Soundtrack



Flannelgraph*

- Water/Sky Board with S2, S3, S4, S15
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*Read the Intro Letter on page 2 for an explanation of the optional flannelgraph.

Story: The Bible tells us that after Adam and Eve, many people were born. Sadly, instead of obeying God, the people God created did bad things and ignored God's rules. Except for one man named Noah. Noah loved God and obeyed God. In Genesis 6, the Bible tells us that God decided to send a big flood to punish everyone for doing bad things and ignoring God's rules. Because Noah loved God, God told Noah to build an ark - which is a really big boat - to protect his family from the flood. Besides Noah's family, God also told Noah to bring two of every animal that flies [*flap arms*], climbs [*pretend to climb ladder*], hops [*hop in place*], and squirms [*wiggle*]. *Guide child while seated to do each action with her arms.* Noah gathered animals like elephants, birds, and giraffes.

Noah obeyed exactly what God told Noah to do. *Remove all.* With everyone on board, God shut the ark door. *Start rain soundtrack.* Listen. Do you hear that sound? Raise your hand to tell me what you hear. For 40 days and 40 nights, that is all that Noah, his family, and the animals heard. Let's count to 40. 1...2...3... that was a long time to hear the rain!

The Bible says that the water grew deeper and deeper, covered the ground, and lifted the boat higher, and higher, and higher! *Guide child to raise her arms higher, higher, higher in the air.* Finally the water covered all the earth. Even the highest mountains. *Guide child to form mountain peaks with her hands over her head.* Everyone was safe in the ark. But, everywhere Noah, his family, and the animals looked, they saw water. Water. And more water. *Lead child to put hand to forehead to look.* Water over here. Over there. In front of them? Water. Behind them? Water.

Sit criss-cross, hands on knees. Now let's rock from side to side just like the ark did in the water. For 40 days and 40 nights all that Noah, his family, and the animals heard was rain. Then, the rain stopped. *Stop rain soundtrack, stop rocking.*

The Bible says that God remembered Noah, his family, and all the animals in the boat. He sent a wind to blow across the earth, and the floodwaters began to go down. Move your arms like the wind. The water is going down, down, down. *Move arms down.* Finally the ark came to rest on top of a mountain. Noah and his family, and the animals got out of the ark. *Allow child to help place animals on the board.* Then Noah and his family praised God. Give God two claps. One. Two.

Then God put a beautiful rainbow in the sky. It was a sign of God's promise that He would never flood the whole earth again.

Put your hand in the air if you have ever seen a beautiful rainbow. Sometimes we see rainbows in the sky after it rains. The next time you see a rainbow, tell your family and friends that it is a reminder that God keeps His promise.

Comprehension Questions:

- What tools do you think Noah used to build the ark?
- How do you think Noah felt when the people laughed at him for obeying God?
- What kind of animals were on the ark?
- What is your favorite animal that God put on the ark?
- How long did it rain?
- Do storms scare you? Do you think Noah, his family, and the animals were scared during the rain?
- What is a promise?
- What did God promise Noah?