

# Noah's Ark

Free Bible lesson for  
preschoolers



# Grown-ups

## Lesson outline

This week we will learn about the much-loved account Noah's Ark from Genesis 6-7. The main points we want to learn are:

- God takes sin seriously
- It is important to obey God
- God provides a way to save us. We can be safe in Jesus.



It is likely that your child will already have some knowledge of Noah's Ark as it is one of those stories known by church and unchurched children. Nevertheless, I recommend starting this lesson by reading it with them from their Bible and then using story books or videos to supplement. If you don't have a Noah's Ark story book, it is likely that your local library will stock one.

In this lesson, I am recommending two ways to make the story more interactive and capture your child's attention.

1. There are instructions in the lesson on how to make a rain stick. If made in advance, have the child listen carefully as you read the story. Whenever they hear the words rain or water then should turn over the rain stick to make the sound of rain.
2. Towards the end of the week, review the story using the craft. Each animal on lollipop sticks can be used as puppets, so that you can fill the ark. Then use the Ark as a puppet, bobbing up and down on the sea and eventually resting on dry land. You could then remove the animals together reflecting on how God saved them all.

## Activities

Please pick and choose the activities that follow to suit your needs. Split them throughout the week to reinforce the lesson or mix activities for a selected time slot. Please think of these resources as a toolkit. In this week's lesson there are extra activities and games.

Each activity supports the Biblical lesson and education development. This week, children will learn about the weather as well as things which sink and float.

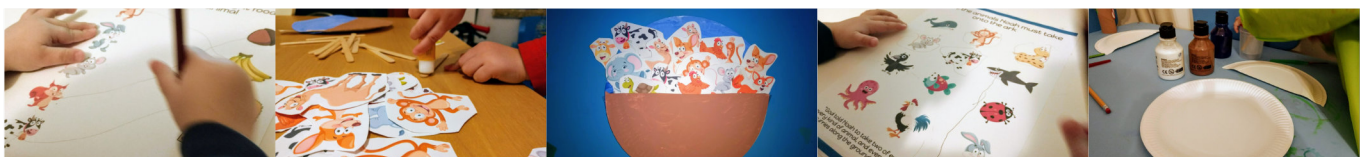
## Thank You

Thank you once again for joining us for this week's lesson. There will be a new one added each Wednesday covering the Old Testament in 2019. Please give me feedback, so that I can adjust the lessons over the next weeks to best meet your needs.

Do you need more of something? Colouring pages, crafts, activities sheets, instructions.

If you have any friends who would benefit from these lessons, feel free to share it with them.

Blessings. Jon



# Make your own rain gauge

When Noah was in the ark, it rained for forty days and forty nights. How much rain will you have this week? If you'd like to keep track of how much rain you're having, make this simple rain gauge – all you need a few simple materials and a bit amount of time.

## What you will need:

- An empty plastic bottle (1 or 2 litres)
- Scissors
- Sticky tape
- Ruler
- Paper
- Pencil

## What to do:

1. Cut around the plastic bottle about two-thirds of the way up.
2. Turn the top part of the bottle upside down and place it inside the bottom part to make a funnel - fix it in place using the tape.
3. Mark cm onto a piece of tape, using a ruler, and fix it to the side of the bottle.
4. Find a place outside to put your rain gauge. It must be open and away from trees.
5. Dig a hole and bury your rain gauge so that the top is sticking out about 5 cm out of the ground. If you cannot bury it, try and put it into a pot, so it doesn't blow over.
6. Check the rain gauge every day at the same time, measure the amount of rain collected. Empty the bottle.
7. Use the weather diary in the lesson to record how much it rained.



Weather Diary		
Day	Today it was	It rained
Day 1		
Day 2		
Day 3		
Day 4		
Day 5		
Day 6		
Day 7		

Record this weeks weather. Draw a picture of the weather and use your rain gauge to measure the rain.

# Make your own rain stick

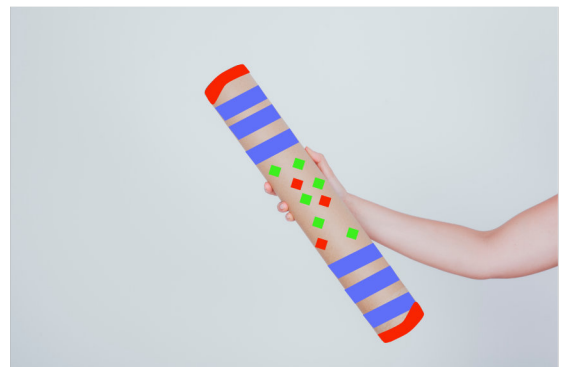
Turn a paper towel roll into a rain stick with duct tape, aluminium foil and rice. Use it while reading the account to Noah's ark whenever you hear the words rain or water.

## What you will need:

- Paper towel roll
- Cardboard
- Tape
- Rice
- Aluminium foil

## What to do:

1. Put duct tape onto one side on the roll to close the end.
2. Twist some aluminium foil and insert into tube
3. Pour in some rice or dried beans.
4. Tape the other end.
5. Decorate the outside of the cardboard tube.
6. The rain stick is ready to use.





# Sink or float

Why did God tell Noah to build an Ark?

This fun sink or float experiment will encourage your child to make predictions and observations about buoyancy and density.

Outdoors you could use a bucket or small paddling pool. Indoors, use the kitchen sink, bathtub or on the floor with a storage box or basin filled with water.

Collect some waterproof toys and household items. For example:

Items that sink: metal, coins, stones, toy car, keys and marbles.

Items that float: plastic blocks, Popsicle stick, cotton ball, feather, corks, foam, a crayon and a ball

Ask your child to predict if the item will float or sink before placing it into the water.

At the end of the experiment, you can stress the fact that it's not the size of the object to determine whether it will sink or float, the importance is what the object is made from. Noah's Ark was massive and heavy. But it floated because He obeyed God and followed his instruction to build it out of wood and waterproof it.



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## Find two of a kind

Play this game inside or out. The idea is simple, take turns with your child to find one object. It can be anything, a stone, a sock, a toy...

The other person that needs to hunt for a matching item e.g. another stone or sock.

To make it more interesting you could set a timer, so that, the matching item has to be found in x seconds.



# Weather Diary



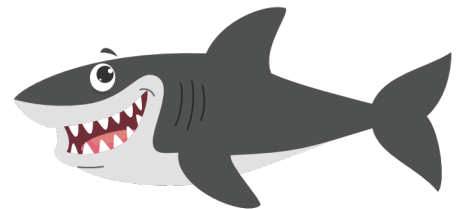
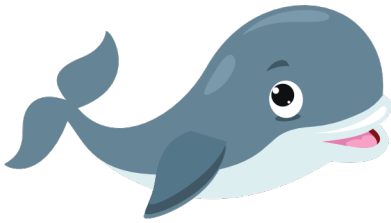
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# Pair game + snap



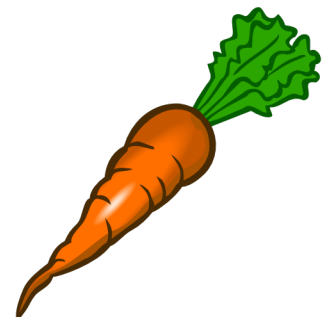
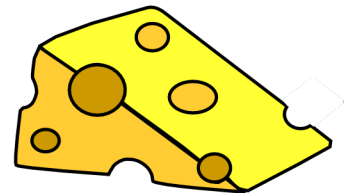
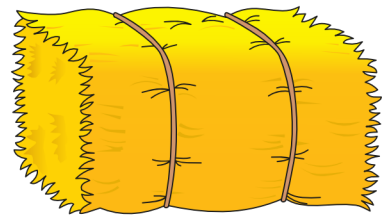
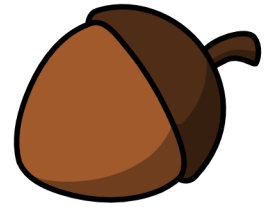
Circle the animals Noah must take  
onto the ark



“God told Noah to take two of every kind of bird, and every kind of animal, and every kind of small animal that scurries along the ground, on the ark.” - Genesis 6:20



# Help Noah find the right food for each animal



And be sure to take on board enough food for your family and for all the animals. - Genesis 6:21

# Noah's Ark Craft



Make a Noah's Ark using a paper plate and lolly pop sticks.

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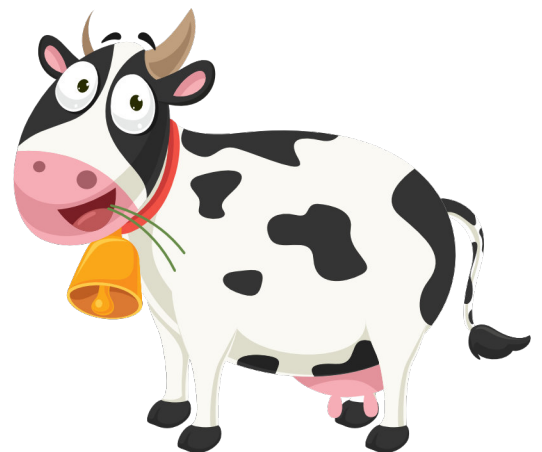
- 2 paper plates
- 2 copies of craft template
- 20 lollypop sticks (coloured or natural)
- Brown and blue paint.
- Paint brush
- Scissors
- PVA glue

## What to do:

1. Cut one paper plate in half.
2. Paint the inside of the whole paper plate blue and the outside of the half paper plate brown. The brown plate will become the ark. Feel free to add extra detail.
3. Glue both plates inside together and allow to dry.
4. Cut out animals from template and stick onto lollypop sticks.
5. Once glue is dry place the animal sticks inside of the ark.

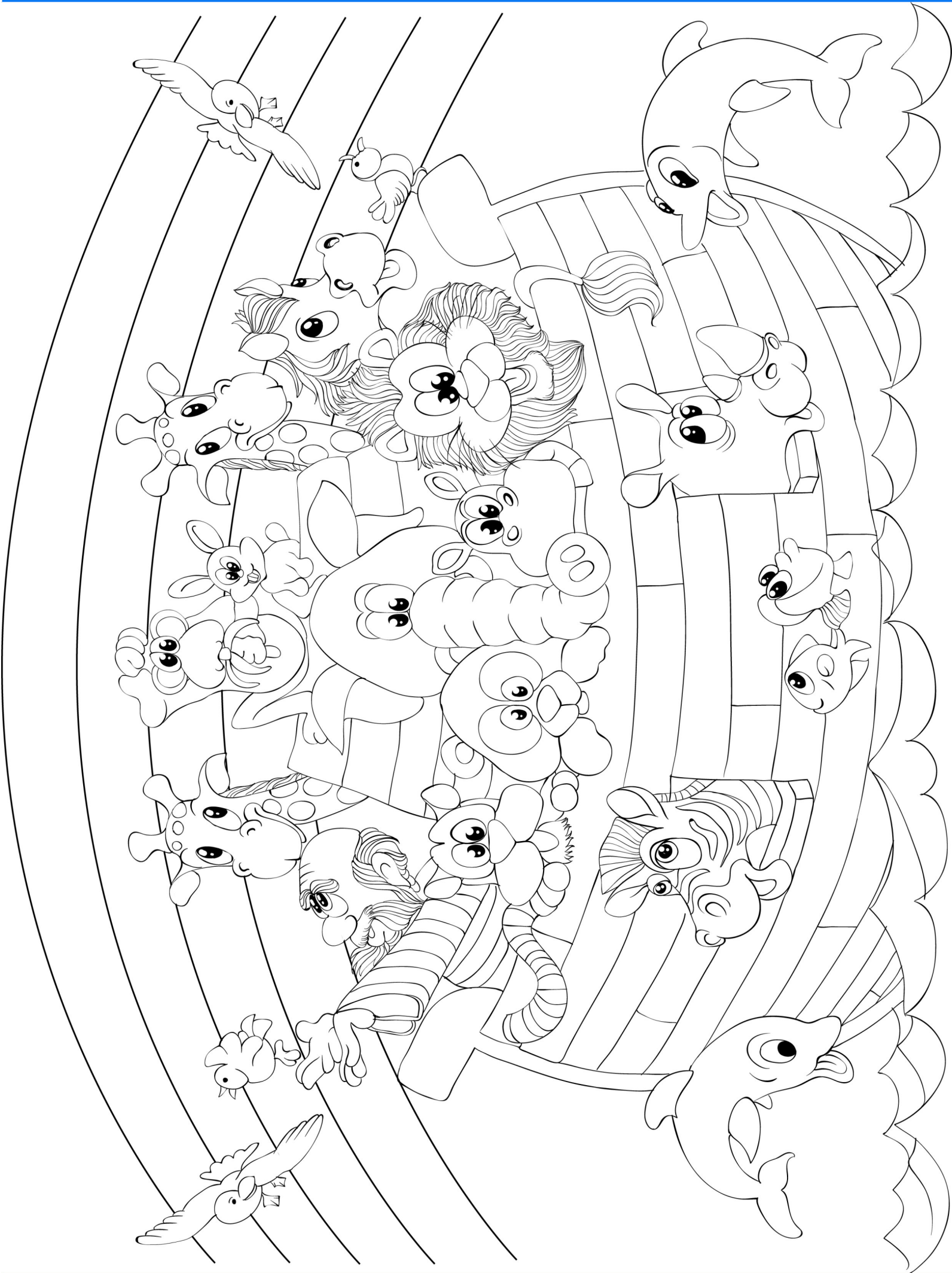


# Craft template



Print 2 copies





# Worship Time

Noah's ark

<https://youtu.be/XBQon3hMgBg>

Rise and Shine

<https://youtu.be/DSxd9JVE3r4>

Animals Went In Two By Two

<https://youtu.be/PivD0QH1RQ0>



## Prayer Time

Ask God to help you obey Him

Thank God for providing a way to be saved

Pray that others will believe God's Word.

## Next Week

The rainbow - God keeps his promises

If you haven't already done so, sign up to receive future lesson by email.

