

Lockdown

series

Bible heroes

Week 5

Noah

NOAH

What's your favourite animal?

Can you do an impression of it?

Animals are very important to God, he made so many different kinds of animals. Some of them pretty funny looking!

When Noah lived on the Earth, people were really bad. They were hurting each other, fighting, stealing, people weren't staying married. People just were not very nice.

But mostly, people didn't love God anymore. They didn't worship him and pray to him. They thought they were the most important person in the world.

That is not true, God has to be number one, because if he is number one in our life, we learn to be nice people who love and care for others. Nobody gets hurt.

God had a very special plan for Noah, one that involved a big boat, lots of rain, lots of animals and a big rainbow.

Story.

God said to Noah, "I want you to build a boat."

Noah loved talking with God.

He always wanted to do what God said, but he was surprised. "Build a boat?" Noah asked.

"Yes," said God. "I'm going to send lots of rain. The world will be covered in water. You and your family must get into the boat and be safe."

Noah built a big, big boat from wood. He used a saw and a hammer and nails. He made the boat very long, tall and wide. He built a roof and lots of different rooms- just the way God said.

"Now go into the boat," said God, "and take two of every kind of animal with you."

Noah found two of every creature: big and small ones, stripy and spotted ones; roaring, squawking, snorting, mewling, and barking ones. Softly cheeping, brightly coloured, and plain ones. And when everyone was safe inside, God shut the door.

Noah and his family were safe.

Noah and the big flood

Pitter-patter, splish-splash! Noah and his family listened to the rain falling. Pitter-patter, it fell on the boat that Noah had built. Splish-splash, it fell on the water all around them. The

rain poured down every day and there was no more dry land. But God made sure that everyone on the boat and all the animals were safe.

Then the rain stopped. It was quiet and for days and weeks and months, Noah and his family floated along in the boat. All they could see was water. Then God made a wind blow to dry up the water. It took months and months and months.

Noah sent out dove. At last she flew back him with a leafy branch in her beak! Then Noah knew that there was dry land somewhere and plants were growing again. Before long they would be able to get out of the boat. God had kept them safe.

Noah and the rainbow.

Noah was in the boat, with his family and all the animals, for a very long time. At first it rained every day. When Noah looked out, he saw more and more water covering the earth. Then it stopped raining, but they still had to stay in the boat until the water had all dried up.

One day, at long last, Noah was able to get off the boat with all his family and all his animals. They were so glad to be on dry land again!

But Noah was worried. Would it rain so hard again? Would there be another big flood? He looked up at the sky. He wondered if it would soon be full of dark black clouds bringing rain again. But instead he saw something wonderful! A rainbow arching across the sky!

"I'll never flood the earth like that again," God told Noah. "When you see the rainbow in the sky, remember my promise to you."

Prayer

Dear God,

We are so thankful for the rain that waters our gardens. We are so thankful that you will never again flood the whole earth like in Noah's day.

Help us to put you first, so we do not hurt other people.

Amen

Discuss.

Noah had never seen so much rain before, how do you think Noah felt?

Do you think Noah is a hero for making such a big boat?

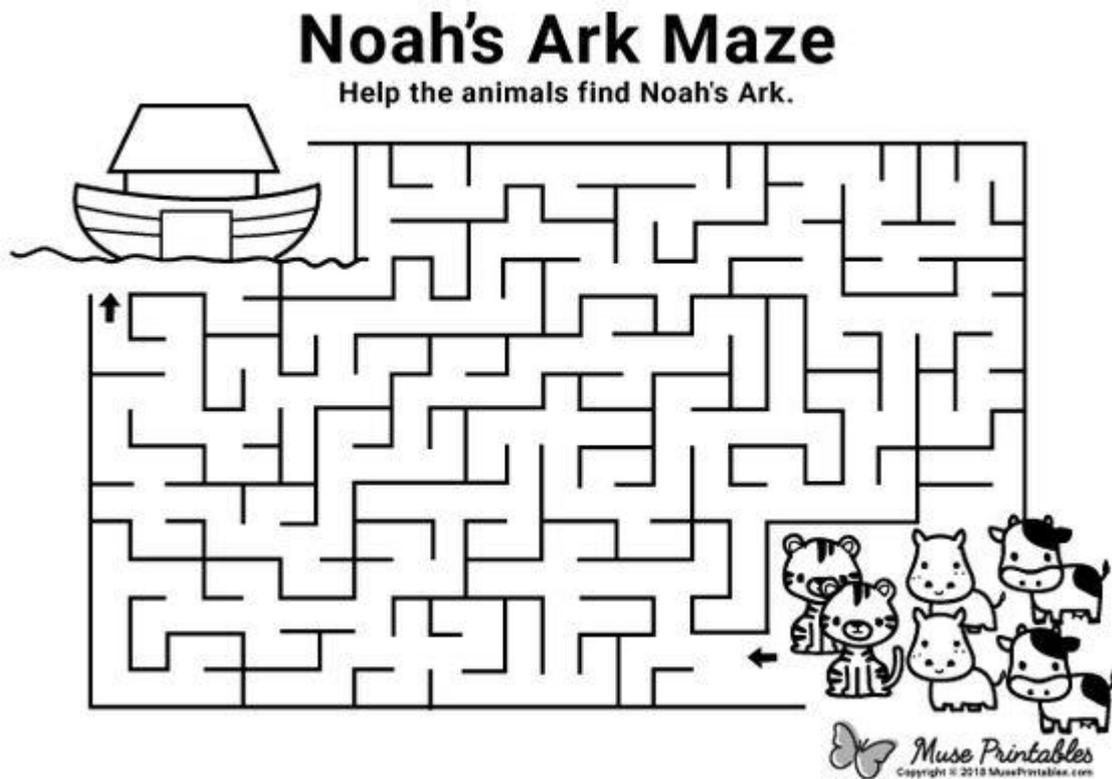
How big do you think the boat would have to be to fit in two of every kind of animal?

Do you think the animals would have behaved themselves on the boat, or do you think Noah would have to keep them locked away?

Activity / craft

Today you will be making the wooden animals. Decorate them how you like and put them together.

Extra activities





## Trace the Words

Color the pictures.



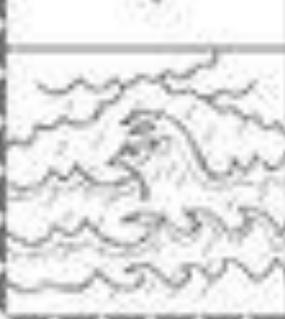
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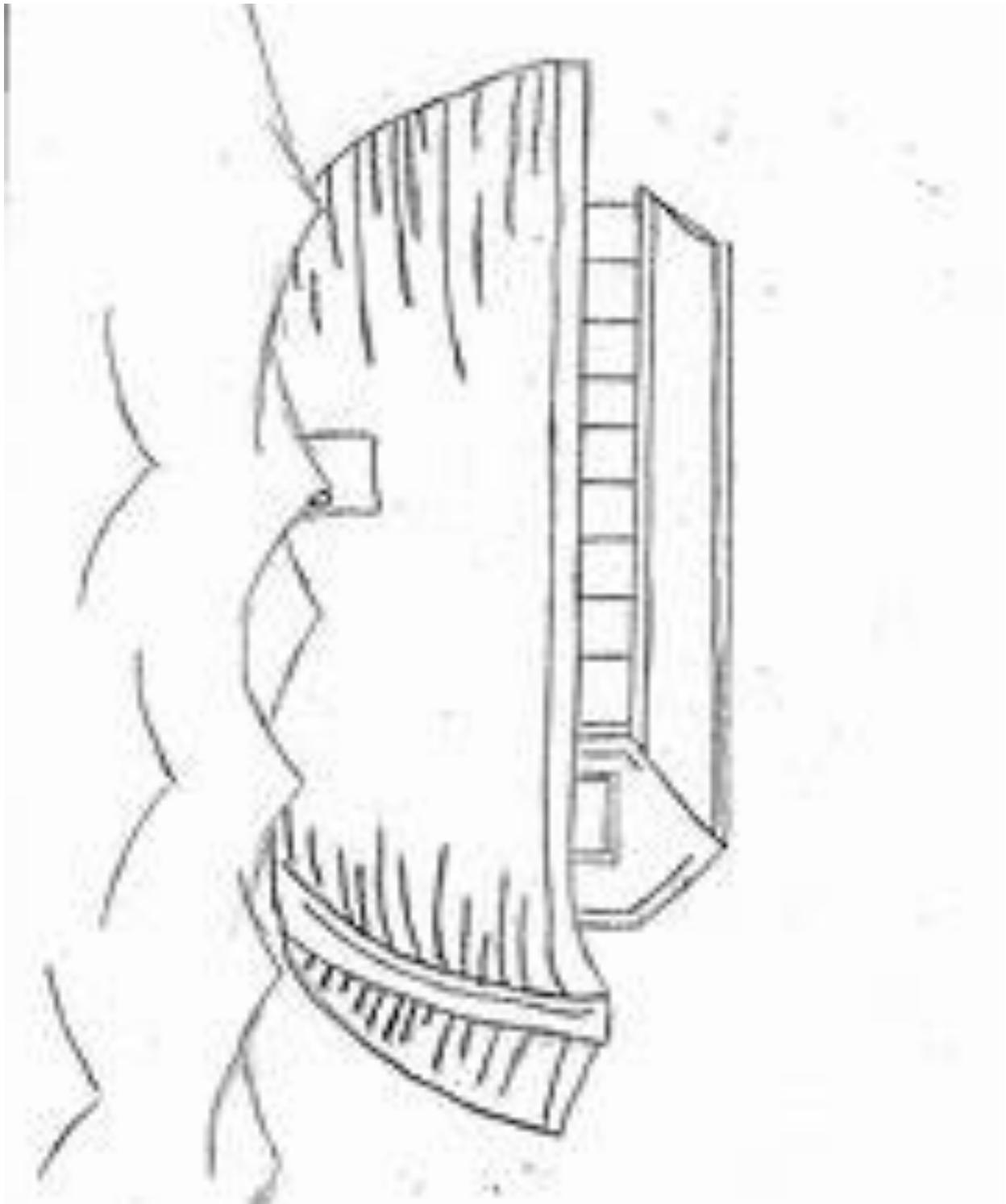
flood

Use two paper plates, draw, and cut out the shape like the one below.

Staple around the bottom arch, to create a purse like opening.

Help your child/ren colour the ark and rainbow above. If they have any little toy animals, they can pretend to put them in the ark to be saved.





My family went to visit a life-size Noahs ark in America back in 2016. This gives you some idea of the size! It was HUGE!!



