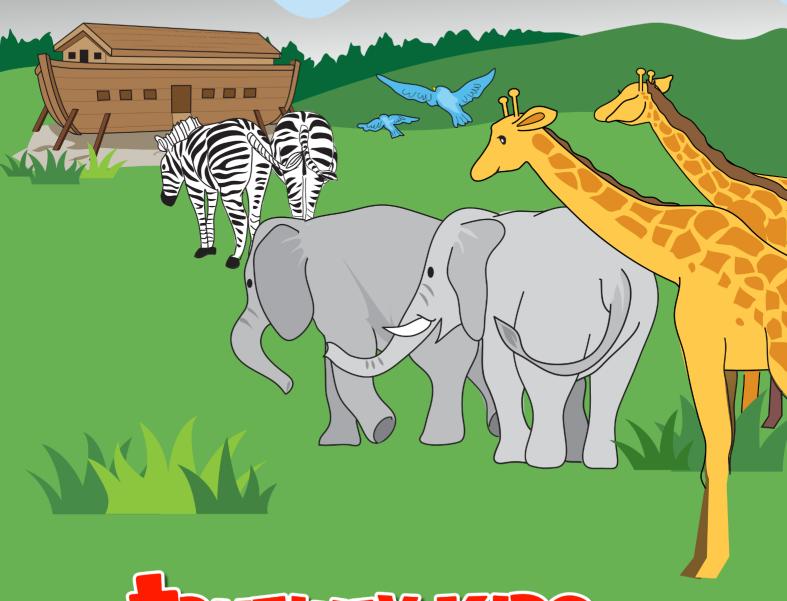
Noah's Ark

5-10 year olds



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Introduction

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.

Lesson Guide

Likely, children will already have some knowledge of Noah's Ark as it is one of those stories know by churched and unchurched children. Nevertheless, begin by rereading the passage.

Begin by reminding the children that sin entered the world when Adam and Eve ate the fruit. Ask your child to name some sinful things which people do. Explain how people's sin made God sad.

Noah loved God and lived differently from everyone else. Think about some ways in which Christians are called to be different. Remind your child that it is good to be different when they see others doing wrong.

Share how God called Noah to build an ark. Noah obeyed God even though he had never seen rain, and building an ark would be a lot of work. Share a time when God asked you to do something and how you obeyed Him. It could be going on a mission trip, giving away something, or forgiving someone who hurt you. Focus on how God empowers us to obey Him and do things we could not do by ourselves.

Give your child some simple instruction to build something or draw a picture. Explain how they had to follow the directions carefully. Share how God gave clear instruction to Noah on how to build the ark. Remind your child that God gives us clear directions on how to live in the Bible.

Noah told people about the flood even when they didn't believe him or even mocked him. Sometimes, when we share the gospel with others, they also won't believe us. But we should never give up sharing the gospel.

In this lesson, there are 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, they should turn over the rain stick to make the sound of rain.

God takes Sin Seriously

Materials: A big heart inside a plastic pocket (template on next page), a clean cloth and white board erasable markers.

Instructions: Talk about sin with the children. Ask them to define sin and to give examples. Write those examples on the big heart with the erasable markers.

Say: The people in Noah's day did many bad things and that made God very sad. For that reason, God decided to send the flood to destroy all mankind. God takes sin very seriously.

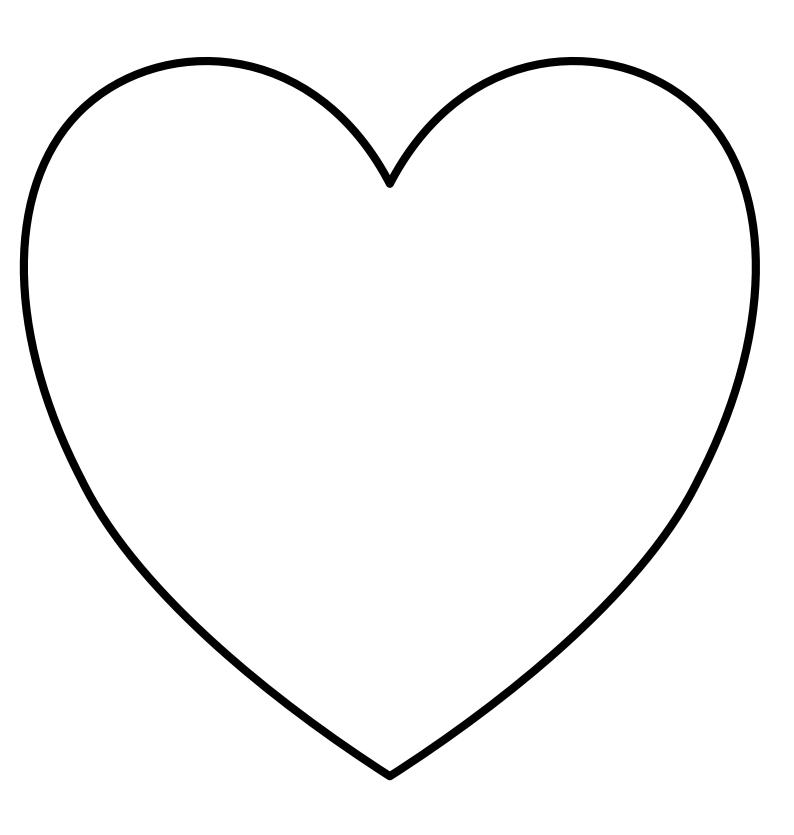
Instructions: Read 1 John 1:9.

Say: 1 John 1:9 says, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." Noah was a "Righteous" man. (Optional: a visual with the word, "Righteous") The word, "righteous" contains the word "right". It means he always tried to do what was correct and to obey God. God wants us to be righteous as well, even though sometimes we do things that don't honor God. However, God's word gives us the promise that if we confess the bad things we have done and do what is right, God will always forgive us.

Instructions: Pray with the kids, so that God will help them to avoid sin and obey God. Take a cloth and erase the sins written on the heart.

Say: And just like that, God forgives our sins when we ask Him to, and we decide to obey His Word.





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Many years passed from the time of creation. People had children who had children until the world was filled with people.

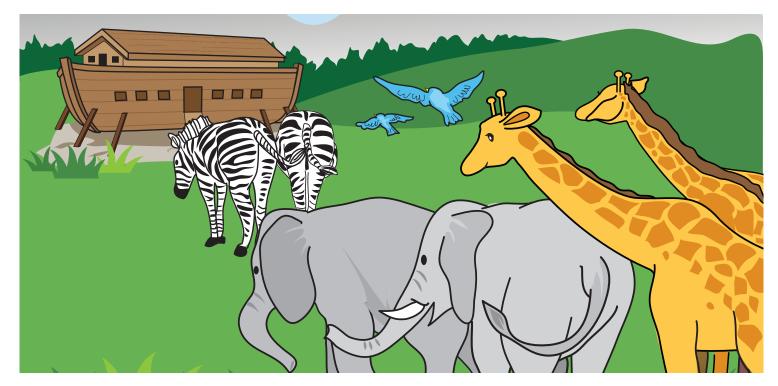
Sadly, the people were very evil. The things they did were so wicked God regretted that He had made humans. He decided that He would destroy everything that lived on the ground.

Only one man lived in a way that pleased God and God favored him. His name was Noah, and he had three sons named Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

God said to Noah, "The world is so violent and wicked that I have decided to destroy it. Make an ark of wood. Coat it with pitch to make it waterproof. Put lots of rooms inside of it and make a roof to cover it. I am going to create a flood to destroy the world, but I will save you, your wife, your sons, and their wives. Take two of every kind of animal inside the ark and lots of food."

Noah listened to what God said, and he built the ark.

Noah spent many years building the ark. After he finished, God told him, "Go into the ark with your family and the animals. In seven days, I will send rain and the earth will be filled with water."



Noah did just as God said. He entered the ark with his family, male and female pairs of animals, and seven of clean animals. After they were inside, God Himself shut the door to the ark.

For forty days and forty nights, rain fell. The ark floated and every land creature not on the ark died.

After many days, God sent a wind to make the waters recede.

Noah sent out a raven to see if the waters were gone, and then he sent out a dove. The dove returned, because there was nowhere for it to land.



Under Construction

Find the things Noah might have been used to build the ark.



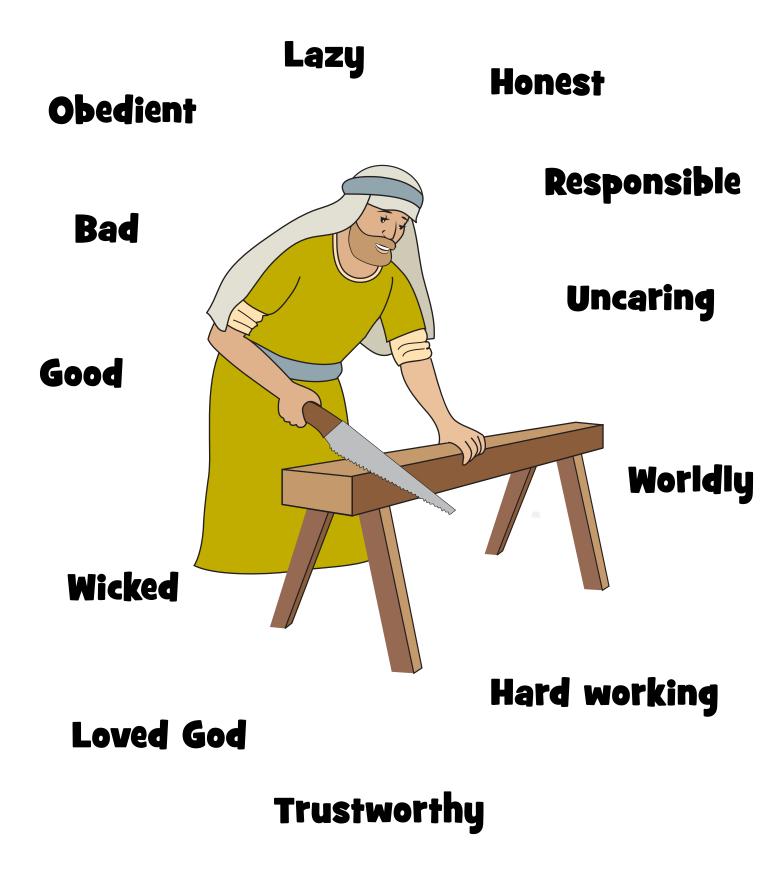


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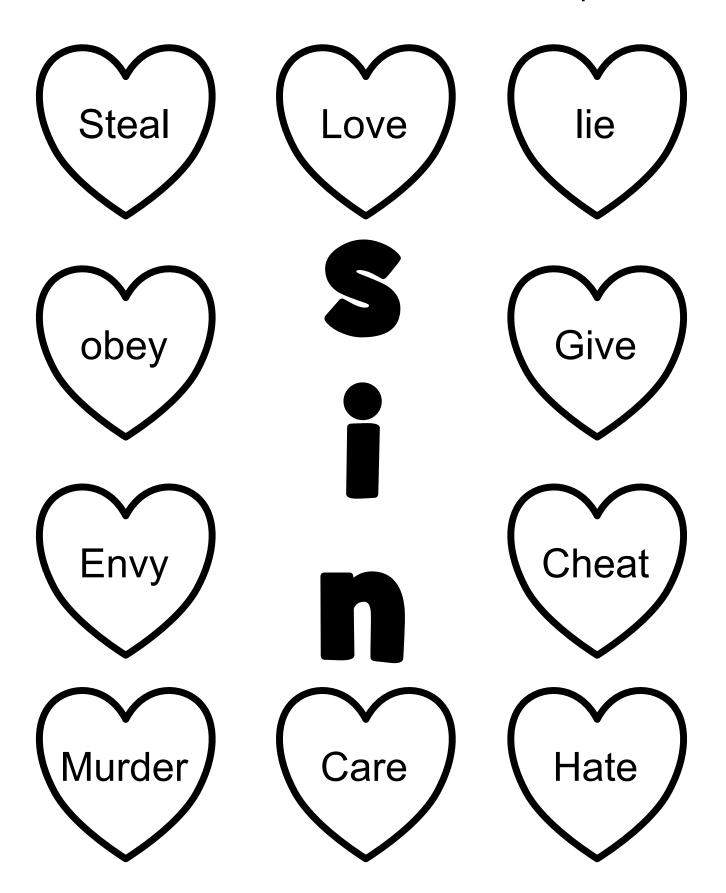
A Man Named Noah

Draw a line from Noah to all the words that relate to him



God takes "Sin" Seriously!

Colour black all the hearts that are examples of sin



Fishing for Animals

Materials: A fishing pole made with a rod and string with a magnet as bait and copies of several animals printed in cardstock, each with a paperclip attached. You will also need the image of the ark below. The ark could be a basket that has the image attached on the front.

Give each child 45 seconds to see how many animals that they can "fish" and place in safety in the ark.

Talk about: how God placed Noah, his family and all the animals in the ark to protect them. He also takes care of us. He provided a way to save Noah and his family because He loved them. He also loves us, and we can always trust in Him.



Attach a paper clip to each animal



Boats that float

Materials: Give the children a selection of recyclable objects, some string and some tape. Some objects of similar weight.

Set the children a challenge to create a boat that can carry a certain weight.
Children can work in teams or alone. Keep adding weight to see which boat design works the best.

Talk about: how God gave Noah instruction on how to build the ark so it was safe. Share how God gives us the Bible to tell us how to live and be saved.



l am an animal

Instructions: Form a circle. The first child will state his or her name and will say what animal they are and will proceed to make the sound (or action) of that animal. The second child will introduce the first child and will say what animal his classmate is and will repeat the sound of that animal. Then he will introduce himself and tell what animal he is, making that animal sound as well. The third child will repeat the name and animal of the last classmate and then will introduce himself and his animal name and sound. Continue around the circle until everyone has had a chance to participate. If there are few participants, you can go around the circle more than once.

Example:

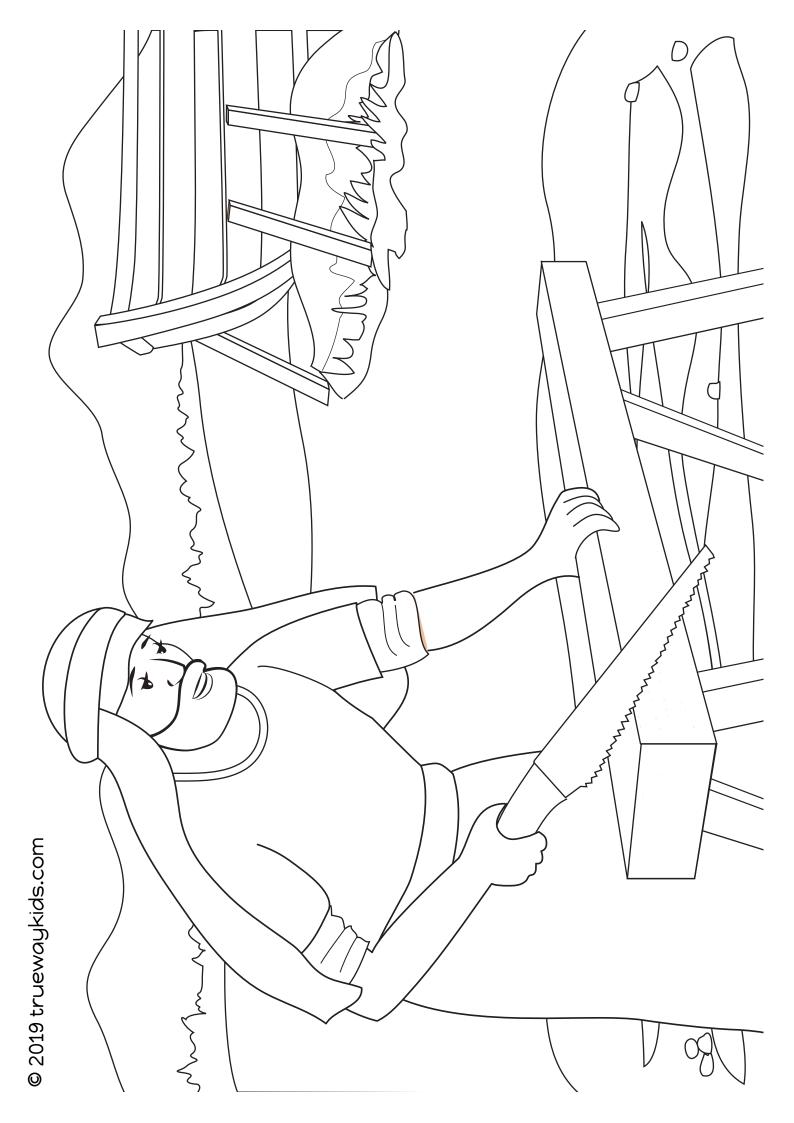
First child: My name is Michael and I am a lion. Roar!

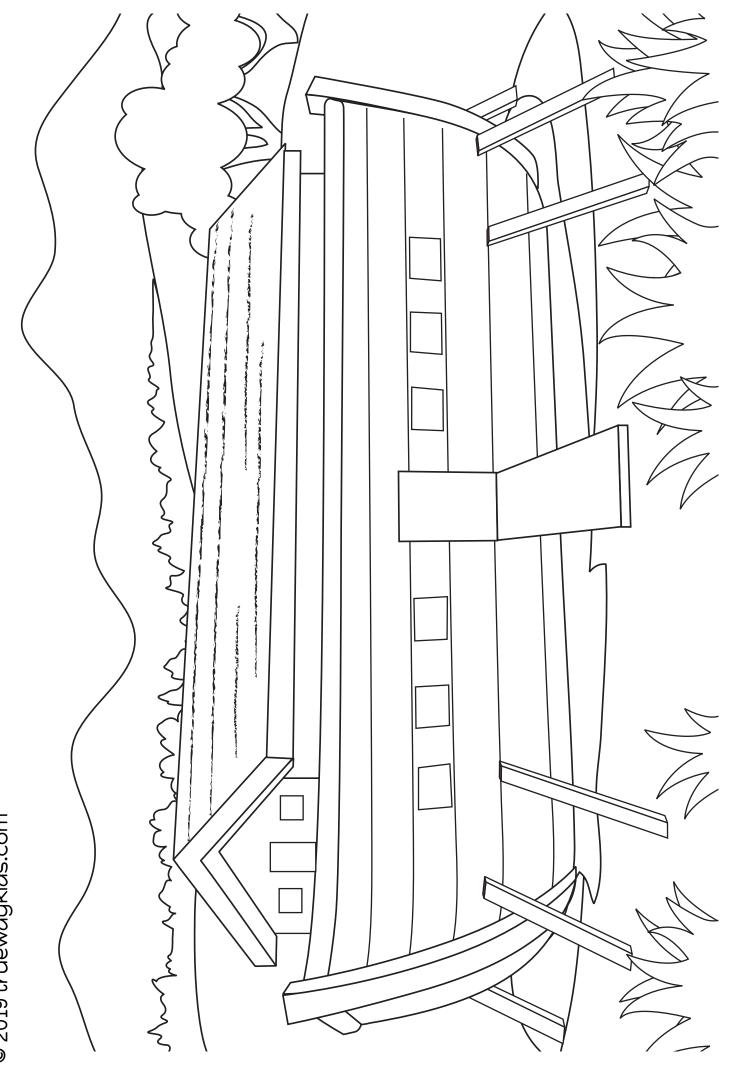
Second child: This is Michael, he is a lion. Roar!

My name is Sam and I am a dog. Ruff, ruff!

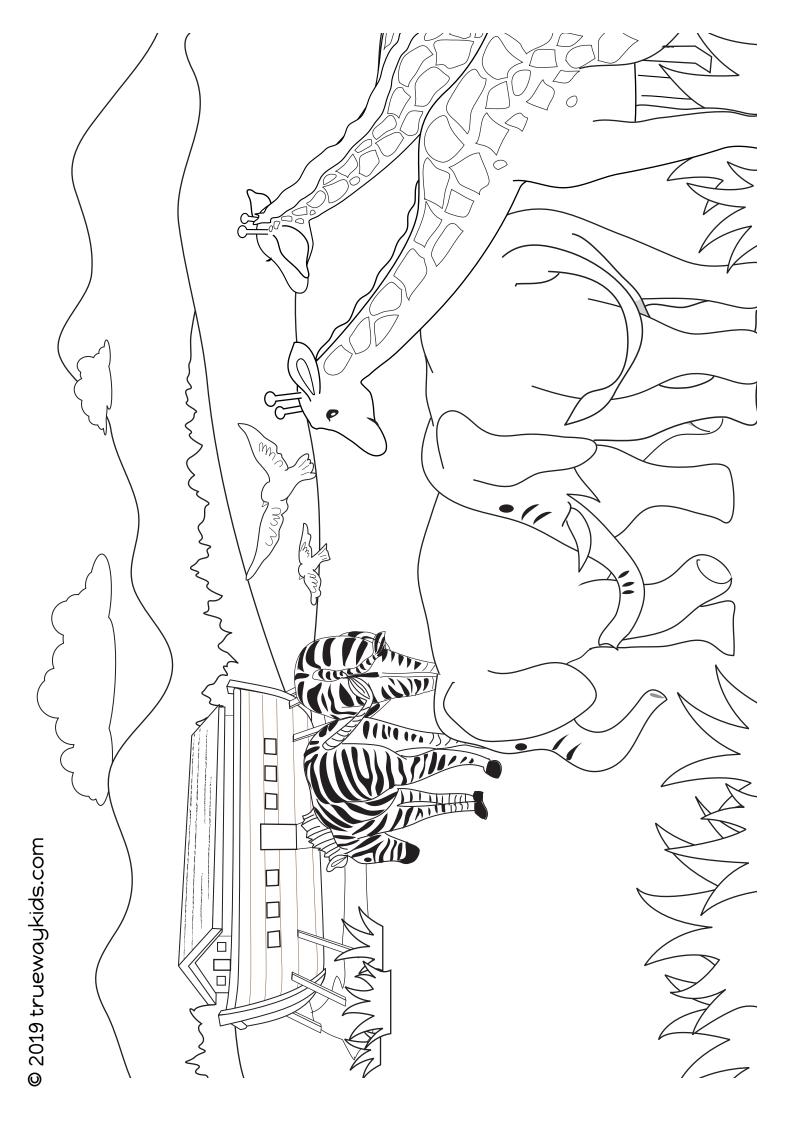
Third child: This is Sam and he is a dog, Ruff, Ruff.

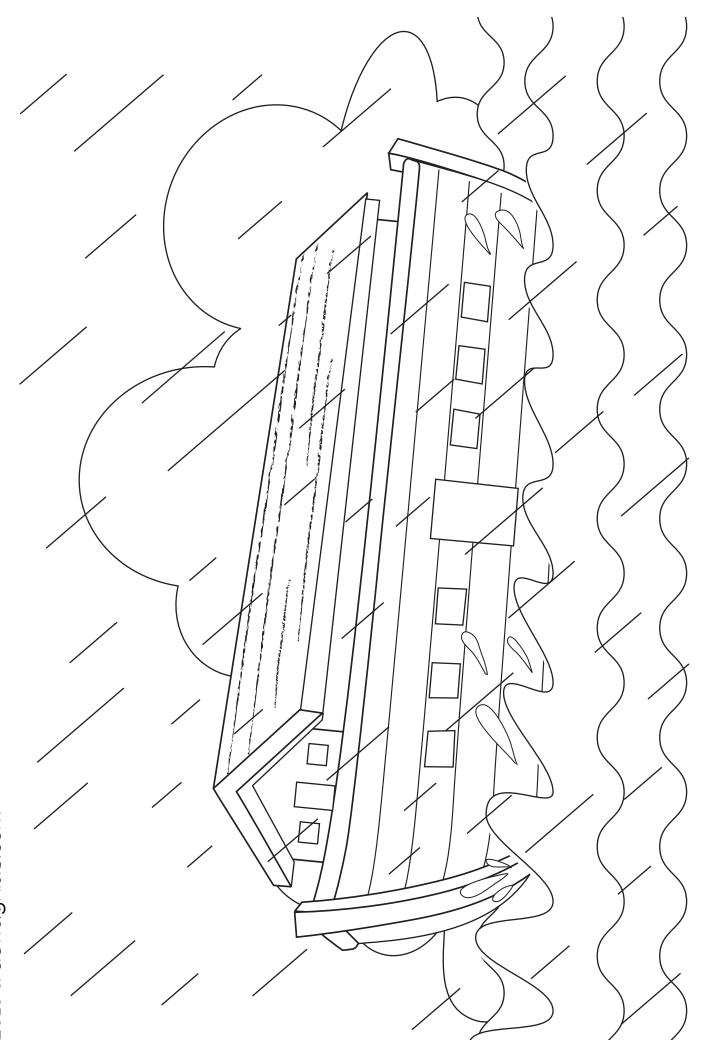
I am Martha and I am a kangaroo. (She jumps like a Kangaroo.)



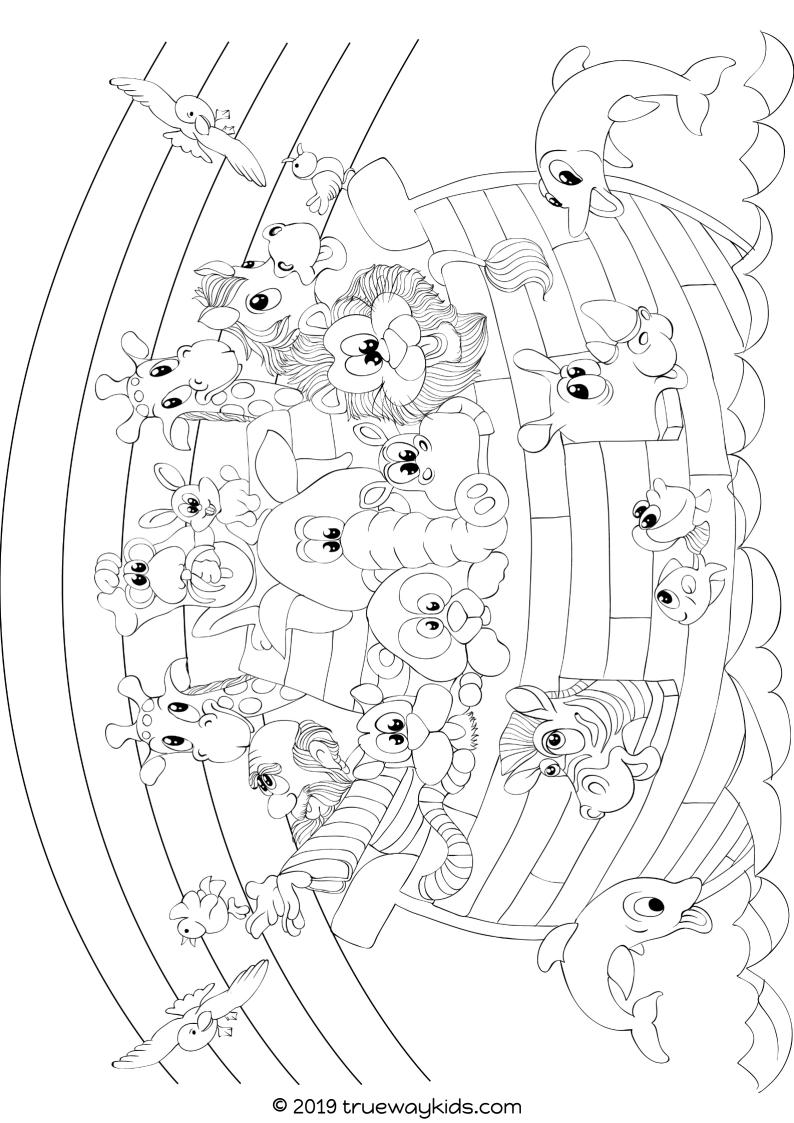


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3D Rainbow Ark Craft

- 1. For best results print onto card
- 2. Colour in the picture
- 3. Have a grown up to cut out the circle and the grey area behind the Ark

4. Fold in middle to make 3D picture





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.

