

STJ KIDS

Sunday 28th June

Theme: Bible characters (BC02)

Aim: to teach the story of Noah - focusing on God's ongoing love for His people despite their sinfulness and challenging us to live like Noah - loving God and obeying him in all situations..

Game: Listen to Noah (Aimed at younger children)

This game is similar to Simon says. Everyone playing is going to pretend to be animals. They must only make the correct animal noise when you say Noah says..

For example:

Noah says "dogs": everyone should bark.

Noah says "cats": everyone should meow.

Noah says "cows": everyone should moo

"Horses": everyone do nothing

Make it more active by saying: Noah says "act like a duck": everyone should waddle around the room. Act like a monkey: everyone should do nothing.

Game: Kim's game

On small pieces of paper write the names of different animals e.g. cat, horse, goat, cow, hamster, goose, snake, dog, rabbit etc. Place the pieces of paper on the floor and take a moment to memorise them. Ask everyone to close their eyes and take one piece of paper away. See if you can remember which animal has been taken away.

How many?:Animal game

Get a piece of paper and a pen and write the alphabet down the left hand side. Write down as many of animals/ insects/reptiles you can think of beginning with each letter e.g. a. Ant, b. Badger, c. Cat etc.

Story: Genesis 6-9

Read or re-tell the story of Noah- Genesis 6 to 9 from a children's bible. "God created the world perfectly - it was wonderful. He made Adam and Eve and put them in the Garden of Eden. However, they disobeyed God and broke His rules..so they had to leave the Garden of Eden. After Adam and Eve left the Garden of Eden, more people were born and they kept on doing bad things... things that made God sad. Eventually they forgot about God altogether. However, there was one good man who loved God - he was called Noah. God was very sad that everyone had forgotten about Him and He made a plan. So Noah built the ark and just as God said it started to rain. It rained for 40 days and nights. The whole earth was flooded. Eventually it stopped raining and after a very long time the flood waters went away. They were on the ark for almost a whole year. When the earth was dry again, Noah and his family got off the ark and praised God for saving them from the flood. God made a special promise to Noah (called a covenant) that He would never flood the earth again. And to be sure that no-one ever forgot his promise he put a beautiful rainbow in the sky."

Drama:

Imagine you were doing a news report on Noah building his boat. Think how it might have been reported and what local people would have thought of him. If there are several people in the drama include an interview with Noah, his wife, neighbours...

Dig deeper:

There is a museum in Kentucky, America called "Ark Encounter". They have built what they believe is a real size Noah's Ark. Google www.arkencounter.com to find out more interesting facts.

Watch:

Younger children - "Bob Hartman Animal antics" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6UvyMMXfmDs>

Older children - "Evan Almighty, The Flood comes": <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=PnUvSn9pVaA>. Not biblically accurate as set in the modern day but good for thinking about how it might have felt.

Questions:

- What was God's plan? (to flood the world, destroy all the bad things and start again)
- What did God ask Noah to do and where did he have to do it? (build an ark, but nowhere near a river or the sea)
- What do you think Noah's family and friends thought when he started building the boat? (he was a bit silly, he had gone mad!)
- Why do you think Noah did this? (Noah loved God and trusted him)
- Who got onto the ark? (All Noah's family and at least two of each kind of animal)
- How did Noah know the flood waters had gone down? (he sent out a dove and waited until it didn't come back)

Craft:

- How big do you think the boat was? (it was at least 135m long, 22.5m wide and 13.5m high)
- How many animals do you think you could fit into it?

Make a boat out of paper/ magazines/ boxes/twigs/plastic cartons. Then see if it will float in the kitchen sink, bath or paddling pool. Or you could have a race with your boats in a local park. Or you can see who can make the most elaborate boat. If you need inspiration Google "how to make a paper boat."

Worship:

God is a good God, who keeps his promises, loves us and challenges us to love him back! Look at "Rainbow".by Hillsong Kids <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ifB4jBTDuKA>

Memory verse:

"When a rainbow appears in the sky I will remember my agreement. Flood waters will never again destroy all life on the earth." Make bookmarks with the memory verse on by cutting out some long strips of paper. Alternatively, think of some actions to remember the verse.

Prayer:

Has there been a time when you felt God was asking you to do something but you felt scared? It must have been very difficult for Noah to ignore unkind comments from family and friends.

Pray that you and your family will obey God, even if it might be difficult and say sorry for times when you haven't listened to God.

For more resources check out Urban Saints Energize website: <https://www.energize.uk.net/>

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