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Finally it happened! The ark was finished! Noah and his sons stood back and smiled at the huge box. They had done their best to follow the first part of the plan they had learned from God. Now they must wait to learn what they must do next.

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They thought that Noah was crazy. So sadly, Noah and his family enter the ark and left all of their friends behind. When they had enter the big ark God closed the door tightly.

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God was pleased and promised never again to cause a flood to cover the earth. And then God made a rainbow appear in the sky as a reminder of his promise to never flood the entire earth again.

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Questions

1. What was the man's name in our story today? Noah
2. Was Noah a good man or an evil man? Good
3. God told Noah that the earth had become so wicked that He had decided to do something. What was God going to do? Cover the world with a flood
4. God had a special plan for Noah. What did God ask Noah to do? Build an ark
5. Did Noah know what an ark was? No
6. Was he going to do as God asked him to do? Yes
7. Noah had 3 sons, what were their names? Shem, Ham & Japeth
8. Were Noah's sons good men too? Yes
9. Did Shem, Ham and Japeth help their father build the ark? Yes
10. How long did Noah and his sons build on the ark? For 120 years
11. Do you think that Noah and his sons got tired of building the ark? Yes
12. So why do you think they kept building? Because they were following God's Directions
13. After the ark was finished, what did God tell Noah and his sons to do next? They were to gather food and put it on the ark. They were also to gather two of every animal (a mommy and a daddy) from the whole earth and bring them onto the ark. Plus they were to gather 7 of every bird and bring them onto the ark
14. Do you think fathering all those animals was hard work? No, it wasn't because the animals all came to Noah. He didn't have to go hunt them. But it probably was hard work to get them all in their cages or their stalls and feed them all
15. After all the animals and all the food were taken onto the ark, what went onto the ark next? People, Noah and his wife, Shem and his wife, Ham and his wife, and Japeth and his wife. There were 8 people on the ark
16. After everyone was on the ark, the doors shut tightly and then what happened? It started to rain
17. Did Noah shut the door or did God shut the door? God
18. How long did it rain? 40 days and 40 nights
19. After 150 days, the ark came to rest on mount Ararat. Noah opened the windows and sent a dove out. What happened to the dove? It could not find a place to land so it came back
20. A week later, Noah sent the dove out again what happened to the dove? It came back with an olive leaf in it's beak. Which meant that the water was drying up and the trees were growing again
21. After another 7 days, Noah sent the dove out one more time. What happened to the dove? It never came back which meant that the water had dried up
22. God made a covenant with Noah and as a sign of their covenant He hung something in the sky. What was it? A Rainbow

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The animals came to Noah two by two.

NOAH



God told Noah to build a big boat.





God put a rainbow in the sky.





Animals boarded Noah's ark two by two.

Rain Stick

Prior to class:

Purchase one cardboard mailing tube for each child, rice, and 2" nails (smaller if tube is not 2" across)

Pound nails into cardboard tube- spiraling the nails up and down the tube. . When you look into the tube, you should see a maze of nails going every direction.

Roll masking tape around and around the tube. Don't be neat, you need it to be rough when it is done.

When you have put tape around the entire tube, Take your hands and rub them around the tube. Up and Down. This is where it will begin to look like an actual piece of wood.

Paint the tube black.

After it is dry, take green paint and just lightly feather it up and down the tube. This will give the tube a tree looking effect. (Note you can use a dark brown first and then a lighter brown on top instead of green. Or you can use a black with light brown on top.)



In class.

1. Have the children put glue on one cap and snap it onto the tube.
2. Pour about 1 1/2 cups of rice into the tube
3. Run glue around the other cap and snap it onto the tube
4. Place tape over both caps. This will keep the caps on until the glue has dried
5. Wrap a piece of string (hemp works well and is natural looking as well) around the tube, two or three times and tie a knot. Make sure you leave a piece of string hanging about 8 inches on each end of the string
6. String beads along each string and tie in a knot at the ends
7. Stick a feather down through the beads so that the quill end is sticking in through the beads and the feather end is sticking out. Glue into place so it does not come out.
8. Turn the tube over and over to hear the rain sound.



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Noah's Ark Book Mark

Cut out ark using craft foam or felt. Cut out center so that ark will have a hole in the center.

Draw lines onto the ark. This is easily done by first drawing several horizontal lines across the ark and then going back and adding offset vertical lines.

Add black dots to represent nails.

Punch a hole in the corner of the ark. Not too close to the edge because it will tear.

Glue verse to the back of the ark so that it can be read from the front. This can be made out of paper. Note: Make sure you cut your verse paper a little larger than the hole because you will need extra space to glue onto ark.

Take a 10" piece of string and fold in half. Place the folded end at the hole on the ark and pull the ends of the string through to form a knot. You will now have two strings extending from the ark.

Add ONE bead then an animal bead and then one more bead onto each string. After beads are attached, Tie the two strings together at the end.

NOTE: THERE SHOULD ONLY BE TWO BEADS AND ONE ANIMAL ON EACH STRING. SHOULD HAVE A BEAD THEN AN ANIMAL AND THEN THE SECOND BEAD. REPEAT FOR BOTH STRINGS AND THEN TIE TOGETHER.

