

Bible in 52 Weeks—Noah Story 2



With Children: Have a little play time together with animals. Here are some ideas:

1. Act out as many animals as you can think of—with older children you can play charades and try to guess
2. Get out stuffed animals of all kinds and match them up to march onto a boat
3. Make a list of all the animals you can think of and then star your favorites
4. Look up animal rescues of your favorite animals and see if there is a way you can donate or help.

With Adults/Youth: What do you remember about the Noah story (without reading it)? Is this really a children's story?



Noah:

Read Genesis chapters 7 & 8 from standard Bible or Read Noah story in a children's Bible. (If reading from a standard Bible try breaking up the readings into these sections: Genesis 7:1-24, 8:1-5, 8:6-19, 8:20-22, 9: 1-17)

Conversations Starters with children:

1. How would you feel to live on a boat for a long time?
2. Why would God want to save the animals and the people?
3. How do you feel on rainy days? What do you like to do in the rain?
4. What makes you sad or scared?
5. What is a promise?
6. What are the colors in the rainbow?

Conversations starters with adults/youth:

1. What did you learn that was new when you read this?
2. Why do you think that God felt the only option was to destroy what was living on the earth and start over?
3. God's breath in in this story as well as the creation story (Genesis 8: 1), how do you think this story is connected to the creation story?
4. Noah and his family had plenty of time on their hands waiting for dry land. When has been a time in your life that you knew that you were "waiting on the Lord"?
5. The last few verses of chapter 8 are all about covenant (promise) which is a theme in Genesis. What does God's commitment to all creatures of the earth (human and nonhuman) mean for our stewardship with the environment?
6. How does this covenant bring you peace?

Activity suggestions:

- * Volunteer at an animal shelter in your community.
- * Take your own or a neighbor's dog for a walk. (Shelters need dog walkers too!)

- * Gather pens, cards, markers and rainbow stickers. Write a message of God's presence and love to someone who needs to hear it today. Draw rainbows and/or use stickers to decorate the pages. Throughout the week send emails, cards, social media posts to remind people of God's presence in all of lives and in the world.
- * Draw or paint a rainbow on large paper and write your promises or names of those whom you love inside the colors and pray for them



Pray together—*God, we are grateful that you are with us always; when we're happy or sad, feeling joyful or feeling alone. We want all of your people to know that they are never alone and are loved by you. Give us words to be your messengers of love always. Amen.*



Bless one another and an animal if you have one!
+The good news is the God is always near you+