

Lesson 5: Noah Builds an Ark

Purpose for the Lesson

Children will learn that Noah obeyed God. They will remember “We should obey God.”

Plan Ahead for the Night

Items needed for this lesson

Story: Bible, hammer, Noah story, story time stamps, sample craft

Craft: Paper lunch bags, animal faces, crayons, child-safe scissors, glue sticks, camera (pictures needed for future craft)

Snack: Napkins

Game: Puppets made during craft

Activity Page: “Noah’s Ark Dot to Dot” page, crayons and pencils

Present the Lesson!

Memory Verse:

*Our memory verse this week is **Noah did everything that God commanded him. Genesis 6:22 NCV.***

Make up simple motions for the verse and do the verse several times together.

Object:

Show hammer. Ask the kids what a hammer is for. Tell them in today’s story they will learn what Noah built with his hammer.

Bible Story: Genesis 6:1-7:9

Our Bible story today is found in Genesis, chapters six and seven. It's the story of Noah and his family. Noah was a righteous man, which means that he loved God and wanted to do what was right. But all the other people in the world were bad people who did not love God and made lots of bad choices. This made God very, very sad.

God told Noah that He was going to send a big flood to cover the earth. He told Noah to make a boat for his family and the animals. He told Noah exactly how to build the boat and what kind of wood to use. Noah listened to God and did exactly what God commanded him to do. He built the big boat called an "ark." (Can you pretend to hammer with Noah to help build the ark?)

Noah's neighbors must have seen him building the boat and they probably even laughed at him. I bet they thought it was silly that he was making such a big boat even when it wasn't raining. But Noah kept on obeying God and building the ark. (Let's hammer some more with Noah.) It took Noah a long time to build the ark. When it was finished, the ark was the size of one-and-a-half football fields long and two football fields wide. It was as tall as a five-story building!

The Bible tells us that God sent the animals to Noah. He sent a boy and a girl animal of each kind: elephants, tigers, giraffes, lions, dogs and cats. He sent seven of some special kinds of animals like sheep, goats and all the birds. It must have been like a big zoo on a boat.

Noah, his wife, their three sons and their wives entered the ark with all the animals. It started to rain soon after, but Noah and all his family were safe and dry inside the ark. They were safe because they loved and obeyed God.

Story Questions:

1. *What was the name of the man in our story today?* (Noah)
2. *Did Noah make good choices or bad choices? Show me with thumbs up for good and thumbs down for bad.* (Thumbs up)
3. *What about Noah's neighbors? What kind of choices did they make?* (Thumbs down)
4. *What did God tell Noah to do?* (Build a big boat/ark)
5. *Everyone, did Noah obey God and build the ark?* (yes)
6. *How many animals got on the boat?* (Two of every kind; seven of the special kinds)
7. *Who sent the animals to the ark?* (God)
8. *What happened after Noah, his family and all the animals got on the ark?* (It started to rain)

Lesson Value: Go over the value and sign for this week's lesson. "We should obey God." Have all children do the sign for "obey" by making a fist with both hands on their forehead and then laying hands out in front of them. Say the value while signing.



Craft: Paper Bag Animal Puppets

Materials Needed:

- Lunch bags
- Animal puppet faces** copied onto cardstock (two of each kind)
- Crayons
- Scissors
- Glue sticks

Directions:

1. Pass out the paired animal faces to children.
2. Children color animal heads and mouth.
3. Leaders and children cut out animal heads and mouth.
4. Children glue mouth under fold of bag right against edge.
5. Children glue head onto the bottom of paper bag, matching it up with the mouth.
6. Put child's name on back of bag.
7. When all done, children find matching partner in the group and line up together.
8. March around room and pretend to get on the ark!

Remember to take individual pictures of each child in your class to be used in Lesson 8 craft.



Games

1. "Did You Ever See a Lassie?"

- Objective: To learn about animals
- Items Needed: Puppets from craft time
- How to Play:

Children stand in a circle.

Teach this song to the children and substitute a puppet animal for "lassie" and move the way that animal moves as you sing together.

Did you ever see a tiger, a tiger, a tiger?

Did you ever see a tiger go this way and that?

This way and that way and this way and that way,

Did you ever see a tiger go this way and that?

Start at one end of the circle and go around singing and acting out each child's puppet together.

Animal puppets (cat, dog, bear, monkey, tiger, lion, duck, pig, lamb, elephant, sheep, zebra)

If you want to continue, ask the kids for names of different animals and keep singing!

2. "Surprise Animals"

- Objective: To develop listening skills and sound discrimination
- Items Needed: None
- How to Play:

Children sit together on the floor in rows.

Choose a child to come up to the front and turn around so the kids can't see his face.

Ask the child to think of an animal sound and whisper it in your ear. Signal him/her to start making the sound and continue until you tell him to stop.

The other students have to put on their listening ears and identify what sound they hear.

When the sound is identified, the child sits down.

To make it more difficult, call up two children at a time. Each child chooses their own sound and makes it at the same time. This makes the sounds harder to identify.

If the two kids pick the same sound, that's okay because you want them to choose their own sound.

Proceed to Next Week

Call each child in your group.

Here are some ideas of what you can talk to your kids about this week on the phone.

1. *Do you like to make things? What do you like to make?*
2. *Are you in school? Tell me about your teacher and your friends.*
3. *Have you worked on your homework yet? Can you say your verse to me? **Noah did everything that God commanded him. Genesis 6:22.***

Next week we are going to finish our story about Noah. If you would like, you may bring a small stuffed animal with you to Kid's Quest and share it with our group.

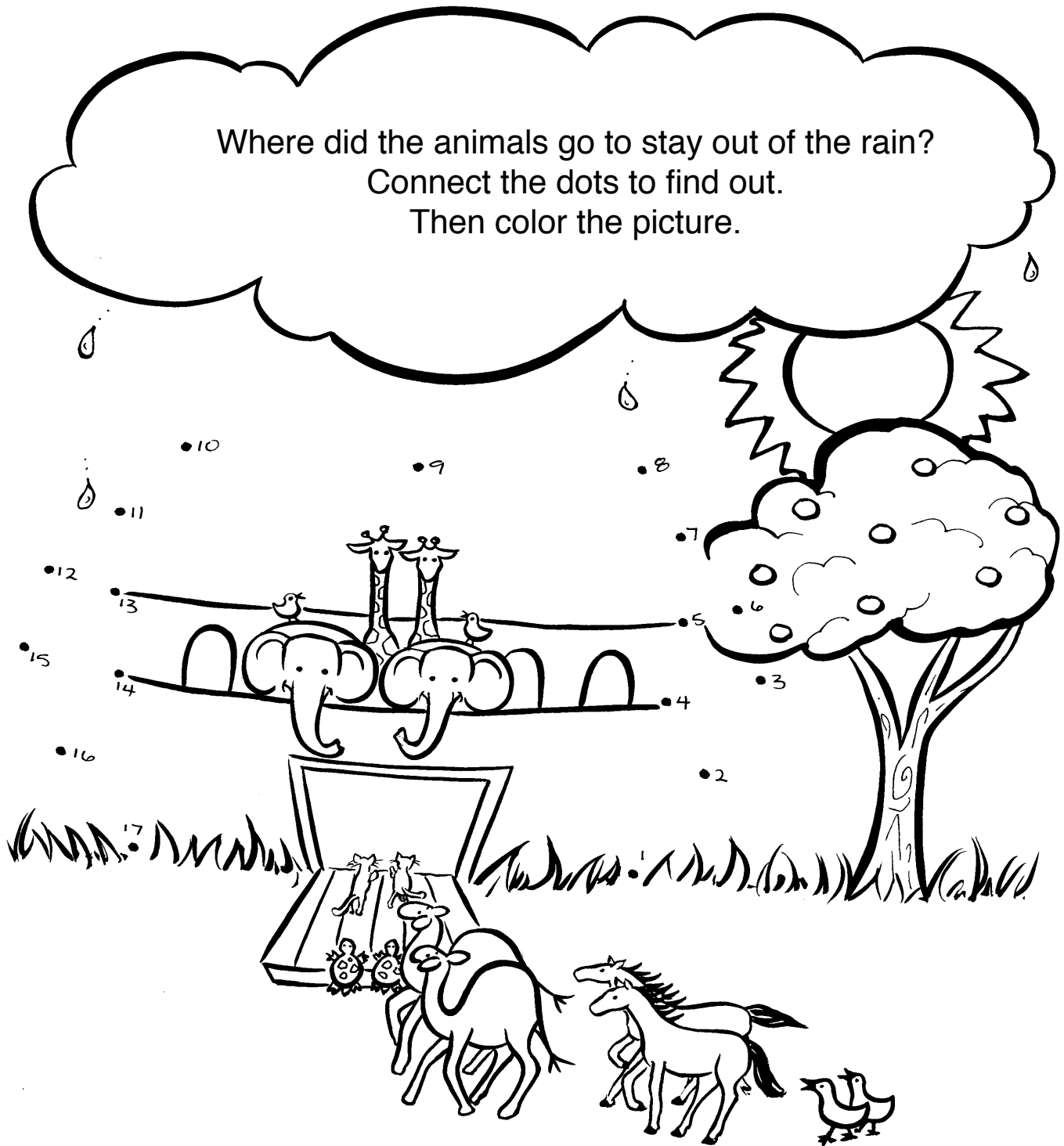
Remind them to bring their Kid's Quest binder and book bag each week.

If it is their turn for snack, ask to speak to a parent and remind the parent about snack. Give any guidance on preferred foods, if you have any kids with food allergies in your group or if you don't want them to bring sweets, etc.

Name _____

Noah's Art Dot to Dot

Where did the animals go to stay out of the rain?
Connect the dots to find out.
Then color the picture.



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