

Ways to Engage: God Washes The World

We want young families to enjoy the story of how God washed the world but rescued Noah and his family, to enjoy reading the book and watching the animation together. We also want children to be able to 'play the story'. We know that young children learn and process learning through play. Play is fun and uses a part of the brain that means the learning will be retained for longer! So here are a few suggestions!

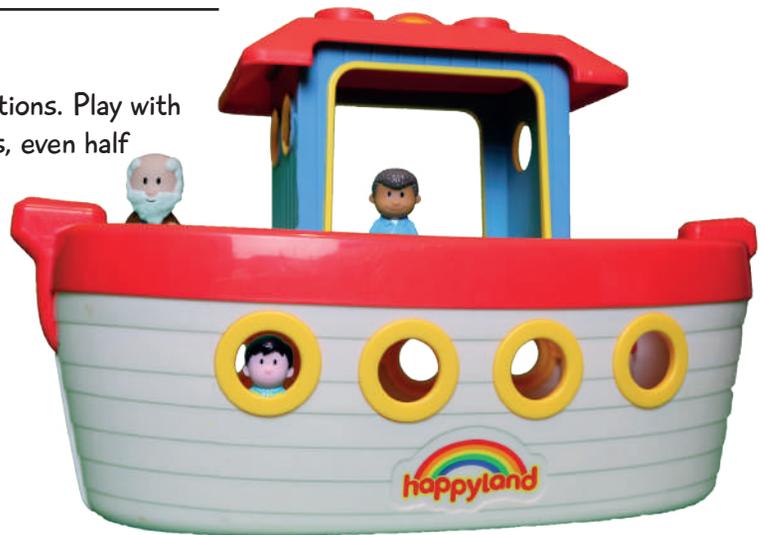
Bible Reference Genesis 5:32-9:17

Play Ideas

Toy Boats

Toy arks are great but so are children's imaginations. Play with toy boats or 'boats' made from small containers, even half an orange/grapefruit skin. Put them in water (trays, paddling pool, bath, washing up bowl). Talk to the children about what they are doing.

- Who is on the boat?
- Where are they going?
- Are they safe?
- Is it very wet?
- What's going to happen?
- Why?



Rainbows

Can you make a rainbow with different objects? Anything from parachutes to scarves and even cuddly toys. Explore the colours together.

- What colours can they see?
- Is it beautiful?
- Who saw a beautiful rainbow?
- When and where do we see rainbows?
- Why did Noah see a rainbow?

Look out for rain and rainbows and talk about them!

Animals

Explore animals using small animal figures, pictures in books, cuddly toys or puppets.

- Where are they going?
- Why?
- What are they doing?
- Are they safe?



Craft Ideas

The Arc/Boats

- Make an arc/boat out of paper, slices of melon, half a grapefruit or orange, margarine tubs and sail them on water.
- Colour in the downloadable picture.
- Use playdough to fill in the gaps on the Noah playmat.

Rainbows

- Paint or draw a rainbow. Chunky chinks are great for this. Go outside and draw some on pavements! Fold a paper plate in half and decorate one half so it becomes the rainbow, and the other half is the 'stand'.
- Make a rainbow collage finding things the right colour for each layer. This could be done as a group.

Animals

- Make animal masks out of paper plates and craft sticks.
- A giraffe body and head made of card is transformed if you add two pegs for legs!
- Finger painting can be a great way to make simple animals with a circle for the body and lots of lines/dots/circles in different colours, shapes and sizes. Don't worry if it doesn't look like an animal to you...children look through the lens of imagination.

Song

Noah (By the Cheeky Pandas)

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There is an actions video to accompany the song on the Talking Toddlers website
Hope Together : Talking Toddlers
www.hopetogether.org.uk/talkingtoddlers

God told Noah build an ark
Build an ark
Build an ark
God told Noah build an ark
And make it very big!
Fill it up with animals
Animals
Animals
Fill it up with animals
And make it very big!

Don't forget to shut the door
Shut the door
Shut the door
Don't forget to shut the door
And make it very big

It will rain for forty days
Forty days
Forty days
It will rain for forty days
And make it very wet

I'll put a rainbow in the sky
In the sky
In the sky
I'll put a rainbow in the sky
And made it very big!

