

Noah and the Ark (Genesis 6-9)

This is a sample lesson plan. There are, of course, lots of different ways to teach the littlest ones. This is offered to help those who may be willing to teach them but are unfamiliar young children today.

Go over the lesson plan with the children at the beginning of your session. Using a “re-bus” lesson plan, pre-readers can tell what to expect during Sunday School. If they get out of their seats or do something out of sequence, point them to the lesson plan. This helps them to “self-regulate” rather than have the teacher always trying to do it.

1. A review of basic lessons is a good idea when the children are fresh. Review the Beatitudes using the memory cards.

2. Write the letters “N” and “A” in a variety of media. What words start with these letters? Noah, no, nothing, now, nice, ark, all, animals, etc. Help the children find the words “Noah” and “ark” in their Bibles.

3. Tell the story of Noah and the Ark while the students work on their coloring page. *(Note: An activity/coloring booklet version of this story is available on this web site. It is written at a very beginning level and has lots of pictures to tell the story. It is called “Safe in the Ark” rather than “Noah and the Ark” to avoid words with 2 vowels together.)*

4. Have the students retell the story using props. This is probably one of the most “merchandised” stories in the Bible. I have found different playsets at Costco, Big Lots, 99 Cents Store and Religious supply houses. The props can be as simple as a shoe box and pipe cleaners. I’ve included some ideas for a more elaborate set-up which I made one year for Vacation Bible school. If you are crafty or perhaps have an older child in your Sunday school who is maybe you would like to try it. It is a perennial favorite in our Sunday school.

5. Stand up to sing along with a tape or cd. We have a battery operated book of Sunday school songs which includes “Ole Noah, he built him an arky, arky arky.” It’ll drive you crazy but the kids love it!

6. Gather on the floor pillows for a Bible story book. There are lots of illustrated versions of this story. Two of my favorite illustrators have done versions that you can probably find at your local public library. Look for Jan Brett or Jerry Pinkney.

1.  B^{eatitudes}   sitting in chairs
review using cards

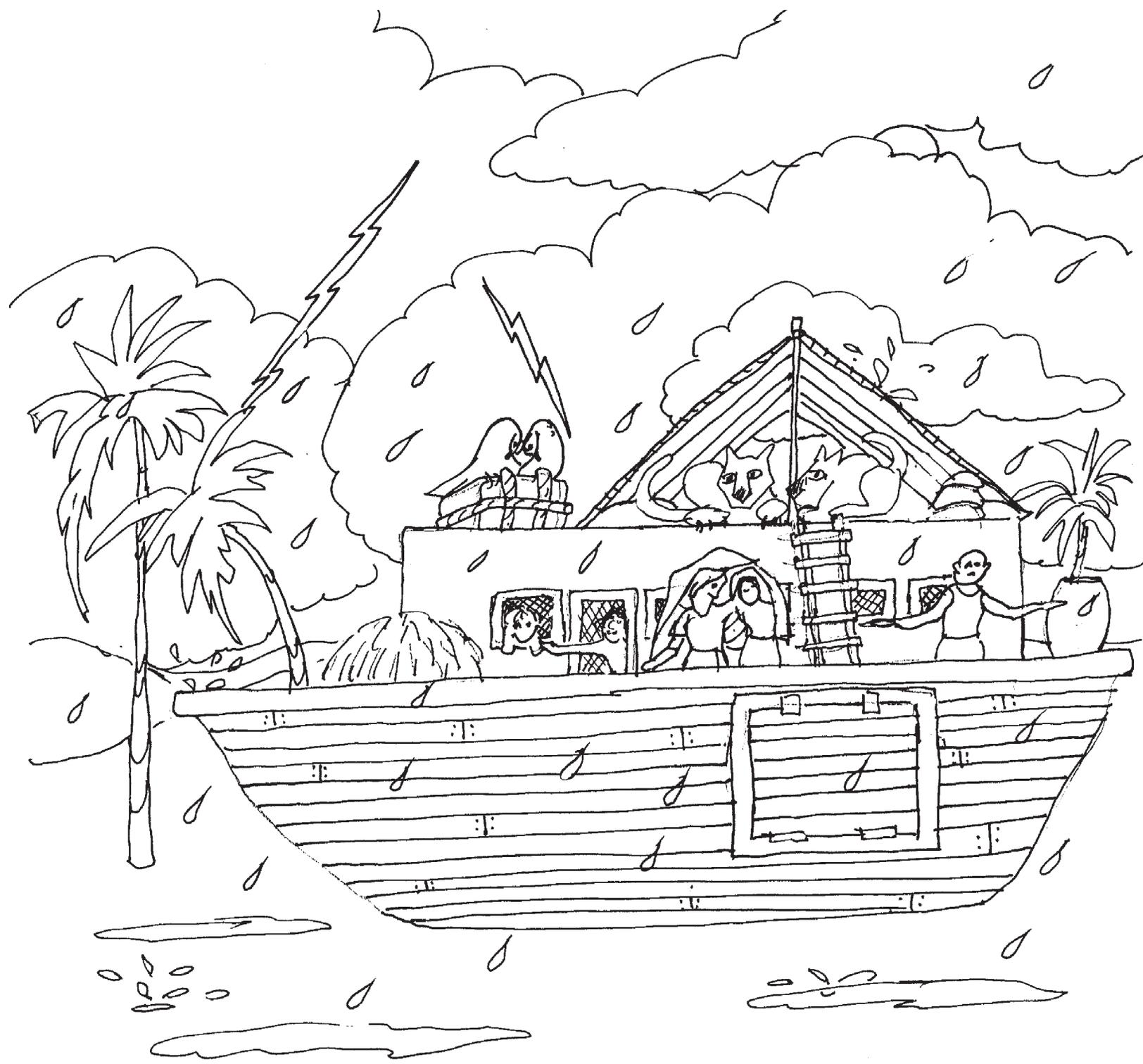
2. "N" "A"  with pencil and chalk  sitting in chairs
write letters

3. ?   while coloring pages  sitting in chairs
listen to story of Noah & the Ark

4.  NA   sitting in chairs
children retell story using props

5.  sing along with tape or cd  standing

6.  read together a student choice Bible Story  sitting on pillows



Coloring page



This ark was made by cutting apart an oatmeal box. Cardboard from cereal boxes was used to make the bow, deck and hut on deck. The pieces were secured with masking tape and the whole was paper mached with liquid starch and wrapping paper. Details draw with permanent marker and sticks on the roof were applied before a finish coat of Krylon spray. The cardboard construction could also be painted instead. If the bow seems tricky, I don't see anything wrong with just using the shape of the oatmeal box. There is no evidence in the story that they were able to steer the ark

Animals could be purchased plastic ones or you could make your own with pipe cleaners. I happened on a set of Noah and the ark plastic figures in a thrift store. In my Sunday school class we often use empty thread spools to represent people. To make it seem more real, a face can be drawn and "hair" or a "head covering" glued on top.

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