

Noah Makes God Happy

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Lesson Plan
Greeting and Registration
Preclass Activity: Noah's Ark-Building School
Welcome and Singing
Centers:
Bible Story: Noah Builds the Ark
Life Application: I Love to Obey
Craft: Noah's Toolbox
NOTE: Be sure to allow sufficient time for a snack.





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Noah's Ark-Building School

The children like Noah will work to build an ark.

Materials

For each child:

- glue stick
- crayons

For the teacher:

- 1 large, refrigerator-sized box
- clear packing tape
- brown paper bags
- scissors

Reproducible Pages:

- Page A, 1 copy for each child

Preparation

1. Place the box on its side and tape the ends closed.
2. Cut out the top panel of the box, as shown in Figure A.
3. Cut out the ark pictures from the copies of Reproducible Page A.
4. Cut the brown bags to make flat sheets of brown paper.

Instructions

1. Show the children the box and explain to them that they are going to build an ark like the one that Noah built.
2. Have them glue the brown paper "cypress wood" to the outside of the box.
3. Have them color the ark pictures and glue them to the outside of the box.
4. Have them take turns getting into the box and pretending to be Noah.
5. Let them color the outside of the box if time allows.

Teacher Tips

- You can usually locate a large cardboard box at a major appliance store. If you cannot locate a box that is large enough, use a smaller box and have the children play with the ark instead of playing in the ark.
- You might have to "break down" or flatten the box to transport it to and from class.
- Have the registration teacher dress up as Noah and welcome the children to Noah's Ark-Building School. Make a sign for the classroom door that reads "Noah's Ark-Building School."
- Save the finished ark to use as an alternate preclass activity during future classes.

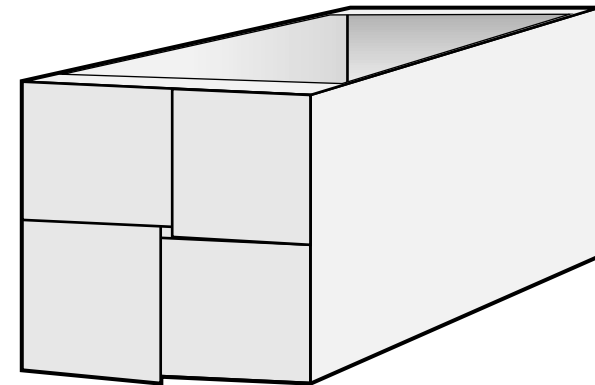


Figure A

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Noah Builds the Ark

The children will learn how Noah's obedience to God made God very happy.

Lesson Text

Genesis 6-7

Materials

For the teacher:

- Bible
- felt board
- scissors
- crayons or markers
- tape

Reproducible Pages:

- Page B, 1 copy for the teacher
- Page C, 1 copy for the teacher

Preparation

1. Cut out the pictures from the copies of Reproducible Pages B and C and color them.
2. Familiarize yourself with the story using the felt board, so that you tell it to the children and don't read it.

The Ark

Have the Bible open as you tell the following story: *Today we are going to learn about a man who built a boat that was bigger than this room. Do you know who that is? That's right, it's Noah. The Bible tells us, that many years ago, after Adam and Eve were created, the earth became full of people. Place the disobedient people on the felt board, as shown in Figure A. God made these people, and he loved them very much, but they didn't listen to God. They fought and argued with each other and thought about ways to hurt each other. They did not listen or obey God. How do you think this made God feel? The Bible says that this made God feel very sad.*

Noah was very different than all the others. He loved God with all his heart. He made God happy by doing things that were right. Listen to what the Bible says about Noah. Read Genesis 6:9. The Bible says that "Noah was a righteous man." That's a new word. What do you think righteous means? Ask the children for responses.

Yes, it means to do what is right. Take down the disobedient people and place Noah and his wife on the felt board. See Figure B. Everybody say "hi" to Noah and his wife.

Now, because everyone was being so mean, God decided to do something about it. He decided to send a lot of rain. He was going to send so much rain that it would cover everything and everyone! God loved Noah and wanted to save him from the rain. He told Noah to build a big boat. This boat would be larger than a hundred of these rooms. This boat was called an ark. God told Noah exactly how to build the ark. He even told him what kind of wood to use. Noah listened to God and did just what God told him to do. He obeyed God. Finally, after many years of hard work, the ark was finished. Take Noah and his wife down and place the ark on the felt board, as shown in Figure C. Then God told Noah to put two of every kind of animal on the boat. So God had all the different animals come to Noah, and Noah put them on the ark just as God had told him to do. Place all of the animals on the felt board boarding the boat. See Figure D. Who can name an animal Noah put on the ark? Have the children name some of the different animals on the ark.

When all the animals were on the ark, Noah and his family got in, too. Place Noah his wife and all of Noah's family on the felt board. See Figure E. Then they closed the doors of the ark and waited for the rain to start.

Conclusion

Ask the following review questions:

- Who was the man that loved God? (Noah)
- What did God tell him to do? (build an ark)
- How did Noah obey God? (built the ark, put the animals on the ark, went on the ark, etc.)

Continue the discussion asking the following questions.

- We read in the Bible story that God was sad, why?
- Why did God choose Noah?

Teacher Tips

- If you have time, act out the story as a review.
- Use the ark from the Preclass Activity as a visual aid.



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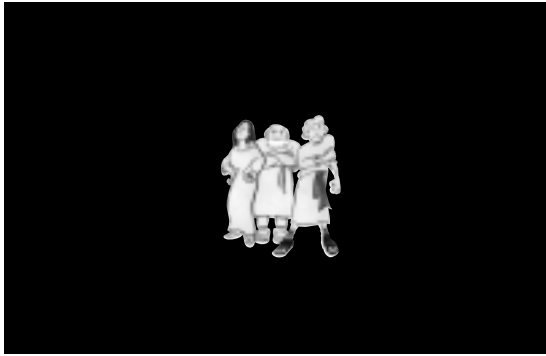


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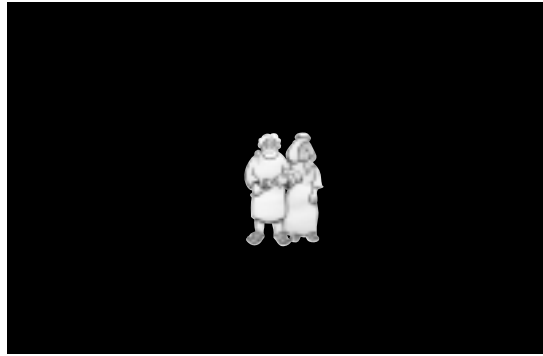


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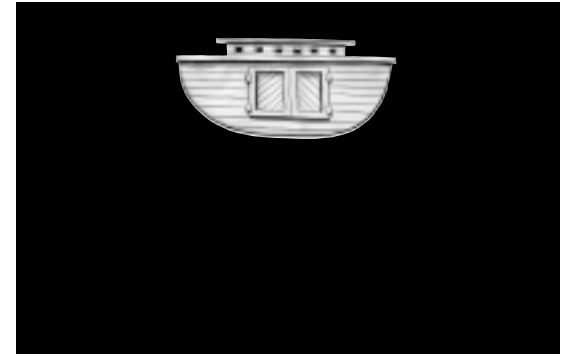


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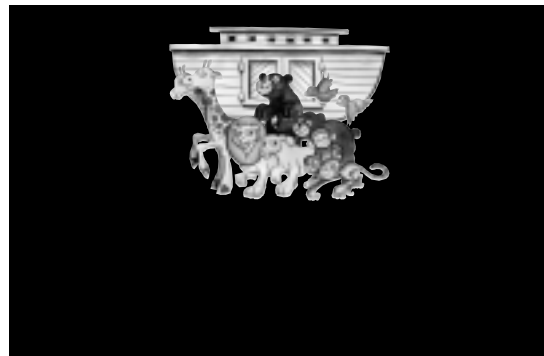


Figure D



Figure E



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I Love to Obey

The children will act out scenes that will help them distinguish obedience from disobedience.

Scripture Memory Verse

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Genesis 6:22

Materials

For the teacher:

- permanent markers
- pen and paper
- scissors
- plastic bag for the puzzle pieces

Reproducible Pages:

- Page D, 1 copy for the teacher

Preparation

1. Cut out the ark puzzle from the copy of Reproducible Page D.
2. Write the memory verse on the ark puzzle.
3. Cut out the puzzle pieces along the lines.
4. Prepare a list of scenarios to act out with the children that involve choices to obey. For example: parents ask a child to pick up toys, get ready for bedtime, etc. These should be strong, obvious situations in which choices are clearly right or wrong.
5. You will play the part of a disobedient child in all of the scenes.

Instructions

Introduce the activity by reminding them about Noah. *Noah had a choice to make God happy or sad. What did he choose? Yes, he chose to make God happy. We have the same choices, don't we? When someone asks us to clean our rooms, we can either choose to make God happy and obey the first time, or we can choose to disobey and make God sad. We are going to act out scenes, like Noah's, in which we have to make a choice.* Tell the children that you will pretend to be a child who is their age.

Briefly explain the first scene and assign a few roles to play. Example: *John, you will be the dad and I will be the child. You*

should ask me to clean up my toys. Demonstrate the wrong behavior to the children. Then reenact the scene showing the correct behavior.

Some suggestions for scenes are:

- Obeying the first time, washing hands, brushing teeth, cleaning up toys;
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Be sure to always reenact the scene showing the correct behavior. Stress to the children that our obedience to our parents and teachers is something which pleases God very much. Explain that we can make God happy when we obey him.

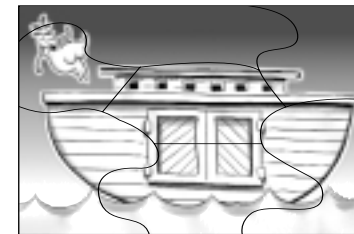
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Give each child a piece of the puzzle. As they say the memory verse, they can put their pieces together to build the puzzle. You want this activity to be simple. Be sure to put the emphasis on the memory scripture.

Conclusion

When we obey it makes us happy and makes God happy, too! Our friends need to know that we are happy when we obey. Who are you going to tell about our lesson from today?

Let's pray and thank God for helping us to obey. Choose a child to pray.



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Noah's Toolbox

This craft will help the children learn that Noah worked hard to build the ark. They will make their own hand tools and toolboxes like those Noah might have used.

Materials

For each child:

- shoe box or other small box
- scissors
- glue stick
- tape
- markers and crayons
- empty paper towel roll
- decorative items: scraps of construction paper, fabric, stickers

For the teacher:

- poster board or light cardboard
- scissors
- white paper
- marker

Reproducible Pages:

- Page E, 1 copy for the teacher

Preparation

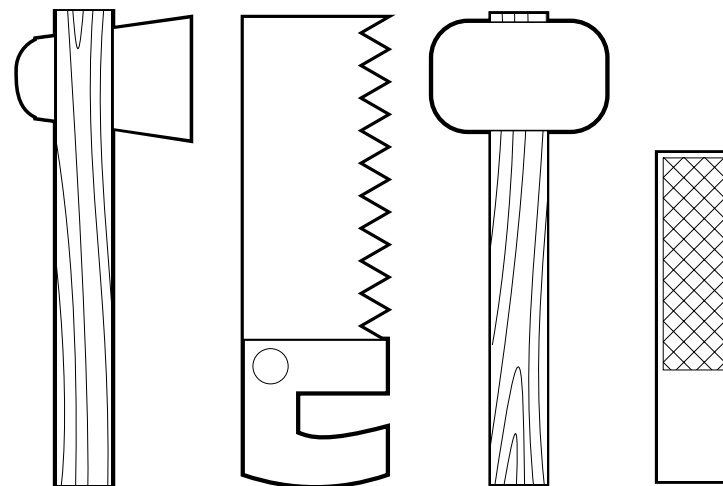
1. Obtain one shoe box for each child. You can ask the children's parents to bring these to class.
2. Cut out the tool stencils from the copy of Reproducible Page E.
3. Trace the stencils onto cardboard and cut them out. Cut enough tools for each child to have one complete set.
4. Cut the paper into small strips and write "Noah did everything just as God commanded him" on each strip. Make one memory verse strip for each child.
5. Make a model of the craft following the instructions. Save the craft for use during Unit 2 Lesson 7.

Instructions

1. Give the children the glue sticks, decorative items, markers and crayons and shoe boxes. Have them decorate their boxes. See Figure A.
2. Give the children their memory verse strips and have them glue them onto their boxes.
3. Give each child a paper towel roll and have him tape it inside the box to make a handle. See Figure B. Note: You might need to cut the roll for the child so it fits easily inside the box.
4. Have the children glue the ends of their tool handles onto the tool heads. See Figure C.
5. Have the children decorate and color their tools.
6. Have the children pretend to build an ark as Noah did!

Teacher Tips

- If there is extra time, have the children decorate their tools as well.
- Be sure to have the children place, not glue, their tools inside their boxes.



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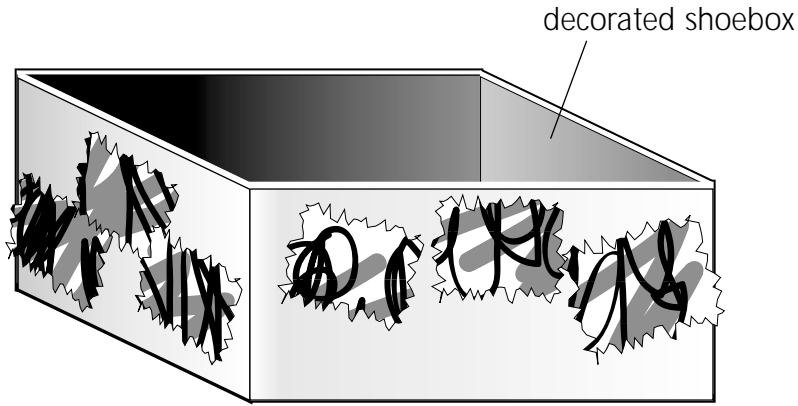


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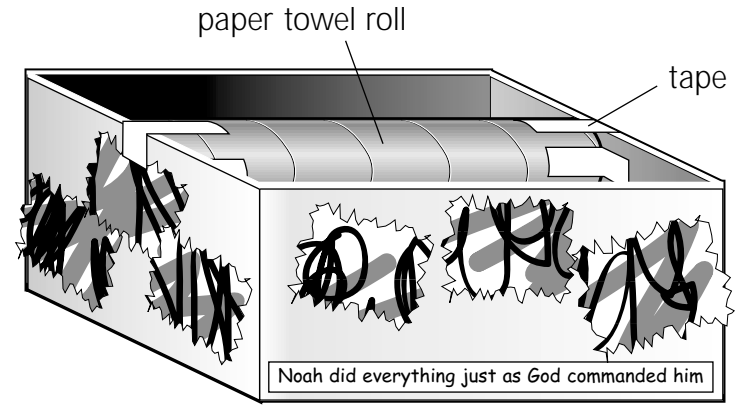


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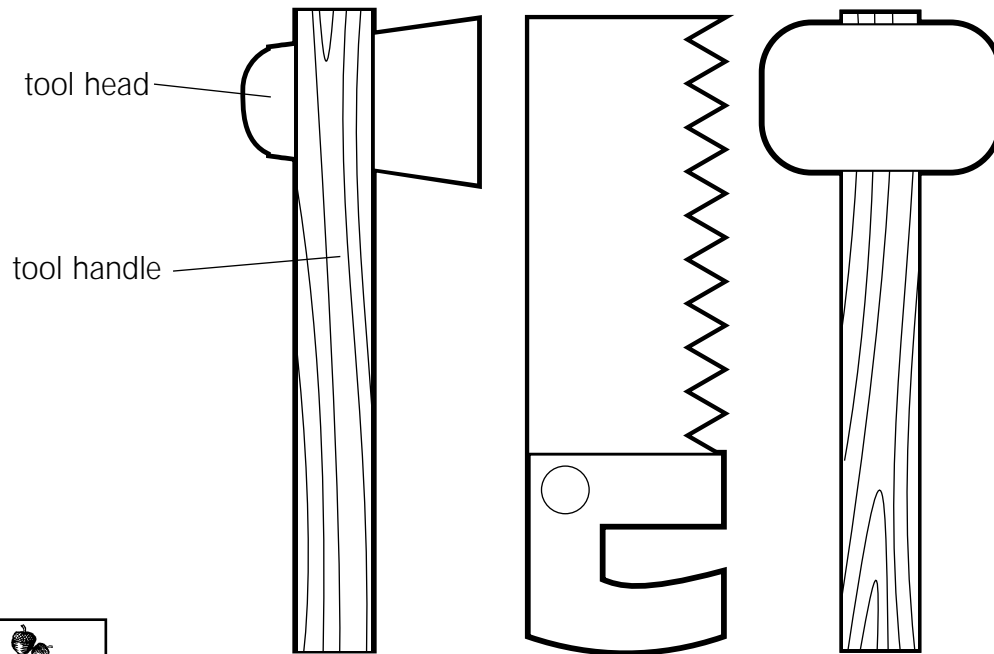
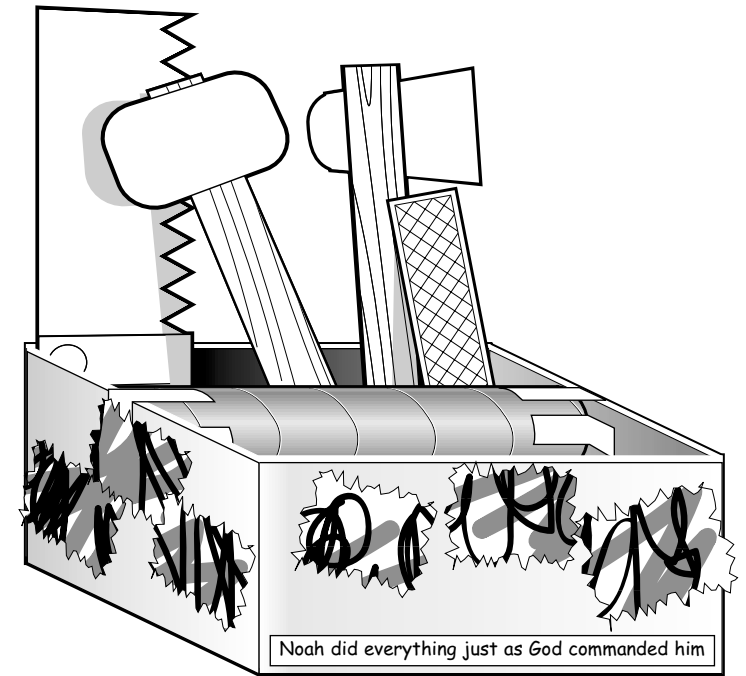


Figure C



Finished Craft



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Obedience

Lesson 2

Lesson at a Glance supplement

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Game: Odd One Out

Craft: Megaphone

Life Application: I Love to Obey

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Ark Concentration

The children will play a game of concentration to help them remember the story of Noah's Ark.

Materials

For the teacher:

- 24 index cards, 3" x 5" for every four children
- glue or tape
- scissors
- laminate or clear contact paper (optional)

Reproducible Pages:

- Page F, 2 copies for every four children

Preparation

1. Cut out the cards from the copies from Reproducible Page F.
2. Glue each image onto a 3" x 5" index card.

Instructions

1. Divide the children into groups of no more than four. You may organize it so that the first children that come in form a group and play a game. Then as more children come in, have them watch until enough children arrive to form another group. This group can then start playing with another deck. Children enjoy watching others play as long as they know their turn to play is coming. Make sure each child gets a turn to play.
2. Place the cards face down on a flat surface, and line them up into rows.
3. Have the children turns turning over two cards at a time. If they match, the child keeps the pair and goes again. If the cards do not match, have the child turn them back over. Have the next child take a turn.

4. After the game, discuss how the pictures relate to the story of Noah and the ark.

Teacher Tips

- The cards will last a long time if you laminate or cover them with clear contact paper.
- These cards are useful if you need an activity to fill time or if you have a child who needs some extra attention or will not participate in a group activity.



4 and 5 Year Olds



Pre class



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Odd One Out

This game reminds the children that Noah stood apart from the rest of the people of his day.

Materials

For each child:

- 1 brown paper lunch bag
- 1 set of contrasting objects (for example: 1 small rubber ball with many cotton balls; 1 pen with many pencils; 1 rock with many sticks. You may choose any other contrasting objects you can think of.)



Preparation

For each child, place the contrasting objects in a bag and label them. For example, put the pencils and the pen in one bag and label the bag: Things to write with. Do this with all the bags.



Instructions

1. Form a circle and sit with the children.
2. Make a brief introduction. For example, say: *In front of me I have a bag. In this bag there are things that are the same and one thing that is different. I am going to reach into the bag and try to find the one thing that is different.* Demonstrate this by pulling out the different object from a bag. *Now I am going to give each of you a bag, but don't look or put your hand inside the bag until it is your turn.*
3. Let the child seated to the teacher's left begin the game. Encourage the student to slowly feel the objects in the bag before deciding which is the odd one. When the child pulls out the object, have him state why he picked that object.



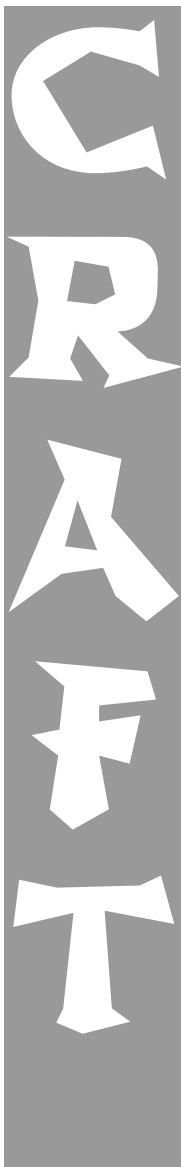
4. The teacher may ask him to pull out one of the other objects in order to show the contrast, i.e. a pencil versus the pen. Ask the children how these objects are the same and how they are different. Explain that Noah was different compared to the people around him. Say, *Noah was very different from the people around him, because Noah listened and obeyed.* Be brief in this explanation.
5. Continue taking turns around the circle until each child has a turn to play the game.

Teacher Tips

- For younger children, you may want to wait and give them their bag, when it is their turn, otherwise the children may be distracted by their bags and not pay attention.



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Megaphone

The children can use this craft to preach about God like Noah did.

Materials

For each child:

- poster board
- decorative materials: stickers, ribbons, crayons, etc.
- markers
- brightly colored construction paper
- glue stick

For the teacher:

- stapler
- scissors
- tape

Preparation

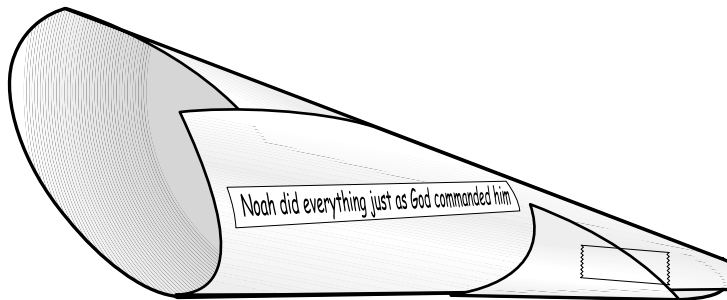
1. Cut the poster board into 14" squares.
2. Cut the strips of construction paper into strips 1" x 10" long.
3. Write "Noah did everything just as God commanded him" on the construction paper strips.

Instructions

1. Have the children tape their decorative materials onto their poster board.
2. Roll the poster board into a cone shape and tape it together to make a "megaphone." See Figure A
3. Glue the memory scripture strip onto the side of the megaphone, as shown in Figure B.

Teacher Tips

If there is time, the children can pretend to be like Noah and "preach" using their megaphones.



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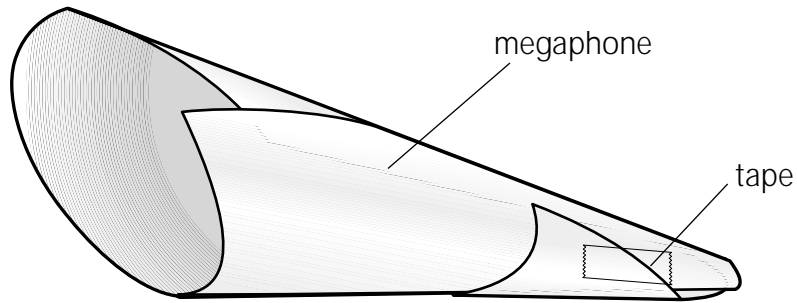


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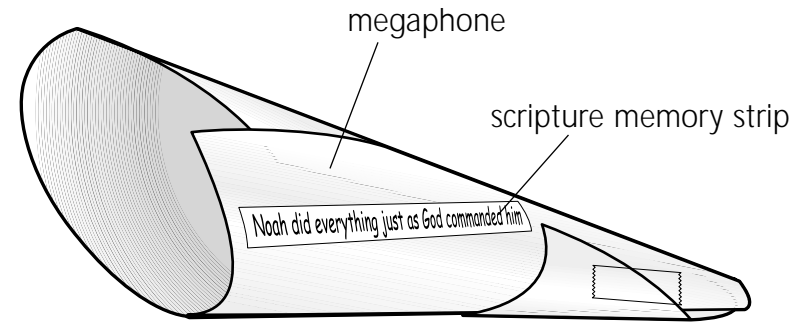


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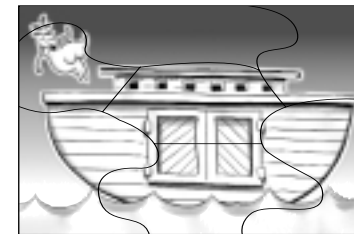
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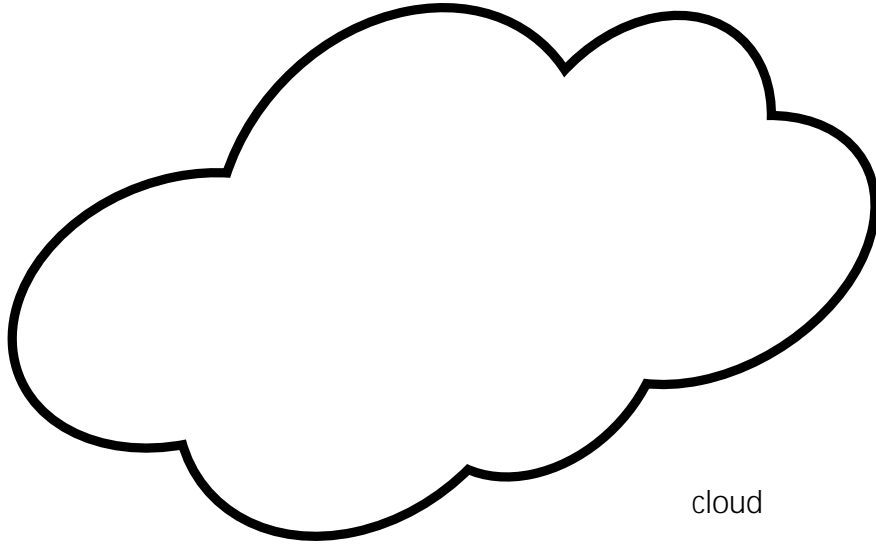
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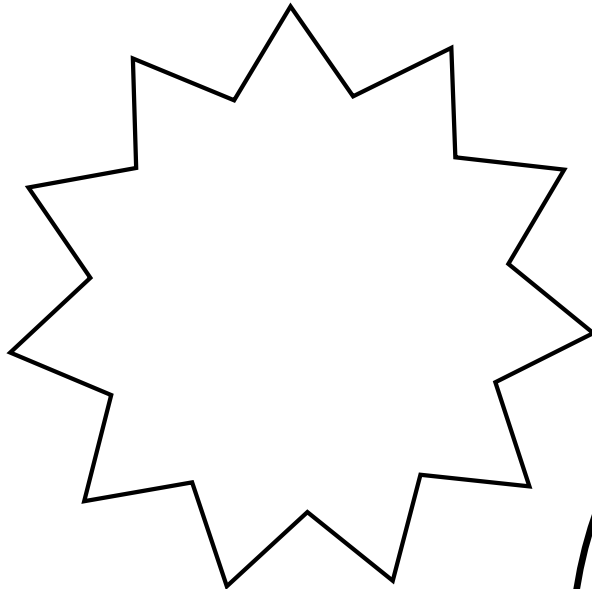
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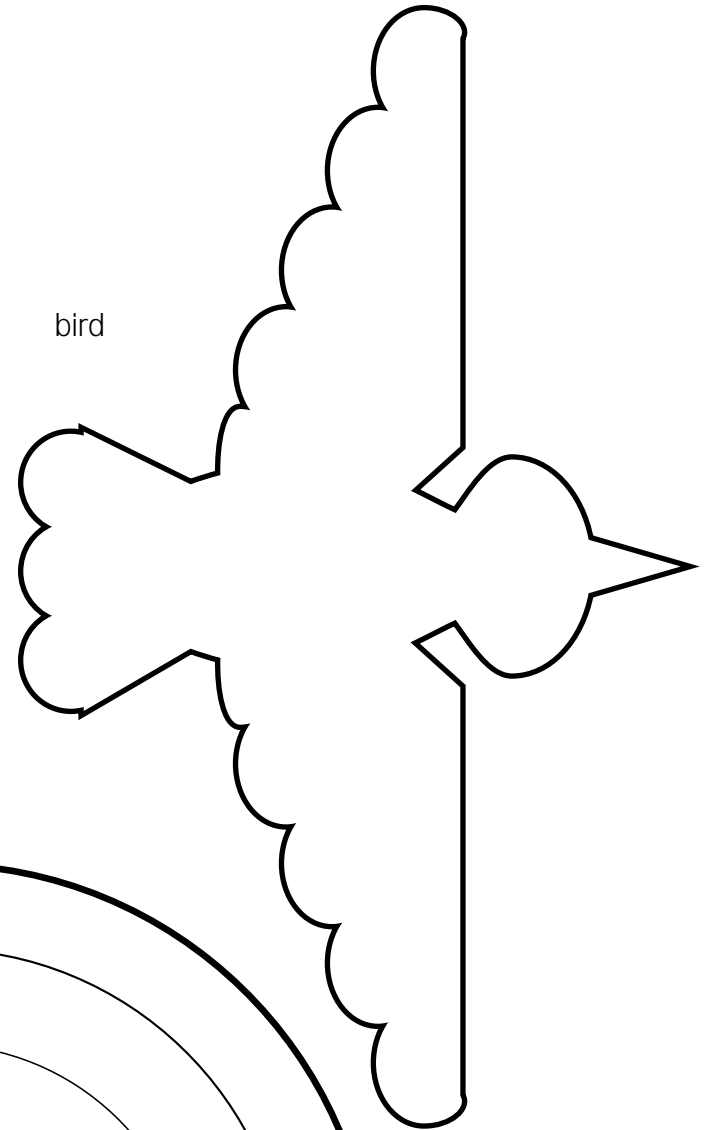
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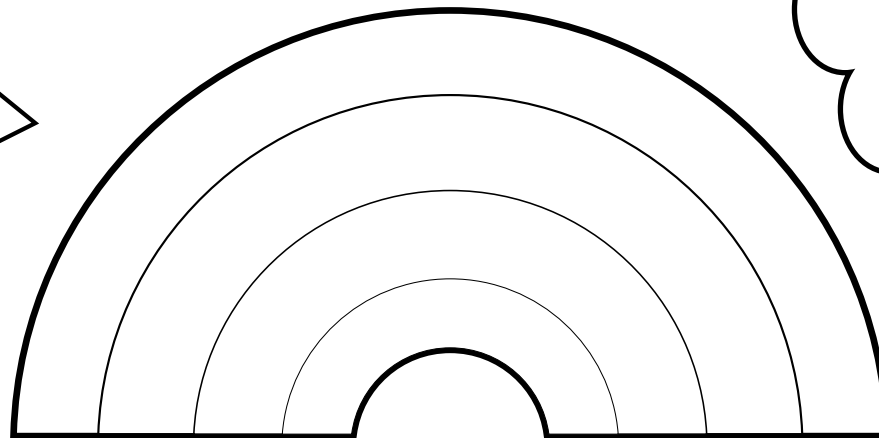
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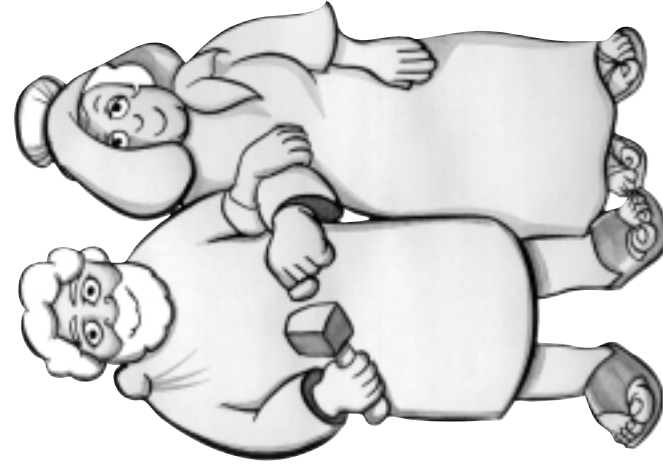
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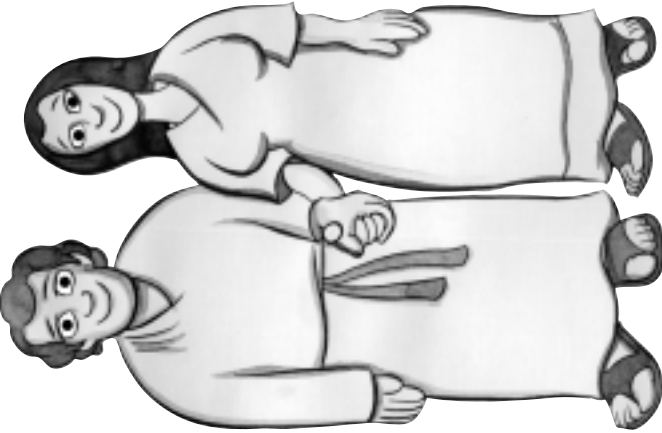
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Noah and his wife



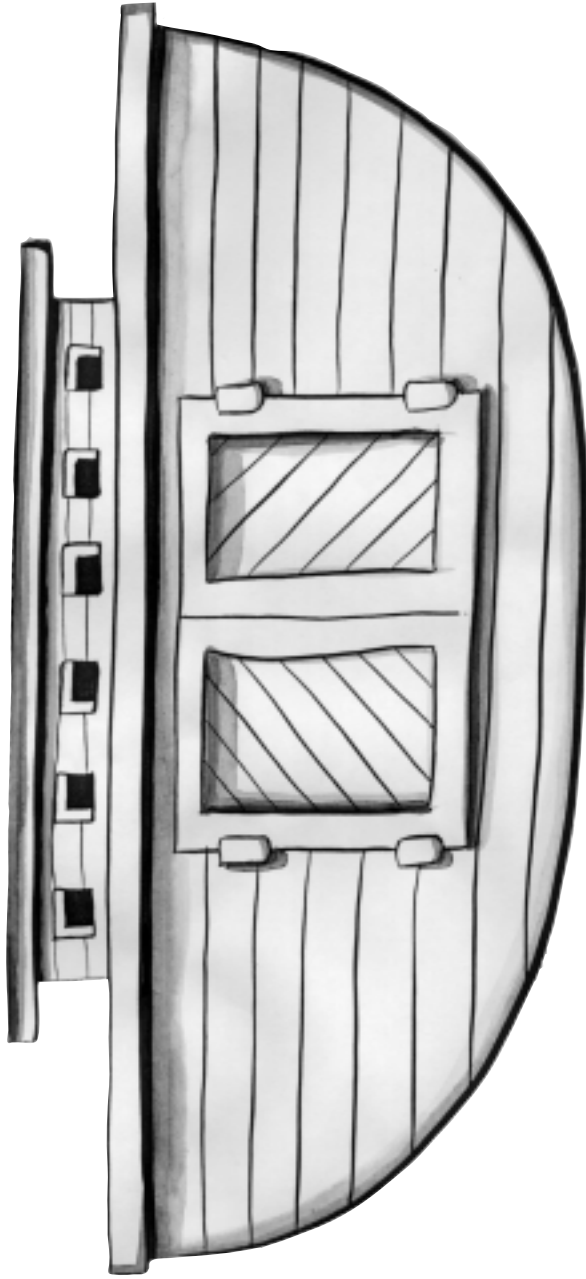
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disobedient people

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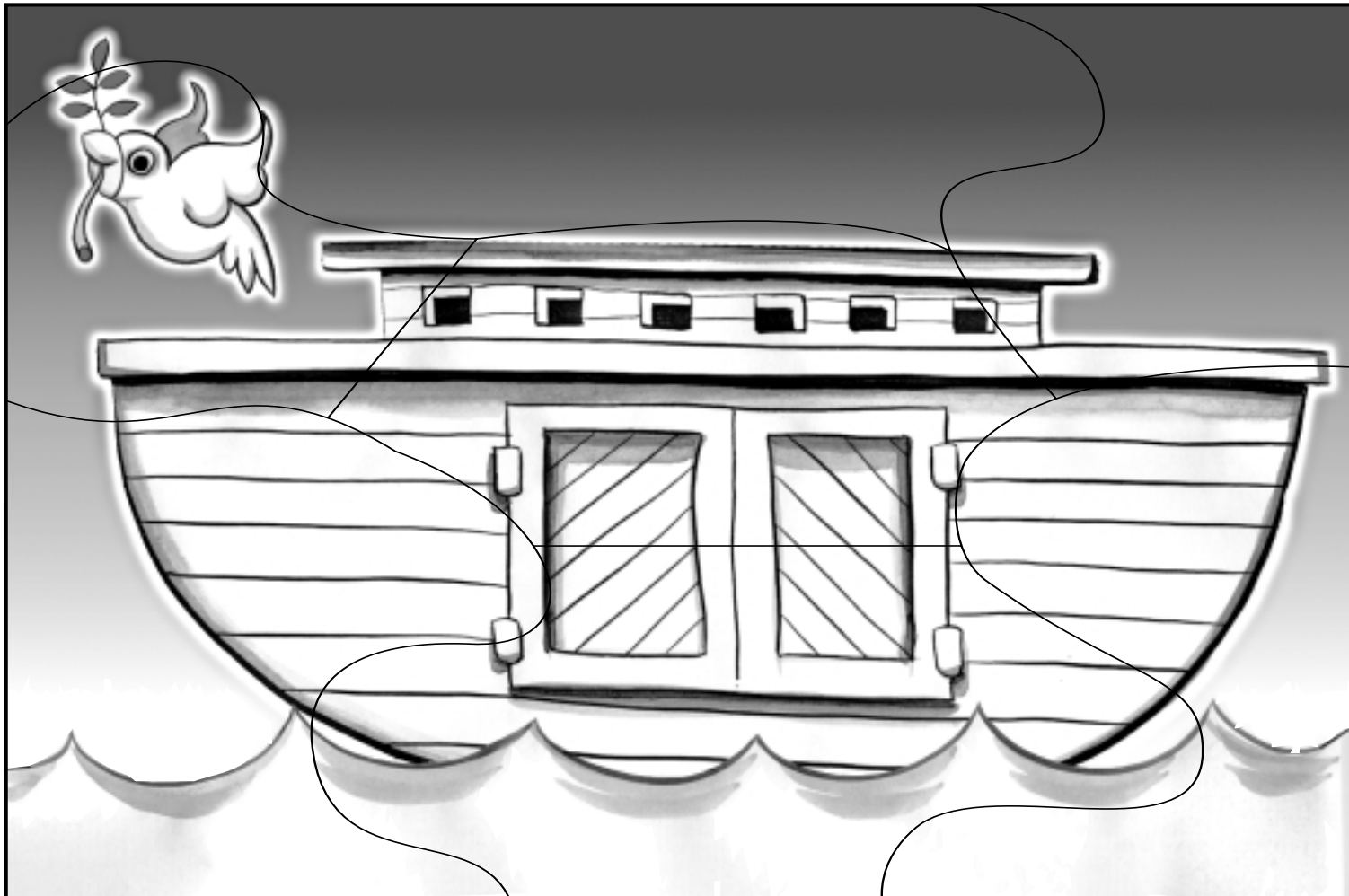
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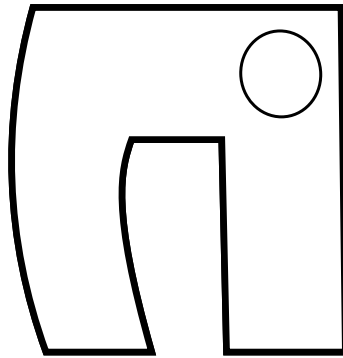
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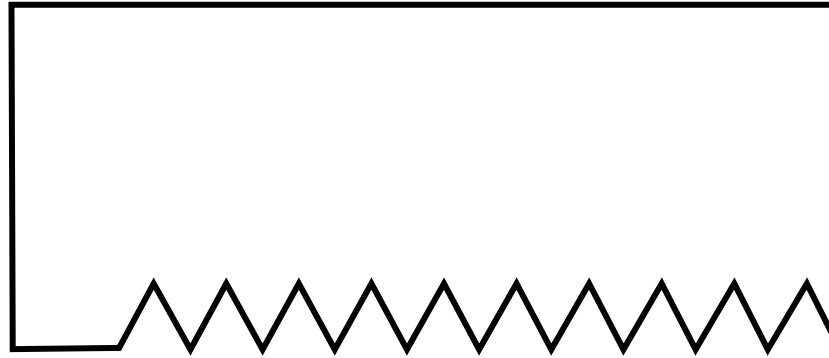


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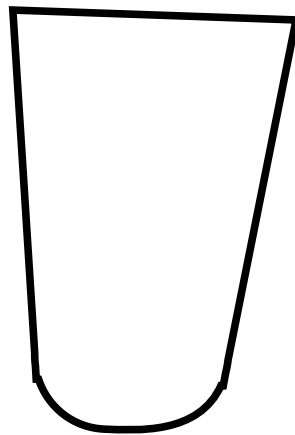




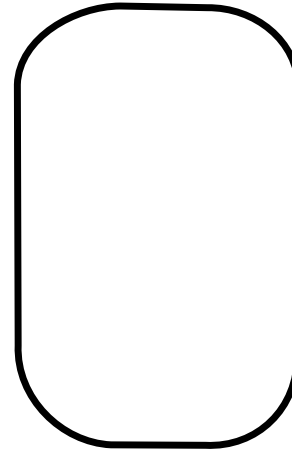
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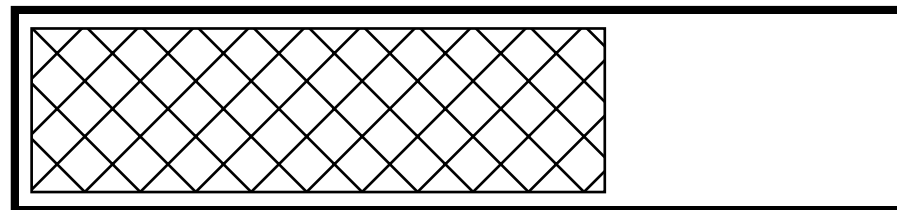
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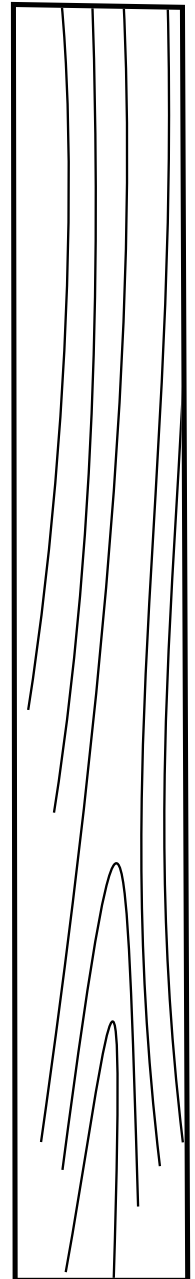
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Ark Concentration Cards

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