

Build the Ark

Noah Lesson 1

Lesson Objectives

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- The children will sing a song about obeying God.

Bible Story Text

Genesis 6-8:19

Bible Truth

We obey God.
(Deuteronomy 27:10)

Lesson Plan

Greeting and Registration

Preclass Activity: Preclass Centers

Welcome and Singing

Centers:

Bible Story: Noah Obeys God

Life Application: Go for a Ride

Craft: Peek and Seek Ark

NOTE: Be sure to allow sufficient time for a snack.



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Preclass Centers

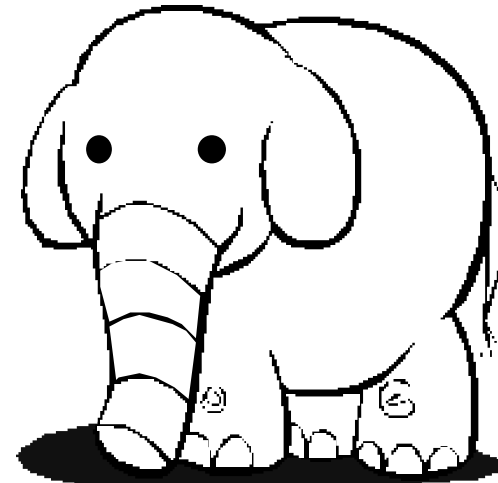
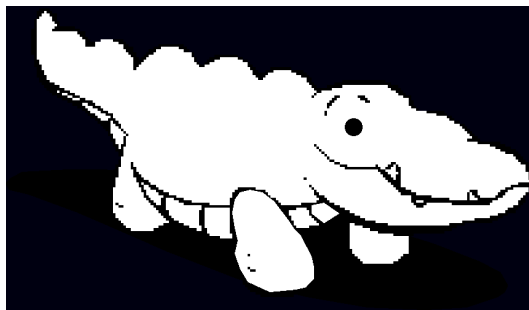
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- Housekeeping Center—2 washable dolls (of diverse ethnicity, e.g., black and white), play food, dishes and 2 small blankets
- Story Center—simple books with limited text (cardboard are the most sturdy and durable) and large pillows
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Instructions

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In the Housekeeping Center: Pretend that you are inside the ark. Talk to the children about what kinds of animals you have in the ark. What should you feed them?

Teacher Tips

- You may want to try other centers such as transportation, large motor or manipulative.
- Wear comfortable clothes suitable for sitting on the floor.

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Noah Obeys God

The children will learn that Noah obeyed God and built the ark.

Bible Story Text

Genesis 6-8:19

Materials

For the teacher:

- Bible
- table
- sheet, blanket or tablecloth
- plain cereal, such as Cheerios
- plastic bin
- paper plates
- sheet or blanket for a robe
- 2 scarves
- towel or pillow case as a turban
- plastic hammer
- wooden blocks, cardboard bricks or blocks of wood
- markers or crayons
- scissors
- 16 craft sticks
- glue

Reproducible Pages:

- Page A, 2 copies for the teacher

Preparation

1. Cut out and color the pictures from the copies of Reproducible Page A. NOTE: Discard one Noah and one wife picture.
2. Glue Noah, his wife and each animal to a craft stick.
3. Before the children arrive, put on the Noah costume. Drape the sheet across one shoulder, and let it hang down in the front and back to the floor. Tie a scarf around your waist. Put a towel on your head. Tie a scarf around your head to hold the towel on.
4. Put a sheet over a table so that it hangs down to the floor on three sides making an "ark."
5. Pour the cereal into the plastic bin and place it inside the ark.

Noah Builds an Ark

Open the Bible to Genesis 6. Hello! My name is Noah. You can read about me in the first book in the Bible, called Genesis. Can you say that with me? "Genesis." I want to tell you about something special that God asked me to do. Using the blocks and a hammer, pretend to be working. One day I was working, and God spoke to me. He told me to build a big boat called an ark. He told me to make it very big so it could hold a lot of animals (Genesis 6:13-14). God was going to send a lot of rain, and my boat, the ark, would save my family and all the animals from drowning (Genesis 6:17-21). I had a lot of work to do. I got my family together, and we started building the ark right away. We obeyed God and worked and worked until finally the ark was ready! (Genesis 6:22). Put away the tools and blocks.

Point to the ark (the table with the cloth covering). God told us to get all the animals ready to go into the ark. It is time to put the elephants into the ark. Show the two elephants. Who wants to hold the elephants? What sound does an elephant make? Give the elephants to a child to hold. Hold the two elephants, and make elephant sounds.

Show the two horses. Who wants to hold the horses? What sounds do the horses make? Give the horses to a child to hold.

Continue distributing the animals until all the children have at least one pair. OK, animals, let's all make our animal sounds. Have the children make the sounds of the animals they are holding.

Then God told me to load all of the animals into the ark (Genesis 7:1). I obeyed God and built the ark. Now it is time for the animals to obey. Come on, animals. It is time to go into the ark. Sing "The Animals Go Marching" from the Unit 17 Song Sheet.

March around the area together as you sing, with the children holding their pairs of animals. Sing one verse for each animal pair.

Instruct the children to put all of the animals into the ark. Wait! What is that sound? It sounds like rain! It is raining outside. But we are inside the ark, safe and sound. I'm so glad we obeyed God and built this ark. Let's tell God thank you. Thank you, God, for keeping us safe inside the ark. Thank you for always protecting us in storms. Amen.

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Is anyone hungry? Here is some animal food. Take some cereal out of the bin in the ark and put it on a paper plate for each child. Show the children how to lean down and eat their cereal with no hands like the animals do. Listen! Do you hear anything? It's quiet, it stopped raining. Yeah! Let's all go outside (Genesis 8:18). Go out together and sit outside the ark. Have the children give you the animals.

NOTE: Save the pictures for the Unit 17 Lesson 2, Bible Story.

Conclusion

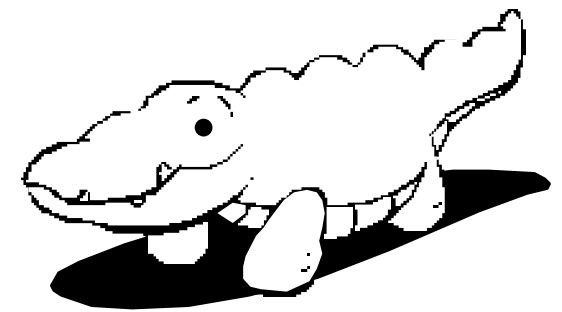
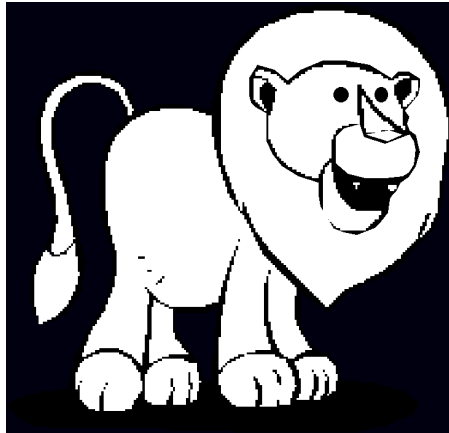
Ask the following questions to review the story:

- What did Noah build? (an ark)
- What is an ark? (a big boat)
- What did God tell Noah to take on the ark with him and his family? (animals)
- Who built the ark? (Noah)
- Did Noah obey God? (yes)

End with the "Ark Fingerplay" from Unit 17 Song Sheet.

Teacher Tips

- **IMPORTANT:** Be sure that none of the children have allergies to any of the snacks you may serve during this activity. Ask the parents at registration if their child has any food intolerance or food allergies.
- Use a large table as the ark so that all of the children will fit.
- **IMPORTANT:** Always leave one side of the "ark" open so that people can see in and the children can see out.
- If you have a large class, make extra copies of the animals so there is enough for each child to hold a pair of animals.



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Go for a Ride

The children will reenact the story of Noah bringing the animals into the ark.

Bible Truth

We obey God.
(Deuteronomy 27:10)

Materials

For the teacher:

- Bible
- 16 unlined index cards, 3" x 5"
- scissors
- markers or crayons
- glue
- laminate or clear contact paper
- 1 sheet of white poster board
- tape

Reproducible Pages:

- Page A, 2 copies for the teacher

Preparation

1. Prepare matching cards as follows:
 - A. Cut out and color the pictures from the copies of Reproducible Page A. NOTE: Discard one Noah and one wife picture.
 - B. Glue each picture onto a 3" x 5" card.
2. Prepare the Ark as follows:
 - A. Using Figure A as a pattern, redraw the ark on a sheet of poster board. Scale it to use the whole sheet.
 - B. Color the ark.
 - C. Cut three sides of the ramp. NOTE: Be careful not to cut the bottom side so that the ramp is attached to the ark and will fold down.

Instructions

1. Show the children the Ark. Who can tell me what this is? Right, it is an ark! Who built the ark? Show Noah. Noah did! Who told Noah to build the ark? That's right! God did. Who remembers what God told Noah to put inside the ark? Animals! Let's look at some of the animals that God told Noah to put in the ark.

2. Show the children each animal and ask them to name the animal and make the sound or motion that it makes.
3. Give each child two cards. Make sure that each child gets two different animals.
4. Ask the children; Who has Noah? Then find the child with Noah's wife. Have these two children walk Noah and his wife up the ramp and into the ark.
5. Continue boarding the animal pairs by asking for them one by one. Who has a monkey? Who has the other monkey? Ok, it's their turn to go into the ark.
6. Distribute any of the remaining cards and continue boarding the animals until they are all on the ark.
7. Sing "Faithful Noah" from the Unit 17 Song Sheet.

NOTE: Save the cards and the ark for the Unit 17 Lesson 2, Life Application.

Bible Truth Activity

Point to the Ark. When God told Noah to build the ark, did Noah obey God? Yes, he did! Open the Bible. The Bible says we should obey God. Jonathan, will you obey God? Ask each child if they will obey God. Let's all say our Bible Truth together; "We obey God." Hold up the Bible. We obey God when we obey the Bible. Repeat the verse with the children a few times.

Conclusion

Let's talk to God. Dear God, please help us to love and obey you. Please help us to obey your word, the Bible. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Who are you going to tell about Bible class today? What are you going to tell them?

Teacher Tips

- Laminate the cards to make them last longer.
- If you do not have index cards, cut 3" x 5" pieces from poster board.



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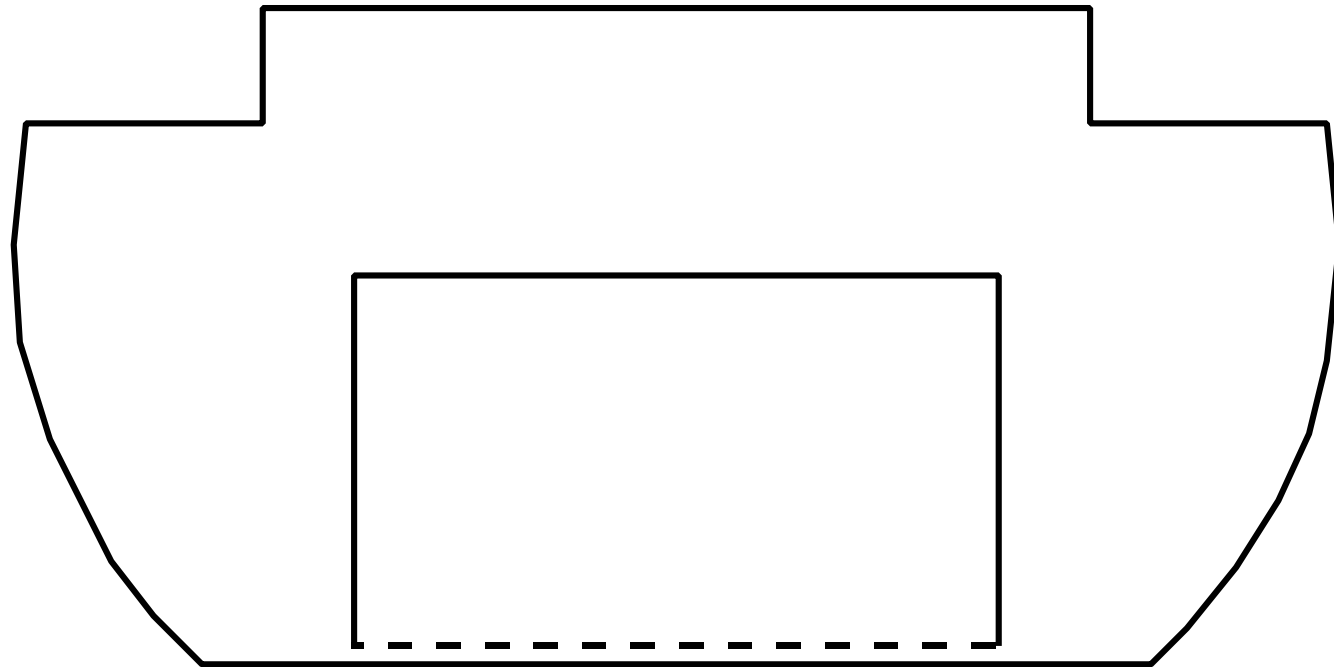


Figure A



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Peek and Seek Ark

The children will make "arks" to help them remember Noah and the ark.

Materials

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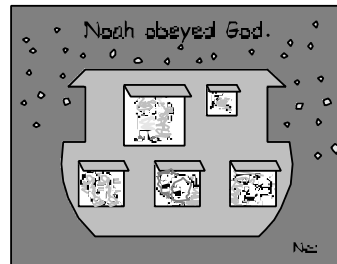
- 1 piece of brown construction paper
- 1 piece of blue construction paper
- crayons
- glue stick
- 1 cotton swab
- small paper cup

For the teacher:

- scissors
- white glue
- utility knife
- black marker

Reproducible Pages:

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



Preparation

1. Cut out the ark pictures from the copies of Reproducible Page B.
2. Cut out the ark stencil from the copy of Reproducible Page C.
NOTE: Be sure to cut out the windows of the stencil as well.
3. Prepare an ark for each child as follows:
 - A. Using the ark stencil, trace and cut out the ark from brown construction paper.
 - B. Cut out the bottom and sides of each of the five windows of the ark. NOTE: Leave the top of each window intact so they open and shut.
 - C. Fold back the windows so they open and shut easily. See Figure A.
4. At the top of each piece of blue construction paper, write, "Noah obeyed God."
5. Make a model of the craft following the instructions.
6. Before the children arrive in class, place a small amount of white glue into a paper cup for each child.

Instructions

1. Show the children your model of the craft. Open each window to show Noah, the dove and the animals inside the ark. Explain to the children that the Bible story is about Noah and the ark. Noah obeyed God by building an ark to save his family and the animals from a flood. Today, You will make your own ark to help you remember the story.
2. Give each child an ark picture and crayons. Have the children color their pictures.
3. Give each child a piece of blue construction paper and a glue stick. Help the children to glue their ark pictures to the construction paper as shown in Figure B.
4. Give each child a brown construction paper ark. Help each child to glue the brown ark on top of the ark picture so that the pictures show through the open windows. See Figure C. NOTE: Be careful the children do not glue the windows shut and do not place glue directly on their colored pictures. It may help to have the children place glue only on the backs of their arks.
5. Give each child a cotton swab and a paper cup with glue in it. Have each child dip the cotton swab into the cup, and then touch it lightly to the blue paper making "raindrops."
6. Help the children write their names on their crafts.

Conclusion

Have the children close all of the flaps on their arks. Who can find Noah and his wife? There they are! Noah and his wife are behind the door. Who can find the dove? The dove is behind the little window. Can anyone find the lions? There they are in the middle door.

Noah obeyed God when he told him to build an ark. All of Noah's family and the animals were safe inside the ark because Noah obeyed God!

Teacher Tips

- Trace one ark onto poster board to use as your stencil.
- Draw horizontal lines across each ark with a brown crayon to give it the look of wood.

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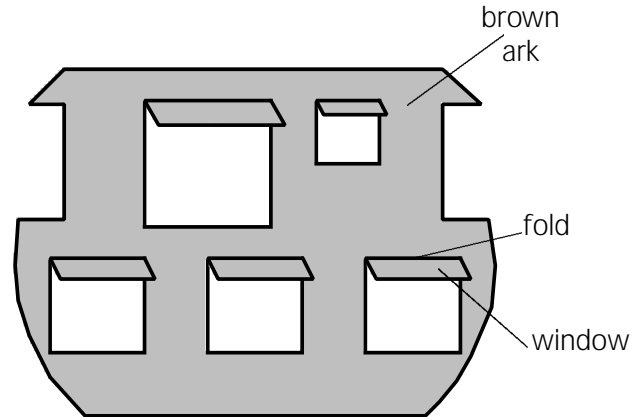


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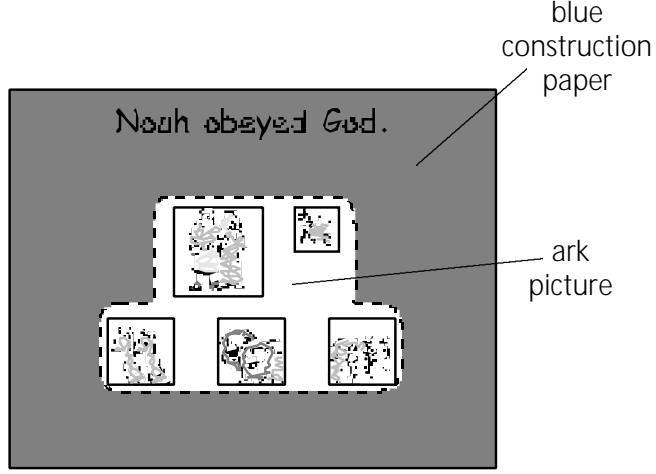


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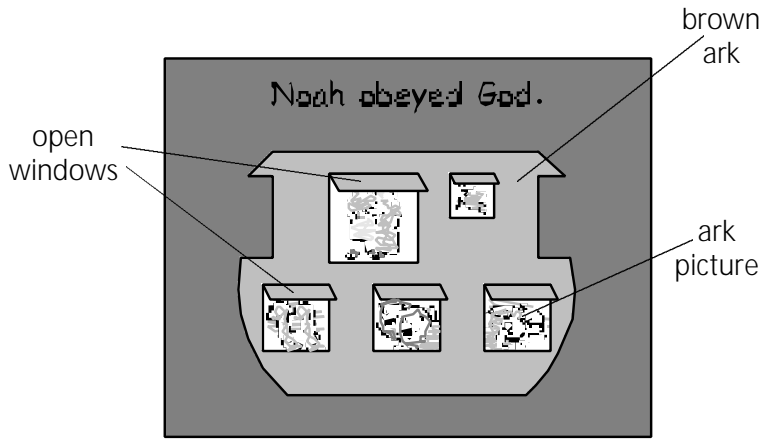
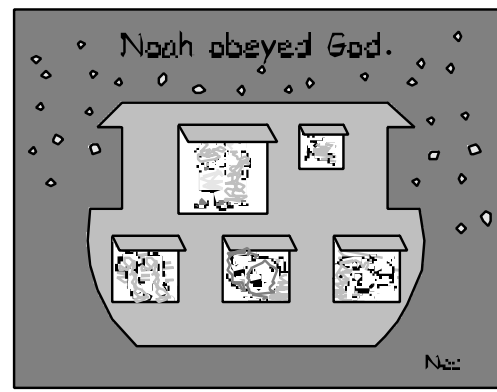


Figure C



Finished Craft





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I Will Obey

This activity will reinforce the lesson that Noah obeyed God and that we should also obey God.

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Materials

For the teacher:

- Bible
- felt board
- utility knife or scissors
- markers
- brown poster board, cardboard or balsa wood
- tape

Reproducible Pages:

- Page D, 1 copy for the teacher
- Page E, 1 copy for the teacher

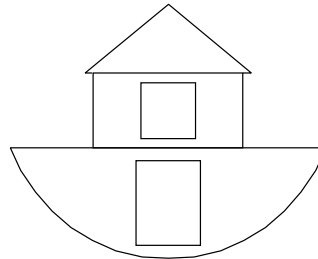
Preparation

1. Cut out the stencils from the copies of Reproducible Pages D and E.
2. Trace and cut out each ark piece from brown poster board.
3. Add detail to the ark pieces with a marker.
4. Roll pieces of tape and stick them to the backs of each of the ark pieces so that they will stick on the felt board.
5. Before the children arrive, arrange the ark correctly on the felt board.

Instructions

Who can tell me what God told Noah to build? (an ark) Did Noah obey God? Yes, he did! What did Noah build? He built an ark. We are going to pretend that we are Noah, and we are going to build an ark. Are we going to do what God said? Yes, we are going to obey God just as Noah did.

Give each child a piece of the ark. Call out each child's name, one at a time, and give a simple instruction of where to put their piece of the ark. Margaret, you have the bottom. The bottom goes first. Can you put your piece on the felt board? Start with the bottom piece and build up to the roof. For some children you may need



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to point to where they should place their pieces on the feltboard. What are we missing? How is Noah going to see out of the ark? We need a window. Can you place the window in the middle of the ark? Now Noah can see outside! What about a door? How are the animals going to get in? Who has the door? Help the child to place the door in the middle of the bottom of the ark. Encourage the children about how well they listened and obeyed the instructions.

Mix up the pieces and hand them out to the children again. We are going to build the ark again, but this time we are going to build it our own way. We're going to see what would happen if we did not listen to and obey God.

Have the children put the different pieces of the ark on the board in any order. Is this a good ark? Which ark was better, the ark like Noah built when he obeyed God, or the ark we built when we did it our own way? That's right, the first ark we built was better because we followed directions. Describe why this ark will not work; the animals won't be able to get in; the boat will sink, etc. When God tells us something, we should obey. God always knows what is right and how to help us. When we do not obey, we will not be happy.

Sing "I Will Obey" from the Unit 17 Song Sheet as you put the ark together in the right order.

NOTE: Save the ark pieces for the Unit 17 Lesson 2, Life Application.

Bible Truth Activity

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Conclusion

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Noah Builds an Ark

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Point to the ark (the table with the cloth covering). God told us to get all the animals ready to go into the ark. It is time to put the elephants into the ark. Show the two elephants. Who wants to hold the elephants? What sound does an elephant make? Give the elephants to a child to hold. Hold the two elephants, and make elephant sounds.

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Conclusion

Ask the following questions to review the story:

- What did Noah build? (an ark)
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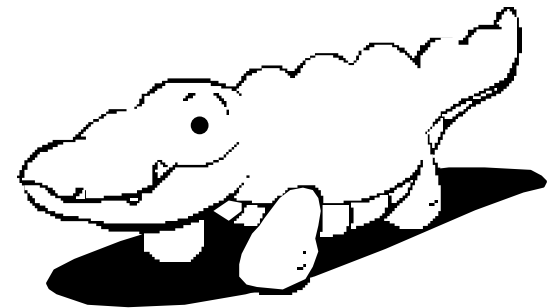
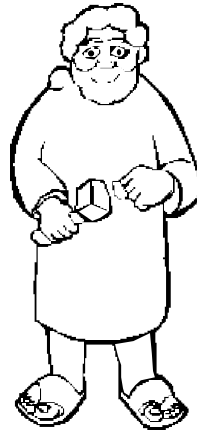
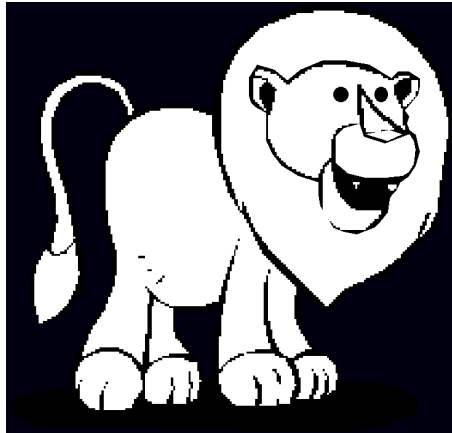
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Ark Builders

The children will build an ark with animals to remind them of the story of Noah.

Materials

For each child:

- 1 piece of blue construction paper
- 1 piece of brown construction paper
- glue stick
- crayons

For the teacher:

- scissors
- black marker

Reproducible Pages:

- Page E, 1 copy for the teacher
- Page F, 1 copy for each child

Preparation

1. Prepare the parts of the ark for each child as follows:
 - A. Cut out the roof, rectangle, and boat stencil from the copy of Reproducible Page E.
 - B. Trace and cut out one roof, one rectangle and one boat for each child from brown construction paper.
 - C. Fold each boat in half, side-to-side, as shown in Figure A.
2. Cut out the animal pictures from the copies of Reproducible Page F.
3. Write "Noah obeyed God!" at the top of each piece of blue construction paper.
4. Make a model of the craft following the instructions.

Instructions

1. Show the children the model of the craft. Who can tell me what this is? That's right, it's an ark! Who did God ask to build the ark? Noah! Did Noah obey God? Yes he did. What did God ask Noah to put inside the ark? Show the animals. That's right, animals. Today you are going to make ark and put some animals inside.
2. Give each child a piece of blue construction paper and a brown rectangle and a glue stick. Have the child glue the rectangle in the center of the blue paper.

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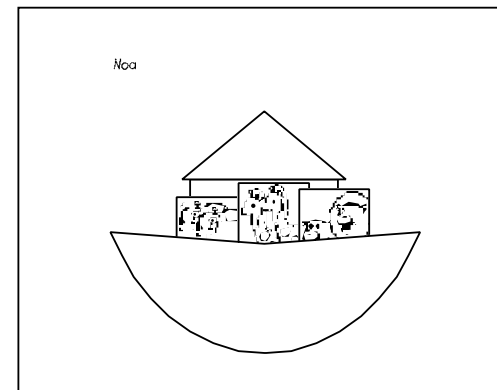
3. Give each child a brown roof. Have the child glue it on top of the rectangle.
4. Give each child a brown boat. Help the child to place glue only on the rounded edge of the boat. Then have the child glue the boat below the rectangle. See Figure B. NOTE: If necessary, help them to bend the boat at the fold, so that it forms a deeper pocket to hold the animals.
5. Give each child the three sets of animals to color.
6. Have the children place the animals inside the pocket of the ark.

Conclusion

Sing "The Animals Go Marching" from the Unit 17 Song Sheet. Sing about each specific animal, as the children march that pair of animals into the ark.

Teacher Tips

- For very young children give verbal direction, but also physically point out where they should glue the pieces of their arks.
- If you don't have brown construction paper, use a light color paper and draw horizontal lines across the paper to give it the look of wood.



Craft

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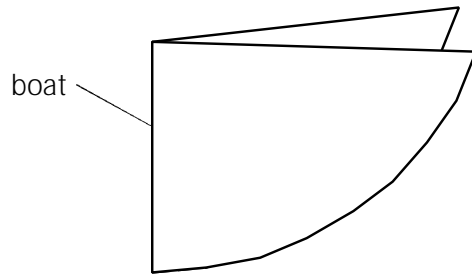


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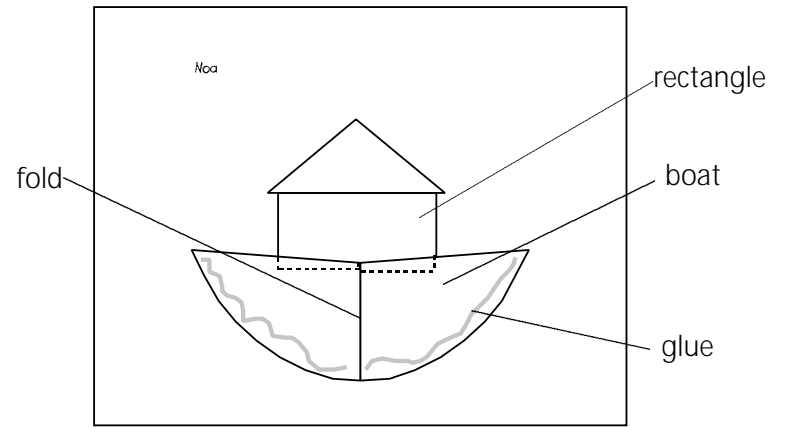
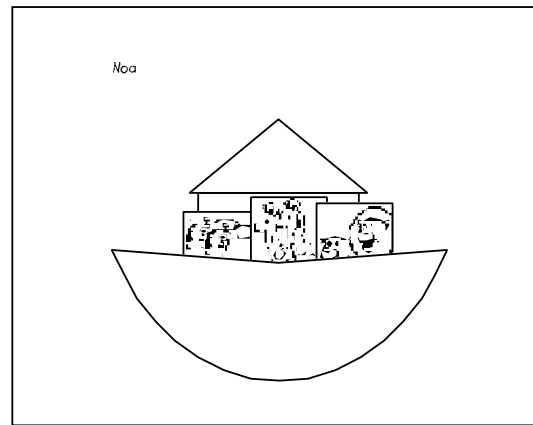


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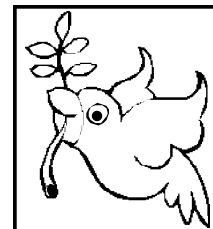
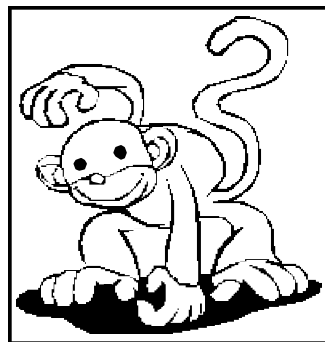
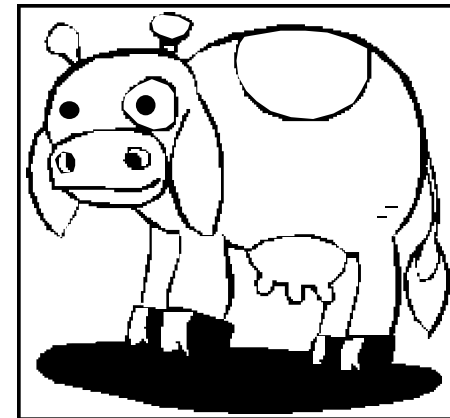
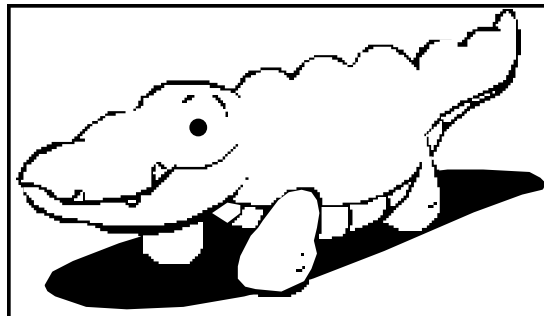
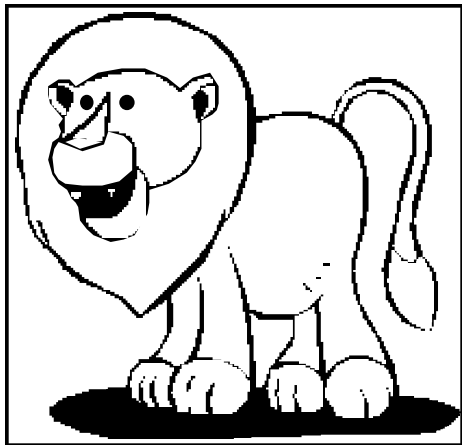
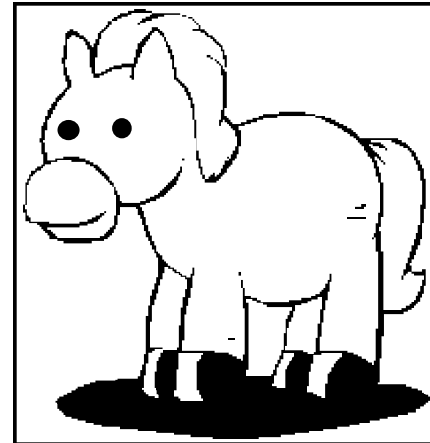
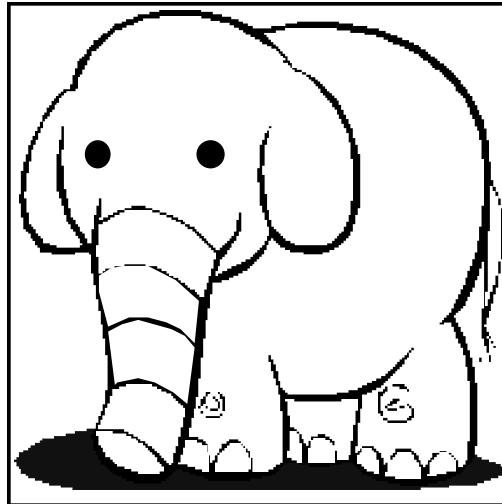
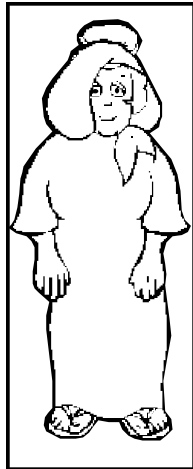
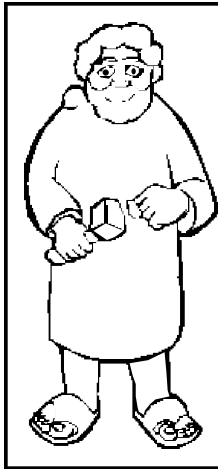


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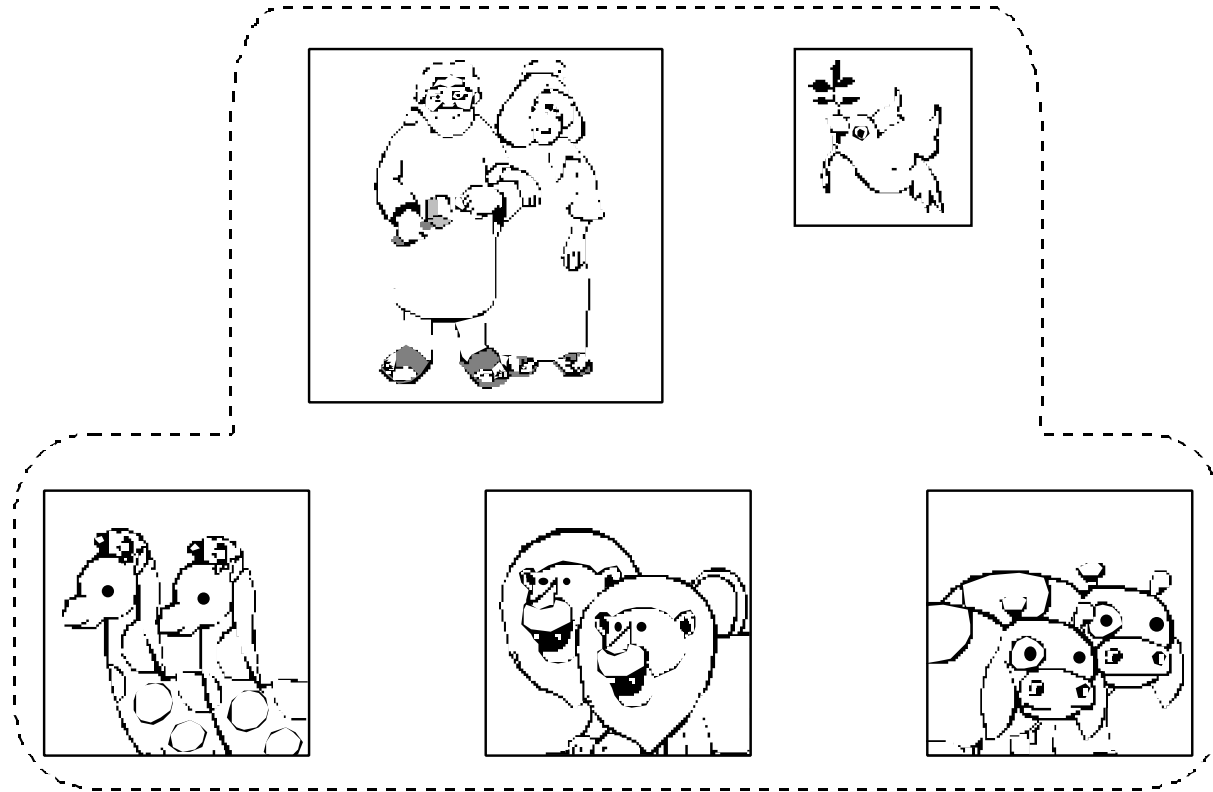


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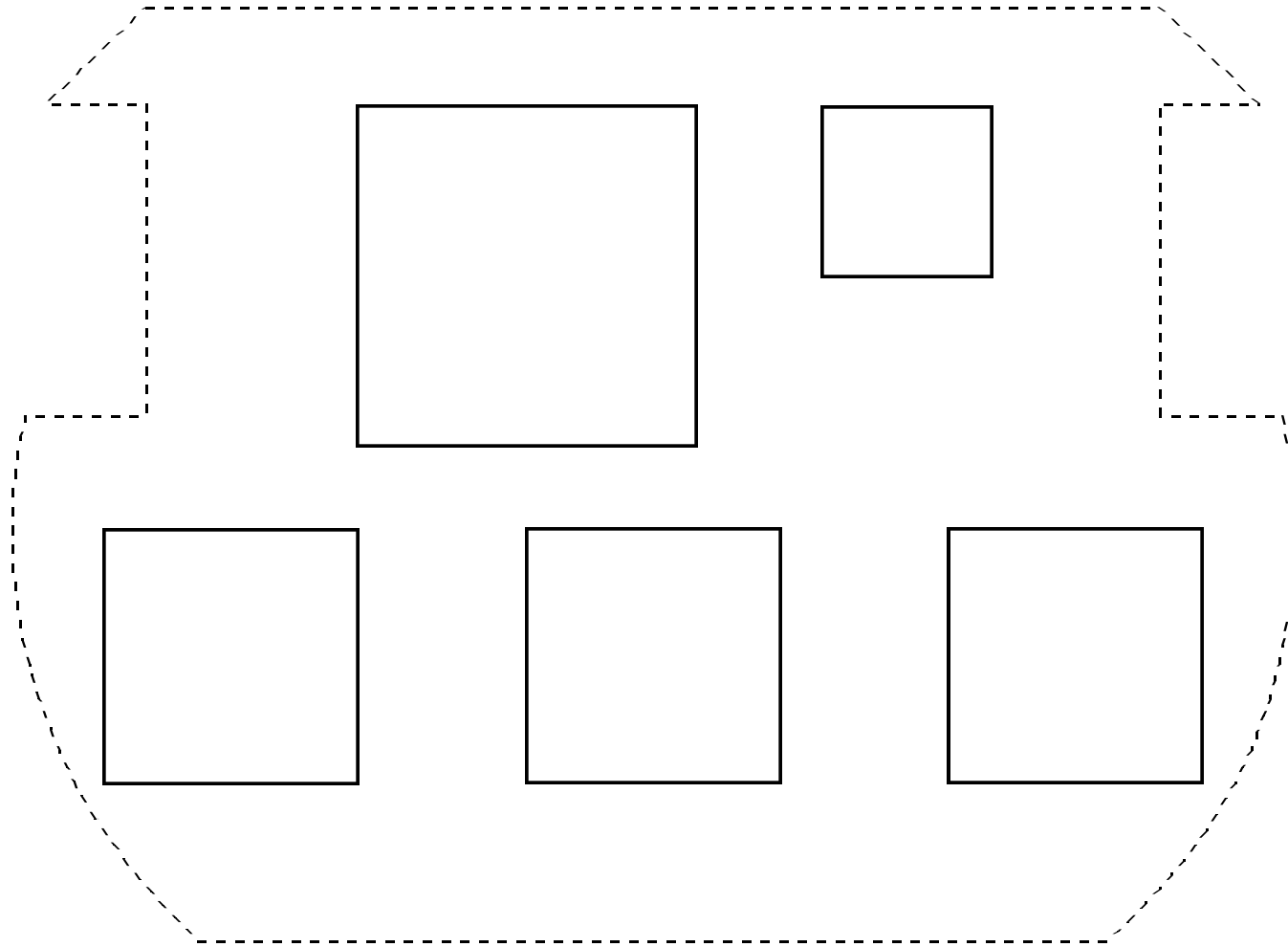


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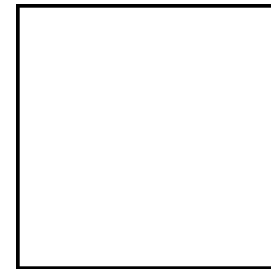




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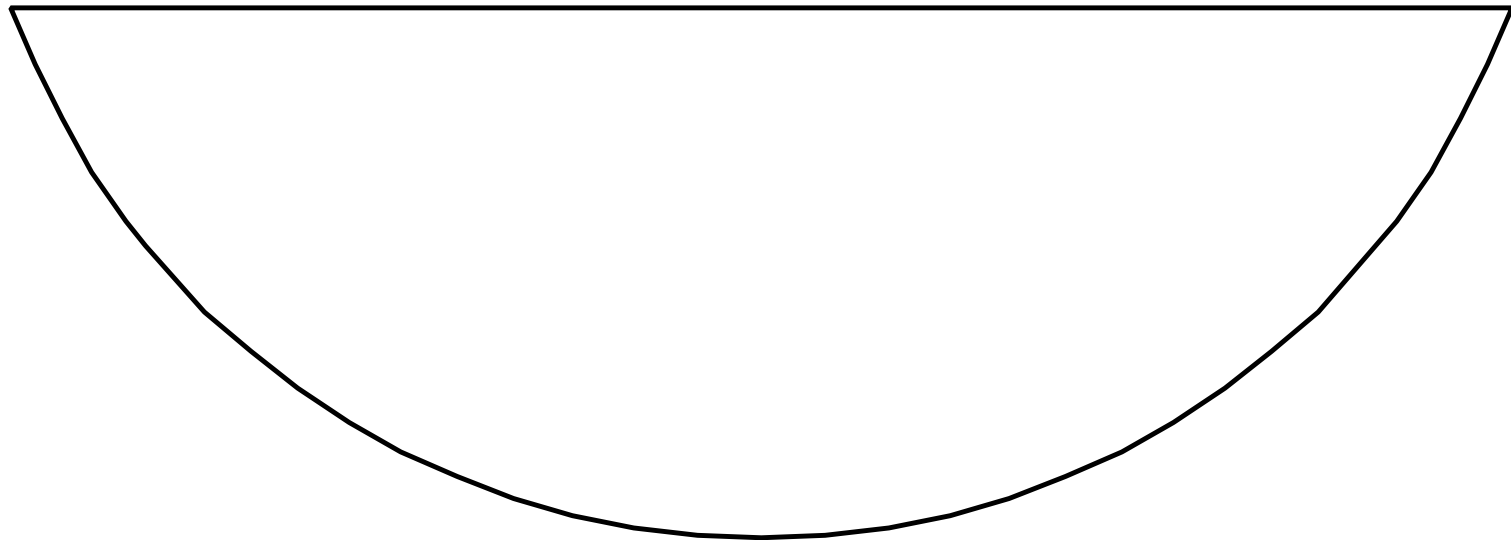


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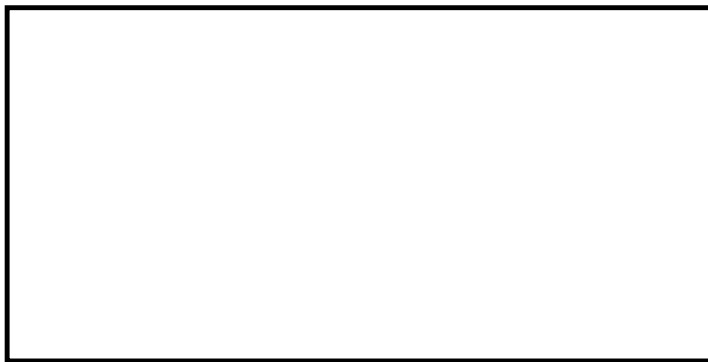




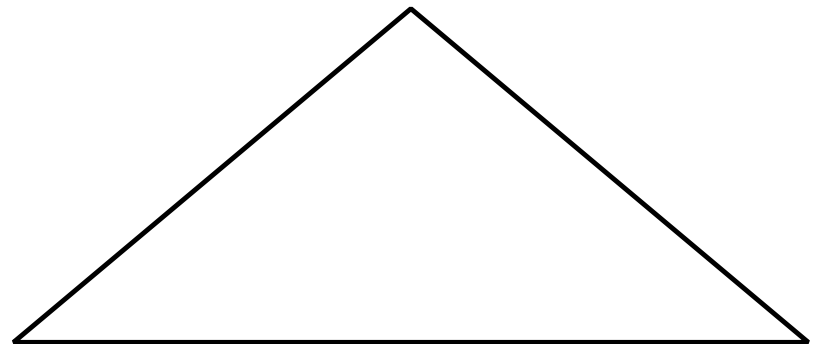
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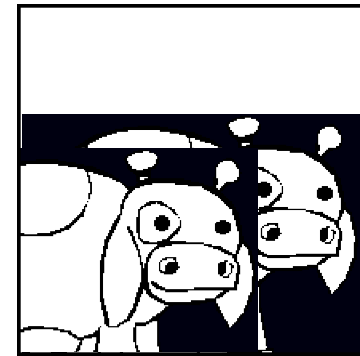
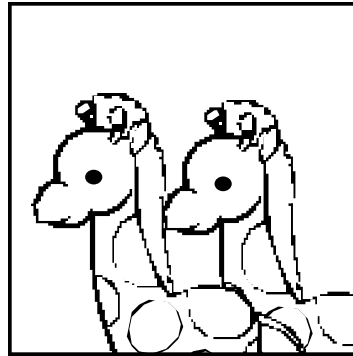
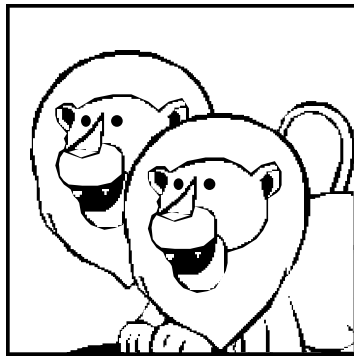


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