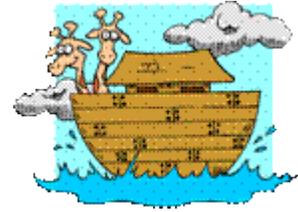


Get Ready!

Rain, Rain Go Away

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Text

Genesis 6, 7, 8

Key Quest Verse

“We must obey God rather than men!” (Acts 5:29).

Bible Background

God’s beautiful earth had become full of wickedness and violence and He could bear it no more. His heart was grieved with what He saw. The only bright spot in all creation was that of Noah, a righteous, blameless man who “walked with God.”

Instructed by God to build an ark, Noah obeyed. The Hebrew word used for ark is used only one other time in the Bible, when Moses’ mother made a basket in which to hide her baby. She, like Noah, coated it with pitch to make it watertight before placing it on the banks of the Nile River. Twice, God used an “ark” to preserve His chosen ones.

With divine blueprints in hand, 500-year-old Noah went to work building as God had said. His persistent faith and tenacious spirit kept him working day after day in spite of his neighbors’ ridicule. Told to take into the ark two of all living creatures, we never hear of Noah laughing or questioning God as others in the Bible sometimes did when they heard of God’s plan. Sarah laughed when she heard she was to give birth to a son in her old age. Moses reminded God that he was no public speaker. Jonah ran the other way and became breakfast for a giant fish. Genesis 6:22 says, “Noah did everything just as God commanded him.” Again, in 7:5, it says, “And Noah did all that the Lord commanded him.” No wonder God wanted to save him and his family. A child who didn’t talk back! So how long did the flood last? Historians have come up with these approximations:

May 10 – the animals entered the ark

May 17 – June 26 - it rained

Oct. 13 – the ark landed on Mount Ararat

Jan. 1 – the tops of mountains were visible

April 1 – doors of the ark were opened

May 27 – Noah and his family left the ark, a year and ten days after the flood began.

Get Ready!**Lesson Quest**

What I want my students to:

Know: Noah obeyed God.

Feel: Safe that God will always take care of you.

Do: Obey God.

Leader's Devotion

Many of us hear of the patience of Job in the Bible. Have you considered the patience of Noah. The project God directed Noah to complete lasted longer than our lives last today. Noah obeyed God and God saved him and his family.

How many projects do you have started around the house? Consider the enthusiasm you had as you began those projects. How long did it take before you became distracted or too busy to complete that special project? Sometimes it is difficult to complete projects, but consider Noah's example. It is important in our lives to obey God. When you are excited about a job completed, celebrate for a job well-done! Reinvent and create ways to celebrate the joy of living that God has given you. Obey God and celebrate life!

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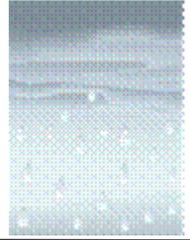
Option A**GOD SAYS (similar to Simon Says)****Materials:** None**Procedure:** The teacher says different things for the children to do, but the teacher will do other things to mix the children up.**The Bible tells us to obey God. It is difficult to obey when others around you are doing something they are not supposed to be doing.**

Rules: Follow instructions and obey what God says.

God says, touch your nose. (Teacher touches chin.) Correct children and tell them to obey . . .
We must follow what God says and not watch others.**God says, rub your head.** (Teacher rubs tummy.)**God says, quit rubbing your head and touching your nose.****God says, put your hand over your mouth.** (Teacher puts hands on forehead.)**God says, shake someone's hand.** (Teacher shakes hands in air.)

Continue with about ten “God Says” and end with **God says, sit in your chair. You’ve obeyed God very well. Was it easy or hard? What made it hard? Satan tries to distract us and keep us from doing as God says, just like I was distracting you! You’ve done some very strange things today, but you obeyed, and today we’re going to learn about a man who thought God was asking him to do some very strange things. He obeyed God even though others around him were doing other things.**

GO TO THE BIBLE STORY

Get Set!

Option B**HEAR THE RAIN COME DOWN**

Materials: Pie pans or empty pop cans

Procedure: How many of you have heard rain trickle down the side of your house or your window? Do you think we could make the sound of thunder and rain? First, tap the pie pans or squeeze the pop can to make the sound of thunder. To make the rain come trickling down; snap your finger together as a group, begin slowly and speed it up as the rain begins to fall faster. The rain is falling a little harder. Rub your hands together as the rain comes down. Now it is pouring. Pound on your legs quickly with your hands. As the rain slows down, rub your hands together. Now there's just a sprinkle. Snap your fingers and stop. What do you think would be going on inside the ark if this were the rain that Noah was hearing? Do you think we should repeat making the sounds, and include the sounds inside the ark of all the animals?

GO TO THE BIBLE STORY

Get Set!

Bible Story

Teacher Tip: Provide markers for students to highlight portions of the story in their Bibles

Materials: White fabric, ink pen, hairspray, mist water bottle

How many of you have been to the zoo? Can you imagine living with all of the animals in the zoo, but instead of being in the zoo, you live in a boat? Would it be fun to feed and take care of all the animals? Would you like to clean up after them? The Bible tells us of a man who did that. A long time ago, God looked down on the earth and saw people doing really bad things. Can you think of things that God can see that are bad today? God knew the people would be happier if they would just obey Him. Well, the people forgot about God and began to sin more and more. Finally, God decided the people were really bad. He had to get rid of the sin. Write SIN in ink on a piece of white fabric or on a picture of the earth; spray with hairspray and watch the sin disappear. Do you think God was sad for creating people? God, our Father in heaven was feeling just like our parents might feel when we have done something bad. He was sorry that the people had chosen to sin instead of obey Him. There was only one man who believed in God, Noah. God told Noah to make a big boat and He would protect him and his family. Noah got busy collecting wood just as God asked him to. He tried warning his neighbors. He told them, “You’re all going to drown if you don’t tell God your sorry and obey Him.” Probably the people just laughed and made fun of Noah. After all, it had never rained on earth before. They didn’t even know what rain was . . . water falling from heaven. They must have thought Noah was crazy, building a boat so far from water, and not just any boat, but a boat the length of 1 1/2 football fields and as high as a four-story building. Noah worked and worked with his sons Shem, Ham and Japheth and used the plans God gave him to build the ark. It must have been hard for the boys to remember God’s promise that He would protect them and take care of them if they just obeyed Him. Finally, it was time to put the hammers away! It took over 100 years, but the ark was finished. God told Noah what to take on the ark with him. He was to take all animals and birds and every kind of food. If you were taking animals on the ark, would you get a great big elephant or would you take a baby? Scientists have determined that the average baby animal is the size of a house cat. Of course, when the baby animals ate, there was more room in the ark from where their food was stored, so they had more room to grow. God said to Noah, “Go into the ark, you and your whole family. Take with you seven of every kind of clean animal and two of every unclean animal, a male and its mate. Seven days from now I will send rain on the earth for forty days and forty nights and wash the earth clean.” Then God shut the door. After seven days, guess what happened. Use a spray bottle and gently squirt the children. It rained and rained for forty days and nights, and the earth was flooded for 150 days. God remembered Noah and all the wild animals in the ark and sent a wind to help dry the land off. It took a long time for the waters to go down, and finally the ark stopped on the mountain of Ararat. After almost eight months of sitting on the mountain, God said to Noah, “Come out of the ark.” Noah and his family walked on dry ground with all the animals. Noah was a righteous man and had obeyed God. God kept His promise and took care of Noah.

Go!**Noah's Nifty Nail Sack****ARTS/CRAFTS**

Materials: 1 piece 6”x 11” construction paper/felt/canvas, hole punch, 36” or 45” shoestring or yarn

Quest Connection

Do you remember how long it took Noah to build the ark? We are going to make a nail sack like what Noah had to use to build the ark.

Procedure: Fold the 11” section in half, leaving two inches at the top to later fold down. Hole punch each side, every 1/2 inch and let the children sew sides shut with yarn. Using the top holes punched on either side, thread a shoestring through and tie the nail sack around each child’s waist. Fold the top lid down, so you won’t lose Noah’s nails.

Close

Noah worked long and hard to obey God and build the ark. What does God want us to do? How can we obey Him?

Go!**Noah and His Family****MUSIC****Materials:** None**Quest Connection**

We are to follow the directions of His word for our lives and obey Him and He will protect us and save us, just as he did for Noah and his family.

Procedure: Sing the following to the tune of “Itsy Bitsy Spider:”

Verse 1 with motions:

Noah and his family listened to the Lord, (put up pointer finger for Noah; add 7 fingers for family; cup ear to listen; point up to God.)

They gathered wood and built themselves an ark, (pretend to pick up wood and place in arm and hold nail and hammer.)

God sent the rain and washed away the sin, (raise and wiggle fingers in the air and slowly move them down and shake to wash away sins.)

And Noah and his family were saved by the Lord (put up pointer finger for Noah; add 7 fingers for family; cuddle arms like cuddling baby for saved; point up to God.)

Verse 2:

Now listen up God’s children; He’s watching from above (cup ear to listen; point at children; point to eyes; point to God.)

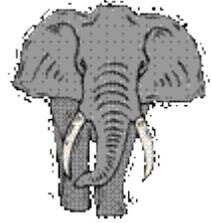
He hung the rainbow and promised us His love, (sweep your arm above your head and down other side for rainbow; place hand on heart for love.)

His word will help you make it through the day, (place your hand like a book and move them slowly up and down.)

And down come the blessings from God with love (raise and wiggle fingers in the air and slowly move them down; place hand on heart for love.)

Close

Noah and his family were in the ark for more than a year with many animals. God provided for Noah, his family and all the animals, because Noah obeyed and did as God commanded. We should obey God, and He will take care of us.

Go!**Two By Two****GAME**

Materials: Resource Page, scissors

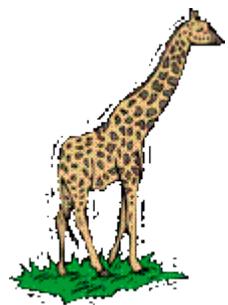
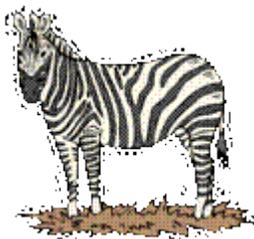
Quest Connection

Noah obeyed God and took two of each animal on the ark. God protected Noah and his family.

Procedure: Copy Resource Page twice and cut apart. Use as the same amount of pairs as you have students. With an odd number of children, the teacher must play, also. Choose an animal card and don't let anyone see the cards. Close your eyes and walk and talk like your animal while you try to find your match. The matched pair can then open their eyes and enter the ark.

Close

Enjoy animals crackers as a snack while reviewing the Key Quest Verse.



Go!**Rain Sticks****ARTS/CRAFTS**

Materials: 2 paper towel rolls, 100 round toothpicks, 2 rubber bands, crayons or markers, masking tape, plastic wrap, small dried beans, push pins (these are materials needed for each child)

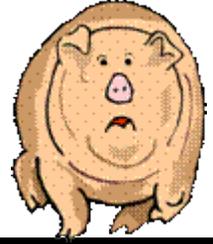
Quest Connection

It rained forty days and forty nights. Noah obeyed God and was safe inside the ark during all the rain.

Procedure: Tape 2 paper tubes together with masking tape into 1 long tube. Decorate your tube with markers or crayons. Cover one end of the tube with doubled up plastic wrap. Hold it in place with a rubber band. Use a pushpin to poke holes in the tube. Space the holes 1/2 to 1 inch apart. Do this for the whole length of the tube. (This can be done by the teacher.) Insert the pointy end of a toothpick through one of the pinholes and press it into the tube as far as it will go. Blunt the ends of the toothpicks sticking out of the tube by pressing them into the table or cutting them off with scissors. Put a toothpick in every hole. The more toothpicks you use, the more it sounds like rain. Pour the beans into the tube. Smaller beans work better. Use between 1/2 to 1 cup. Cover the other end of the tube with plastic wrap and seal it with a rubber band. Turn the tube slowly end-over-end and listen.

Close

Prayer: Dear Lord, thank You for keeping us safe always. Thank You for loving us so much. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Go!**Matching Game****GAME**

Materials: Index cards, scissors, animal stickers or Resource Page, glue

Quest Connection

Noah obeyed God and took pairs of animals into the ark to save them.

Procedure: Cut index cards in half and place matching animal stickers or use Resource Page, on half a card. Mix the cards up and turn the animal pictures face down on the table and children take turns trying to find matches. Have twelve different animals to choose from making a total of 24 cards. The person with the most matches wins. The first person turns over 1 cards and tries to find a match by turning 1 more card over. If a match is made, the person gets to keep the match and continue with their turn. If not, the two cards are turned over in the same place and it is the second person's turn. Continue until all animals make a pair. The person with the most matches wins.

Close

Prayer: Dear Lord, thank You for all of the different kind of animals you created. They are all unique and special. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Go!**Ark in a Bottle****SCIENCE**

Materials: large clear plastic soda bottle (for each child), water, oil, blue food coloring, button (for each child), glitter, hot glue gun

Quest Connection

What did God tell Noah to build? An ark. **Do you remember why God told Noah to build this ark?** He was not pleased with all the naughty people, so He was going to send a big flood to cover all the earth and the people on it. Noah and his family would be safe in this big boat.

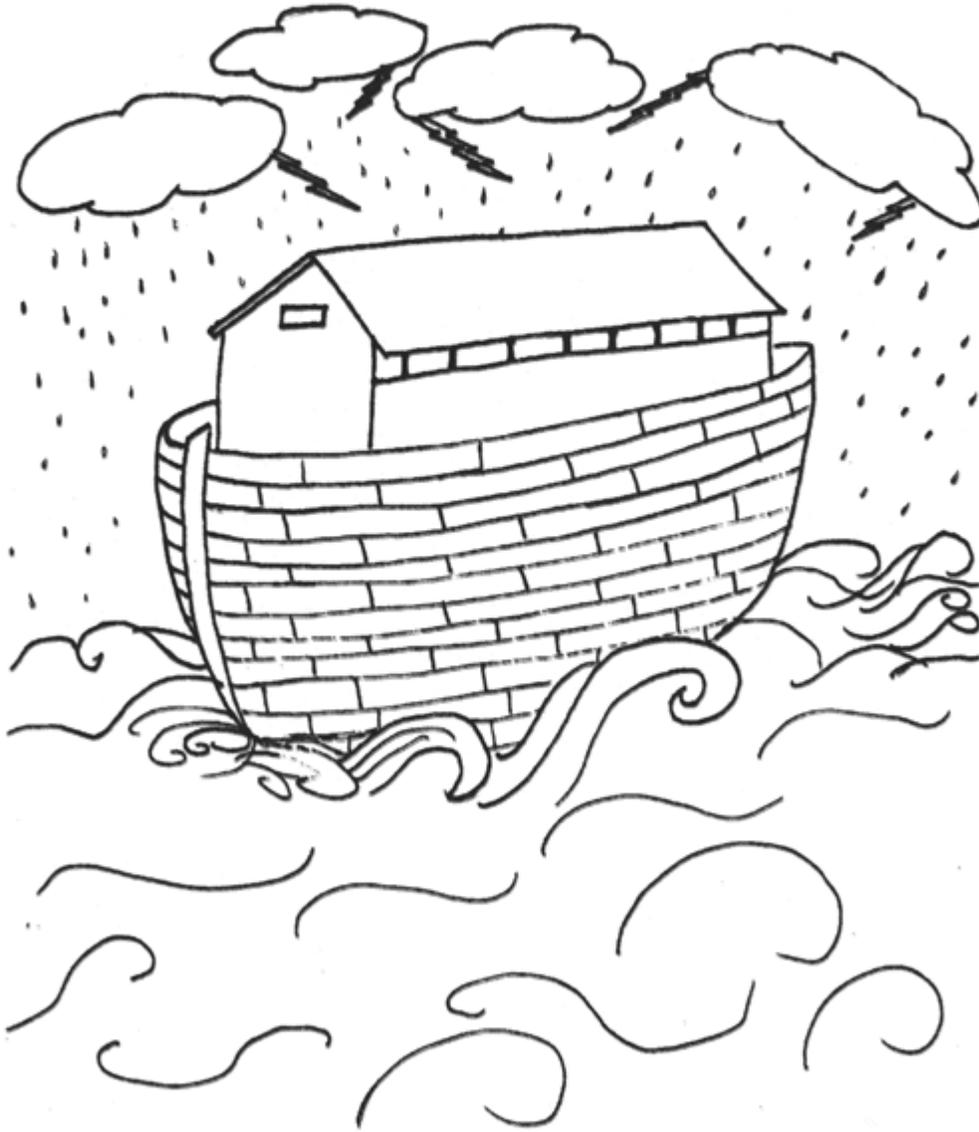
Procedure: Rinse the bottle and remove the labels. This is easily done by filling the bottle with hot water and wait until the glue melts. Empty the water out and peel the label off. Fill one half of the bottle with water and then 1/4 cup cooking oil. Add a few drops of food coloring and glitter. Drop the button (ark) in and hot glue the lid on tightly. Rock and roll, just as Noah and his family did during the rain of forty days and forty nights.

Close

Just like the water and oil don't mix, God and sin don't mix. God wants us to obey Him.

Rain, Rain Go Away!

“God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth.” Noah loved God and trusted and obeyed Him. God told Noah to make an ark, because He was going to send a great flood to wash the earth clean from sin. Noah and his wife and his sons and their wives were saved from the flood. God sent the animals in two by two and seven by seven. Noah trusted in God and obeyed Him. God saved Noah and his family.



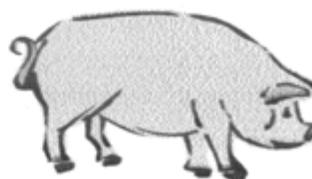
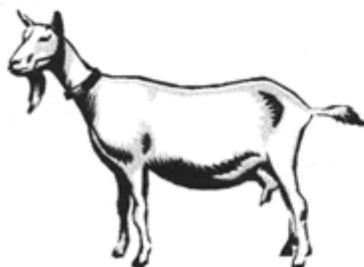
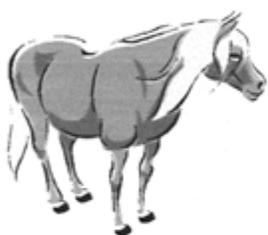
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Animal Sheet

*For "Two By Two Game," copy twice to make pairs. Cut apart.

*For Matching Game: Make 2 copies, cut apart and glue onto index cards.

*For story time: Use animals to help tell the story or use plastic animals. To make animals stand, cut a 1" strip of paper, 4" long; curl into a circle and tape onto the back of animals.



Word Search

Genesis 6, 7, 8 – The earth was full of sin. Noah loved God and trusted in Him. Noah and his wife and their three sons, Ham, Shem and Japheth listened to God. They built an ark to save the animals and their family. There were dogs, cats, lions, monkeys, horses, ducks, chickens and even skunks that lived on the ark. The wicked people did not obey God and He sent a flood. Noah and his family and the animals were safe inside the ark and the rain came down. It rained for forty days and forty nights. Noah trusted God and obeyed Him. We should trust and obey God.

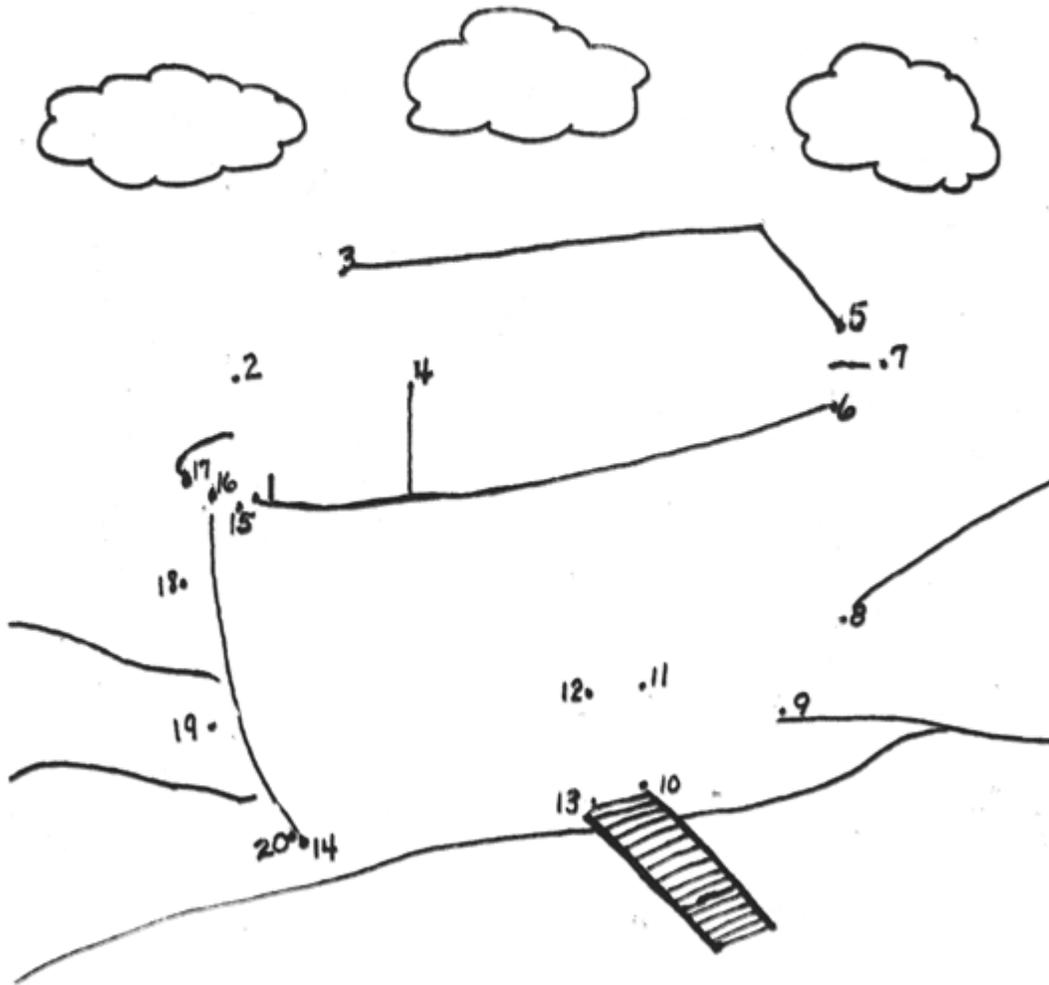
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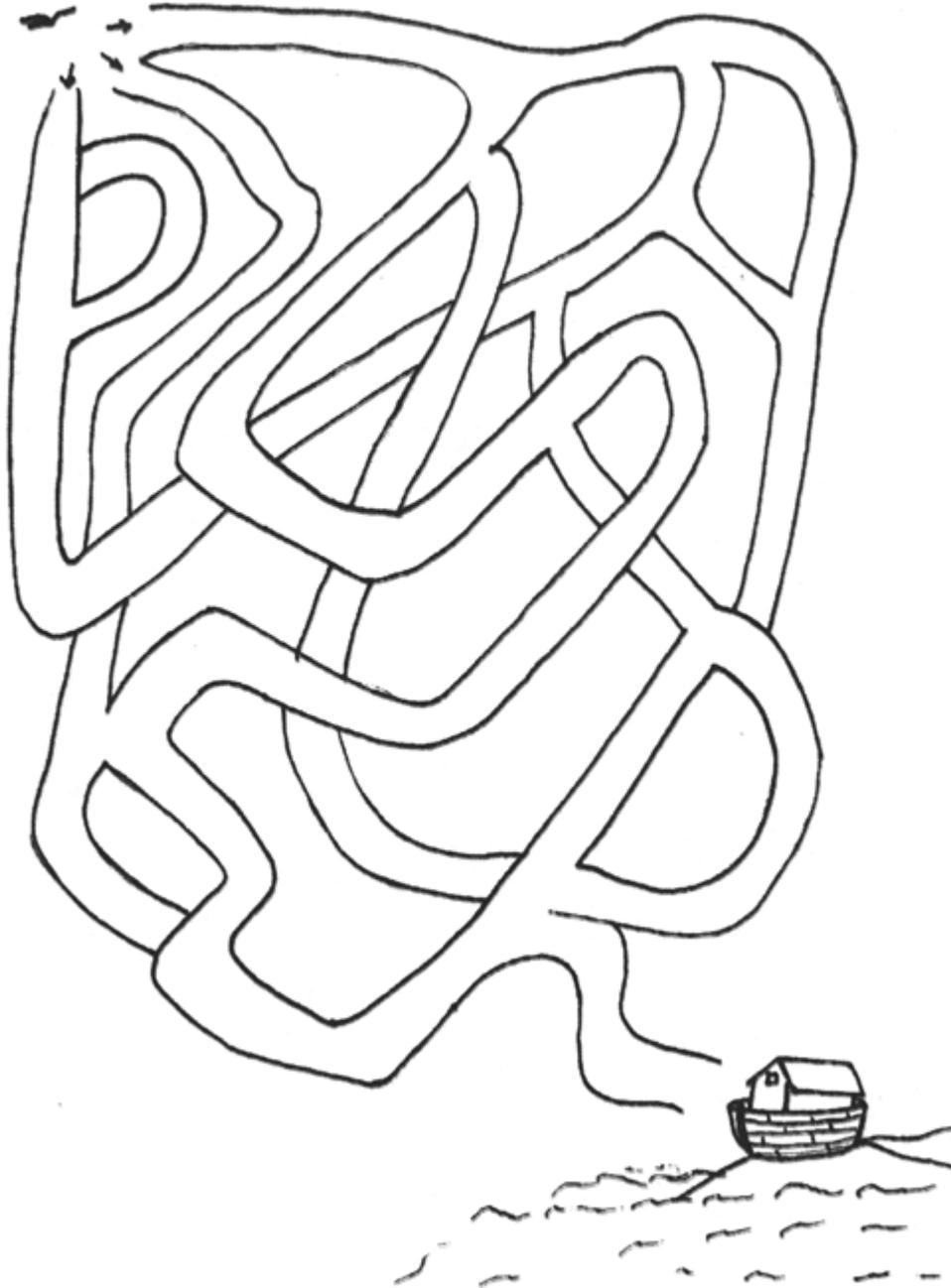
Genesis 6-8 – God gave Noah instructions to build something. Can you help him build it? Place animals around the ark using stickers or animal stamps and stamp pad.



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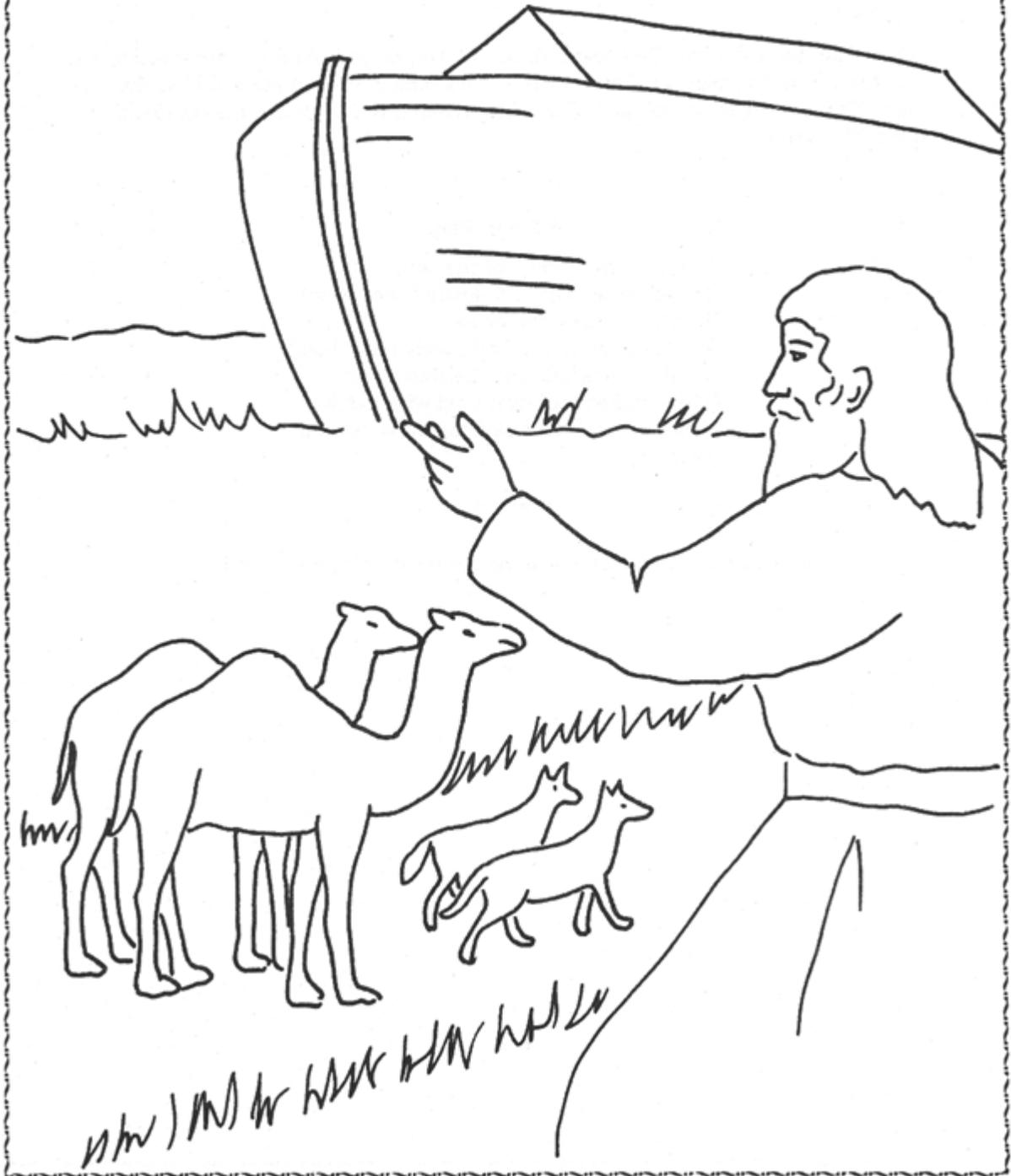
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Noah sent out a dove. Can you help the dove find its way back to the ark?



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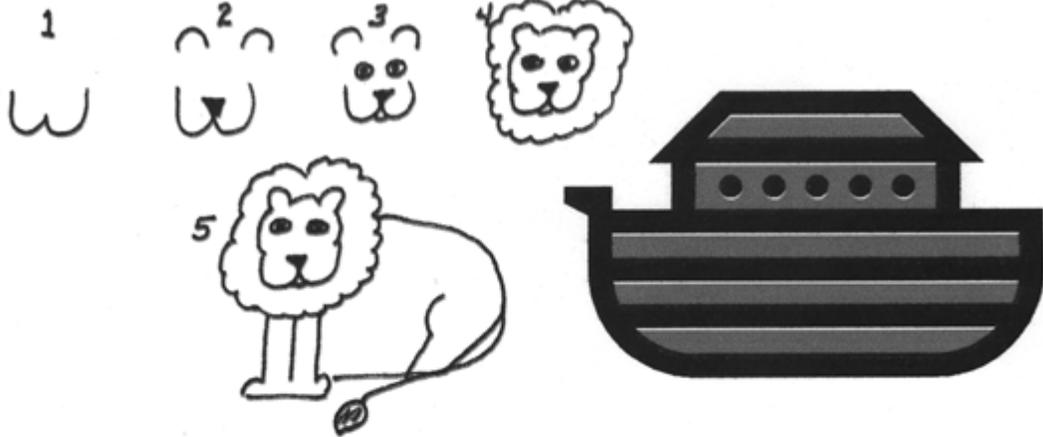
All kinds of animals went into the ark. Color the picture below.



Journals

OBEY GOD

Follow the directions and draw an animal that was in Noah's ark. How many lions were on the ark?



"We must obey God rather than men!" Acts 5:29b

Name: _____ Date: _____

Coloring Sheet: