Noah's Ark

Small World Play

a zoo; a farm;
a wooden Noah's Ark;
a safari set.

Does your animal have a partner?

My animals are going into the boat!

Art and Craft

Paint a huge class rainbow, then add an ark and animals; animal masks; rainbow streamers; paper boats; junk model arks; water resist paintings; welly boot printing; rain pictures.
Playdough: provide matchsticks, pebbles, feathers etc. and allow the children to create their own animals; provide animal cutters; make the numbers 1 and 2.

Who do Christians believe put the rainbow in the sky?

Snack

Rainbow fruit.
Animal or boat biscuits.
Animal decorated cup cakes.
Rainbow jelly.

Christians believe that God put a rainbow in the sky to show that he keeps his promises.

My strawberries are red!

Story Corner

Reading Area containing a variety of Noah's Ark story books.
Animal puppets to allow children to join in with the story. A cosy 'ark' made out of floor cushions with soft toy animals.

The story comes from the Bible.

I know the story!

Water Tray

Sieves, watering cans etc. to make rain.
Floating and sinking play.
Illustrate a flood.
Toy boats.
Wash and pair socks.
Corks and straws.

Christians believe that God kept Noah and his family safe in the big boat because it floated on the water.

My boat floats on the water.

Sand and Construction

Make a construction site in your sand tray - or add small world animals to the sand.
Provide large and small construction areas for ark building. Set up a work station. Provide enormous cardboard boxes to make a big boat.

Look at my big boat!

How big do you think the boat was in the story?

Writing Area

Be an architect and design the ark. Draw rainbows and colour them in. Draw pictures of the story. Make a thank you card.

My ark has three storeys, just like the one in the story!

Noah said thank you to God for keeping him safe.

Can you tell me the story?

My mummy keeps me safe. I've made her a card.

Music Area

Make a rain stick;
Noah's Ark rhymes and songs; counting songs;
the rainbow song;
rainbow scarves;
circle games.

Science and Technology

Make a boat that floats. Add cargo - how much can you add?
Floating and sinking.
Find out what is waterproof.
Discover how a puddle dries up.
Keep a weather diary.
Make a rain gauge.
Make a rainbow.

I wonder how Noah felt when he saw the rainbow?

In the story, Noah put tar on the boat to keep it waterproof.

The rainbow makes me feel happy.

Numeracy and Mathematics

Count in twos.
How many in a pair?
Matching and sorting animals.
Keep a weather diary and make a pictograph of the results.
Play tabletop matching and pairs games.
How many animals can you fit into your ark?

I wonder how many animals were in the boat in the story?

There are 12 animals in my boat.

Outdoors

Make a cosy den.
Go on a rainbow hunt.
Play in the rain and puddles.
On a dry day, make your own rain and dress accordingly.
Watch the puddles dry up.
Blow bubbles and look for rainbows in them.
Play in an area the size of the ark.
Parachute Games.
Pair games.
Animal games.

I wonder what it would be like to be stuck in the big boat for so long.

Where has the water gone?

The flood dried up and the animals came out to play again.

Christians believe that God kept Noah, his family and the animals safe during the flood.