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The Story of Noah's Ark

Early Level - Story Script

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The Story of Noah and the Big Boat

Start to draw a picture. Make a mistake, then another mistake. Scribble out some of it until it looks like a complete and utter mess. Ask the children if they think you can make this picture look right? Agree that the best thing would be to start again.

One day, God looked at the world and he was sad. ***Encourage the children to make a sad face.***

All the people were doing naughty things. Not just little naughty things. But really, really horrible, bad and supernaughty things. ***Encourage all the children to make a naughty face.***

They were not doing what God told them to do. They were not obeying him. They didn't love God and this made God sad. ***Encourage the children to make their sad face again.***

God was sorry that he had made the world and he decided to start again (just like my picture). But then God looked around and he saw Noah!

Noah was different from everyone else. He always listened to God and tried to do what God told him to. God wanted to keep Noah and his wife and his family safe. So God asked Noah to help him. He asked Noah to build a boat. It was a bit strange because Noah didn't live near the sea or even a river. But Noah always tried to do what God told him to, so he started to build the boat.

Pretend to build the boat together. Mime chopping down trees, sawing, carrying and hammering wood. Build rooms and a roof! Emphasise how big the boat was. ..long and tall and wide. Huge!

Then God told Noah something really strange. He told him "go and get two of every animal and bring them into the boat. I'm going to send a huge flood over the whole world, but I want to keep you and these animals safe."

So Noah got two of every animal.

Have some toy animals and a toy ark in a story bag. Ask for volunteers to find two matching animals and put them into the ark. Pretend to be the animals.

Once the animals were in the boat, God shut the door. ***Everyone clap.***

Then it started raining, and raining and raining. ***Encourage the children to make quiet rain noises and actions. Encourage the noises to get louder and bigger. If you are outside in autumn it can be fun to make it rain with fallen leaves.***

You can't imagine such a huge rainstorm!

Little puddles appeared and little puddles became big puddles which became a big flood. Everything on the earth was covered with water. The houses were covered, the hills were covered, even the mountains were covered with water! All you could see was water everywhere. But Noah and the animals were safe. Why do you think they were safe?

Accept answers. They were in a boat. What do boats do in water?

Finally after 40 days, the rain stopped, but Noah and his family and the animals still had to stay in the ark, because everything was covered in water. It was months before all the water dried up enough for them to come out. But finally, Noah sent a dove out – and when it came back with a leaf in its beak, Noah knew that there was dry land, and the plants and trees were growing again.

So Noah and the animals came out of the ark. God had kept Noah safe. What do you think Noah said to God for keeping him safe?

Encourage answers. Usually they guess fairly quickly. Noah said thank you to God.

Yes, that's right. Thank you! And God promised Noah he would never flood the whole world again. And he put a rainbow in the sky to show he was going to keep his promise. What colours are in the rainbow?

As the children suggest the colours in the rainbow ask them to look around the room, find something that colour and point to it.