



GET INTO
THE BIBLE



10 MINUTES



IN THE
CUPBOARD

NOAH'S ARK ACTION STORY

PART OF THE NOAH THEMED PROGRAMME



GETTING INTO THE ACTIVITY

Share the story of Noah's Ark in a fun and interactive way, using actions to bring the story to life.

Download the 'Noah's Ark Action Story' sheet. This tells the story of Noah's ark, but has suggested action to do along the way. This includes building the ark, collecting the animals, dodging the rain and much more!

Children will ideally need an umbrella for one of the actions, however this isn't essential if they don't have one.

Tell children that as you read out the story they should copy your actions as you do them. This activity works best when one leader can focus on reading the story and another leader is responsible for doing the actions. The actions can be found in the red brackets on the story sheet. The bigger and sillier you do the actions, the better. Have fun with it!



WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- 'Noah's Ark Action Story' Sheet
- Umbrella



KEEPING EVERYONE SAFE

Ask children to be careful when doing the actions and get them to check they have plenty of space to do them in.

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Once there was an old man who had a very long beard. **(Pretend to stroke your beard)** He was the only nice person in the whole neighbourhood. He worshipped and obeyed God all the time. Then one day, God spoke to him.

(Put your hand to your ear and pretend to be Noah listening to God) "Noah, you know what? I'm tired of all your neighbours being so selfish and mean. I would like you to have a new neighbourhood, and this is what I am going to do. I will take you to a new place in an ark, because I like you. I will make it rain for forty days and forty nights. There will be a great flood, but you and your family and all the animals will be safe."

Noah was surprised and asked, **(Raise your hand in confusion)** "What's an ark?"

God replied, "Well, It's like a boat, but very big. You will have to make it. It should be really wide, **(Spread your arms wide)** and really long. **(Spread your arms in the other direction)** You also have to make it out of very special wood. And you have to do this right away!"

Noah squinted up into the sunny sky, **(Look up, squinting)** "Oh!", he said. "I better get going!"

Noah and his family started by chopping some trees down. **(Pretend to chop down a tree)** Then once the trees were chopped he had to saw them up into planks. **(Pretend to use a saw)** Once that was done Noah had to build the ark by hammering the planks all together in the shape of an ark. **(Pretend to hammer the wood)**

After a while, Noah had built his ark. It was really long, really wide and really tall, just like God had asked. **(Thumbs up)**

All of his neighbours laughed at Noah. **(Start laughing)** "What's that silly thing Noah is making?" they would ask. "It looks enormous, and like a boat, but there are no oceans or rivers in sight. No water anywhere." And they kept on laughing. **(Continue laughing)**

Once Noah put the finishing touches to the ark, the clouds started to cover the sun. He heard God's voice again, **(Put your hand to your ear and pretend to be Noah listening to God)** "Noah, it's time to go!"

So Noah gathered up the animals, and he needed to make sure he had two of every kind. We had two _____, two _____ etc. **(List different animals and pause between each one to do the animal actions and sounds)**

Inside the boat, Noah could see how the sky was getting darker and darker. **(If possible, turn off a light in the room)** It became scary and quiet. Then, Noah heard it. A drop, then a second drop, then a third, then another and another, and they came faster and faster, and bigger and louder. **(Put up and hold an umbrella)** After a few minutes, it became a huge storm. The dry land started to get soaked in water. It rained and rained without stopping. After two days of rain, the ark started to float and still the rain kept pouring down. Soon the ark was in the middle of a large ocean. It rained more and more without stopping, for forty days and forty nights. Just like God said it would.

Then suddenly, it stopped! **(Put the umbrella down)** The sun began to shine **(Turn the light back on)** so Noah sent out a raven to find dry land **(Pretend to be a bird flying through the air)** but it came back to the ark. He waited a few more days and sent out a dove. **(Pretend to be a bird again)** It came back with a leaf in its beak. Then he sent the dove out again. **(Pretend to be a bird again)** He waited for many days but the dove never came back.

"Wow, the storm must really be over!" Noah cried. "I think it's safe to come out now, and it's a good job too! These animals are starting to stink up the place." **(Hold your nose and waft the air with your other hand)**

"Alright then, let's open the door and go out." **(Pretend to open the big door of the ark)**

Noah and his family and all the animals marched out from the ark to dry land **(March on the spot)** as they did so a huge rainbow appeared in the sky to show Noah that God promised to never flood the Earth again. God was pleased with what Noah had done. **(Give a round of applause)**

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