



**MONTHLY
BIBLE STORY**

Noah's Ark

GENESIS 6:8-9:17

BIBLE WORDS

"I know that God helps me."

PSALM 54:4, NIRV

BOTTOM LINE

God helps you do big things.

BASIC TRUTH

God loves me.

STORY TIME

Gather children on a rug or in a specific area of the classroom to tell the story. Some children (especially the younger ones) may wander. That's okay. They're still listening and learning!

WHAT YOU NEED: Preschool Bible, butcher paper, and washable markers

LEADER: "Hello, friends! I'm so glad to see you today. Come join me on the floor. Today's true story from the Bible (*hold up the Bible*) begins with a man named Noah! (*Draw a simple stick figure Noah.*) God had something big for Noah to do.

"God told Noah to build a really big boat. (*Draw a really big boat outline next to Noah.*) Then Noah's family and two of every animal got on the boat. (*Draw simple stick figures of Noah and his family, and several pairs of simple animal outlines on the ark.*) God shut the door, and it started raining. (*Draw raindrops.*) It rained and rained and rained. (*Draw wavy water at the bottom of the ark.*) When the rain stopped, God made the very first rainbow and put it in the sky for everyone to see! (*Draw a large rainbow.*) The rainbow reminds us that God's love for us is SO BIG (*draw a large red heart*) and that God keeps His promises. God helped Noah do big things, and **God helps you do big things.**"



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CRAFT TIME

Gather small groups of children around you at a table for toddler craft time. Depending on the size of your group, you may lead the craft two or three times. Not every child may want to participate in craft time. That's okay. Feel free to send home the craft materials for them to complete with their mom or dad.

WHAT YOU NEED: "Fingerprint Animals" Activity Page, cardstock, washable ink pads, baby wipes, and a permanent marker

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Fingerprint Animals" on cardstock, one per child. Write each child's name on their paper.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage children to pick a color for each animal. Help children press their finger on the ink pad and then inside the animal outline. Continue with each of the animals. Clean hands as needed.

WHAT YOU SAY:

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Noah did what God said. Noah filled the ark with two of every kind of animal! Look at the different animals on your paper. Let's fill them with your fingerprints! What animal is this? (*Point to the alligator.*) It's an alligator! What color do you want to make your alligator? (*Pause.*) Press your finger on the [color] ink pad then press it inside the alligator shape to fill it with color. (*Pause.*) Do it again for the other alligator. (*Pause.*) Super-duper! (*Continue with each animal. Clean hands.*) God helped Noah do big things, and God will help you do big things too. **God helps you do big things."**