**May 9th, 2021: pre-k thru 2nd grade
NOAH AND THE ARK lesson 2: noah’s big job**

**AS KIDS ARRIVE: TWO BY TWO COLORING PAGE (Materials: printed page, crayons or markers)**

***A Bible coloring page showing the animals coming two by two aboard the ark built by Noah. (Genesis 7)***

**WORSHIP TIME AND BIBLE VERSE:** "**Come my children, listen to me." Psalm 34:11a NIV**
Explain to the children that Noah listened carefully to God's instructions in order to build the ark.

 **BIBLE STORY:** Gather the children around you for story time. After the introduction, read the story about the building of the ark directly from the Bible. If possible, use a Children's Bible so it will be easier for the kids to understand.

**Introduction:** Listen carefully as I read a story about Noah and the big job that God gave him. It took Noah a very long time to do what God asked. Let's find out what it was that God wanted Noah to do.

**Read Genesis 6:13-22**

**Discussion Questions:**
1. In our story today what did God tell Noah to build?*(An ark.)*2. What did God tell Noah to put inside the ark? *(Two kind of each animals, male and female.)*3. Did the ark have a window?*(Yes, Noah was to make a window, to make a roof for it & finish the ark to within 18 inches of the top.)*4. How many floors or decks did the ark have?*(Three.)*5. What did Noah bring on the ark besides the animals and his family?*(Food.)*6. Was building the ark a big job? *(Yes, it was a very big boat.)*
7. How would you feel if God asked you to do something really big like He did of Noah? *(Allow for discussion.)*

**FUN TIME: NOAH SAYS GAME (Materials: none)**

**WHAT YOU WILL DO:** First, divide the children into three teams, and have one team be dogs, the other cats and the third team ducks. The kids will catch on to this game quickly.

Explain to the teams that they are dogs, cats, or ducks. Dogs bark and beg (arms raised and hands pointing down as if begging for food.) Cats meow and pretend to lick their paws (hands), and ducks quack and waddle (bending down with hands touching shoulders like wings.) Then give the instructions below.

When you give the commands preceded with “Noah says”:

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| Noah says "bark"Noah says "meow"Noah says "quack"Noah says "beg"Noah says "lick"Noah says "waddle"Noah says "be still" | all creatures barkall creatures meowall creatures quackall creatures begall creatures lickall creatures waddleall creatures stop |

 When you give the commands without saying Noah says first:

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| "Bark""Meow""Quack""Beg""Lick""Waddle""Be still" | only dogs barkonly cats meowonly ducks quackonly dogs begonly cats lickonly ducks waddleanimals keep doing what they are doing |

Any child who does not follow the command correctly has to sit out the rest of the game. The team with the last remaining player wins. Then mix up the teams and play again as time permits.
Note: For the older children, you can combine commands to make it more difficult, for example:

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|   | Noah says, "bark and waddle" (everyone barks and waddles)Without saying Noah says, "Lick and quack" (only cats lick and only ducks quack) |

**WHAT YOU WILL SAY:** Compare this game to our need to follow God in everything we do. When we follow Him, not only do we have fun, but we also please Him. As the animals followed Noah into the ark to be safe from the flood, God gives us His protection when we follow Him and trust Him with our lives.

**ALTERNATE FUN TIME: NOAH BUILDS THE ARK CRAFT (Materials: printed ark worksheet, animal worksheet, construction paper, yarn, crayons, glue sticks/tape, hole punch)**

***A Bible craft that allows kids to have fun building their own little ark with some happy animals.***

**PREPARATION:** Before class, print the Ark worksheet and the Animals worksheet. Cut out the Ark. Cut along the dotted lines of the Ark's door so that the door can open and close. Using the hole-puncher, punch out the two black circles on the top of the door. Glue the ark to a piece of construction paper using the glue stick. (Be careful not to glue the door shut.) Cut the animals out from the Animals printout or if you like, you can use animal stickers.
Cut 2 pieces of yarn approximately 7 or 8 inches long. You will need to cut out enough arks, animals, and yarn so that each child in class has their own copy.

**WHAT YOU WILL DO:** The children will take the animals you cut out (Or they can use the animal stickers you purchased from a local store) and paste them in the opening of the Ark's door. The next step will be to have the kids thread the yarn through one of the holes in the Ark's door. Tape one end of the yarn to the door. Tape the other end of the yarn to the side of the ark, just beyond the opening of the door. Repeat for the other side of the door. Next, have the children color the sides and roof of their Arks.

**WHAT YOU WILL SAY:** As the kids work on their project, ask them what it would have been like to be in the ark with all those animals. What kid of sounds would they hear? What kind of food would the animals eat?

**PRAYER/SNACK:** Thank God for providing various jobs for us to complete. Ask that God gives us wisdom to obey Him every day. Give the children a snack of pretzel sticks.

**What We Learned:** Today, your child heard mored about Noah’s obedience. God gave Noah all the instructions needed to build a boat so big it could carry two of every kind of animal, along with all of the food! Noah’s job was difficult because no one would help. The people in that land thought he was crazy. However, Noah listened to God and knew He was telling the truth about the coming flood. Your child learned that it is important to listen to and obey God's Word. (Scripture used: Genesis 6:13-22)

**Words to Remember:** "Come my children, listen to me." Psalm 34:11a NIV Practice this verse several times with your child during the week. This will not only help him or her remember the verse, but it will also help to reinforce what was learned during class.

**Suggested Parent/Child Activity:** Let your child help you do something that requires a little bit of work. For example, you can rake the leaves, wash a car, or help someone else who needs a helping hand. Remind your child that it is important to do what we are told to do. God told Noah to build an ark. Although it may not have made a lot of sense at the time, Noah obeyed and it saved his and his family's lives. While working together, remind your child that when God asks us to do something, it is for our benefit and we should obey Him. And just as Noah helped to save all the animals on the ark, God wants us to help others as well.

**Daily Prayer:** Dear Lord, Thank You for giving us things to do. Some things might be big and some might be small, but You ask us to do them. I pray that You help us do these jobs without fussing or complaining but remembering that we are doing them for You. Amen.