

Lesson: Mom on a Boat

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Ask: *Allow time for answers.*

- What do you know about Noah and the boat God told him to build?

Read: Genesis 6:18, 19 (NIV) “But I will establish my covenant with you, and you will enter the ark - you and your sons and your wife and your sons’ wives with you. You are to bring into the ark two of all living creatures, male and female, to keep them alive with you.”

Say:

- We are going to talk about Mrs. Noah today.

Ask: *Allow time for answers.*

- Do you know how long Mrs. Noah and her family were on the boat?

Say:

- Mrs. Noah and her family were on the boat for a little over a year.
- That is a long time to live on a boat while taking care of your family and all of the animals.

Ask: *Allow time for answers.*

- When God told Noah to build the ark and live in it with his family for that long period of time, do you think Mrs. Noah knew it would be hard?
- Why do you think she obeyed God if it was going to be so hard?

Say:

- Mrs. Noah knew that she had to listen to God to keep her family safe.

Ask: *Allow time for answers.*

- How do you think she cooked meals on the boat?
- Do you think everyone helped with caring for the animals?
- What kind of bed do you think she tucked her family into at night?
- Do you think they sat down to a family meal every night?
- Do you think it was tough being a mom on a boat?
- Do you think Mrs. Noah was thankful for the big boat?

Say:

- As tough as life was on the boat, Mrs. Noah was probably thankful for the big boat, because it saved her family from the flood.
- Sometimes the things God wants us to do are tough, but they are what is best for us and maybe even for our family.
- Being a mom on a boat was tough, but it did keep her family safe.
- After Mrs. Noah and her family left the boat, God made a promise to them.

Ask: *Allow time for answers.*

- Do you know what that promise was?

Say:

- Let’s read two verses and see what the Bible says about the promise.

Read: Genesis 9:14, 15 (NIV) “Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will remember my covenant between me and you and all living creatures of every kind. Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life.”

Say:

- God promised that He would never destroy all life on earth again with a flood.

Ask: *Allow time for answers.*

- What does God put in the sky as a reminder of His promise? *A rainbow.*

Say:

- We know Mrs. Noah was thankful for the boat that saved her family.

Ask: *Allow time for answers.*

- Even though Mrs. Noah was thankful for the boat, do you think she was thankful for the promise, knowing that she would never have to be a mom on a boat again?

Final Thought: Doing what God says is not always easy, but it is always what is best for us and sometimes it is what is best for our families. Being a mom on a boat was not easy for Mrs. Noah, but since she and her family were faithful to what God wanted, her family was safe. For a mom, that is very important.

Activities: Mom on a Boat

Craft: Building a Boat

Items Needed:

- General: Newspaper, Tape, Scissors, Paint Brushes, and Craft Paint
- Per Child: 1 Apron, 1 Cardboard Milk Carton (Start the opening in the milk carton for the children to cut out the opening or just cut the opening prior to giving them the milk carton.)

Instructions:

- Cover the table with newspaper and give each child an apron to protect his or her clothing.
- Start the opening or cut the opening in the side of the milk carton.
- Give each child a milk carton.
- Have the children finish cutting the opening in the side of the milk carton, saving the cutout piece.
- Tell the children to fold the cutout piece to make a bench for their boat and tape it in the bottom of their boat.
- Have the children paint the inside of the boat.
- If they paint the outside of the boat, the paint needs to be waterproof.
- Tell the children they can use their boats to tell others about the story of Noah and his family.



Indoor Activity: Guess the Animal

Instructions:

- Have the children pretend to be different animals that were in the ark with Noah.
- Have each child choose an animal and pretend to be that animal.
- The rest of the class is to guess what animal the child is pretending to be. For example: a frog, rabbit, dog, etc.
- If the children need to be quiet, they can make motions only with no sound.
- When a child has guessed the animal, it is his or her turn to pretend to be the animal.

Outdoor Activity: Animal Relay Race

Items Needed:

- Small Pieces of Paper
- 2 Boxes or Bags

Instructions:

- Split the children into two teams.
- Give each team several pieces of paper and a bag or box.
- On the paper, have the children write different animals that were on the ark with Noah.
- When they have written the animals down, ask them to put them into their bag or box.
- Have one child on each team place his or her team's box at the relay line and return back to the start line.
- The children are to race to the relay line one child at a time and, without looking, pull a piece of paper from the bag or box and pretend to be the animal that is written on the paper before running back to the start line.
- Each child is to take a turn until all of the animals in the bag or box have been taken out.
- An alternative is for the teams to swap bags or boxes, so they are pretending to be the other team's animals.