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KIDS

NURSERY



GOD LOVES ME

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God loves you and me.

WORDS FOR BABY

"Baby, God loves you so very much, and God keeps His promises. We can trust Him with all our heart!"



September 2020

Curriculum for Nursery A

We want our babies to take a first look at who God is and understand:

God made me.

God loves me.

Jesus wants to be my friend forever.



Bible Words: "Trust the LORD with all your heart." Proverbs 3:5, NCV

Bottom Line: God keeps His promises.

Basic Truth: God loves me.

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WEEK
ONE

TODDLERS
AND
EARLY PRE-K
(AGES 1-3)



September 6, 2020

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Story Time

What You Need: Preschool Bible (*Option: If you have the Little People® ark, you can use it while telling the story.*)

LEADER: "Hello, friends! Come sit over here with me. It's time to hear our TRUE story straight from the Bible. (*Hold up Bible.*) Today I want to tell you a story about a man named Noah.

"One day, God told Noah to build a really, really, REALLY (*stretch arms out wide*) big boat called an ark. He had never seen a boat that big before. But Noah trusted God and built the ark just like God told him to.

"God wanted Noah to fill the ark with two of every animal—one boy and one girl. Can you tell me some animals? (*Pause*) Yes! All of those animals were on the ark. There were elephants and lions and birds and zebras. After all the animals were on board the ark, God told Noah to get his family and go inside the ark, and then God closed the door. And that was a good thing, because it soon began to rain!

"It rained for 40 days and 40 nights until the WHOLE world was covered in water. Noah and his family were kept safe on the ark, though, because Noah believed God's promise.

"Finally, the water went down, and land began to appear. God told Noah, 'It's safe now. You can come out of the ark and bring all the animals with you.' God kept them safe just like He promised. And then God made a rainbow! The rainbow was a sign of the promise between God and every living creature that God would never flood the whole earth again. I love it

when I see a rainbow, because it helps me remember that **[Bottom Line] God keeps His promises.**"

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: "Ark" Activity Page, brown marker or crayon

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy "Ark" onto cardstock and cut on the dotted lines. Each child needs one sheet.

During the Activity: Retell the story as the children color in the ark with the brown marker or crayon.

What You Say:

During the Activity: "Today we learned about a man named Noah. One day, God told Noah to build a really big boat called an ark. Noah trusted God and built the ark just like God told him to.

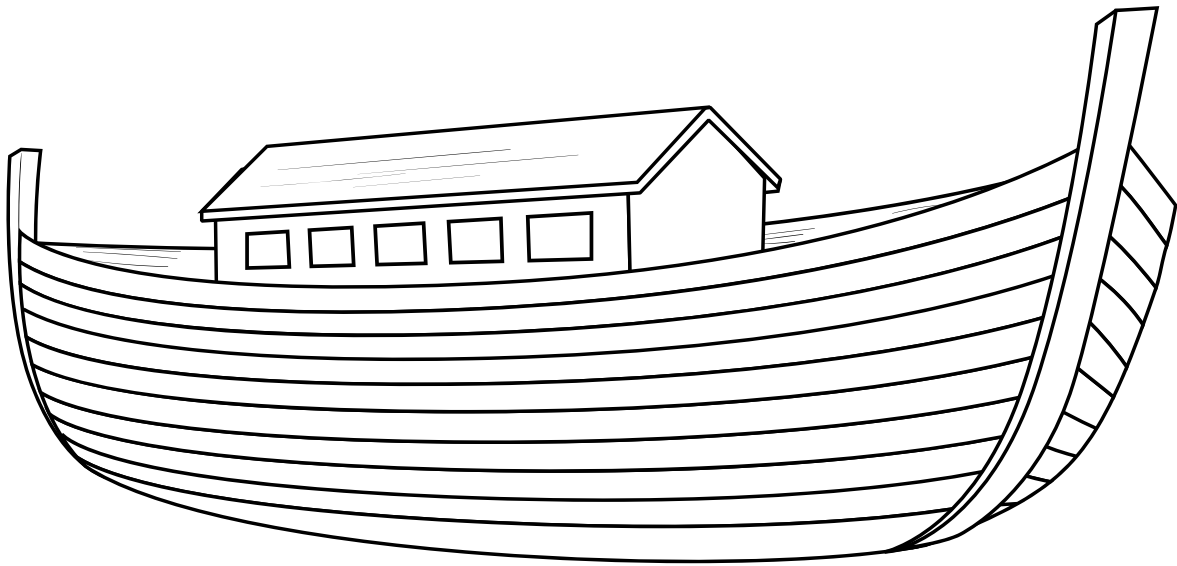
"God wanted Noah to fill the ark with two of every animal. There were elephants and lions and birds and zebras and every other kind of animal. After all the animals were on board the ark, God told Noah to get his family and go inside the ark, and then God closed the door. Then it started to rain and rain and rain.

"It rained for 40 days and 40 nights until the WHOLE world was covered in water. Noah and his family were kept safe on the ark, though, because Noah believed God's promise.

"Finally, the water went down, and land began to appear. Noah and the animals came off the ark. Then God made a rainbow! The rainbow was a sign of the promise between God and every living creature that God would never flood the whole earth again.

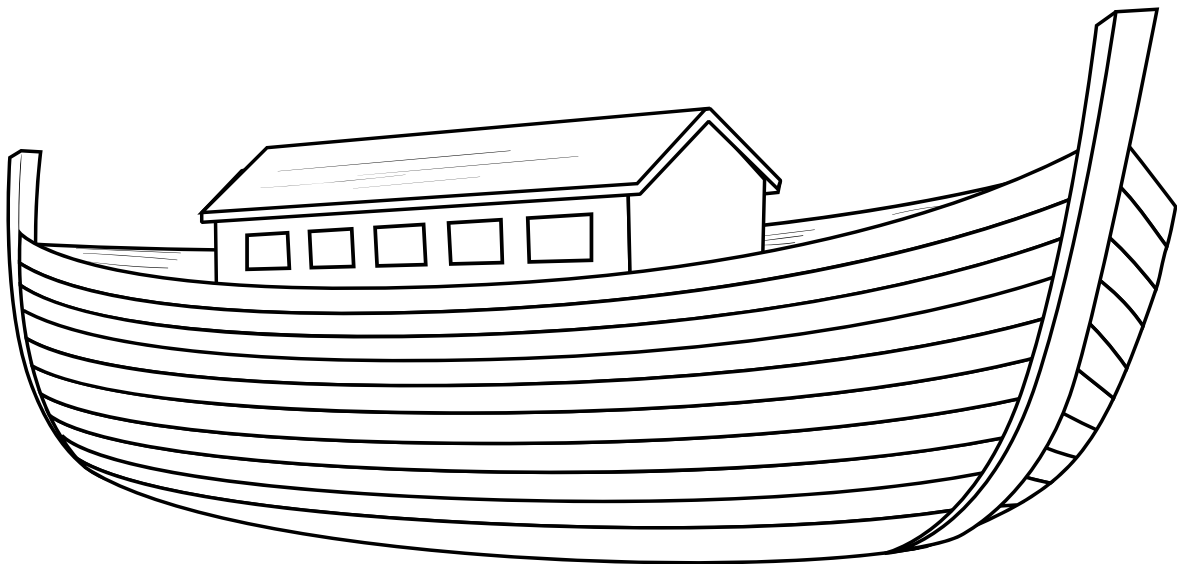
"Look at your paper. I see the ark! Let's color it with our brown marker or crayon. (*Do activity.*) Good job!

"God kept Noah safe on the ark and then sent a rainbow to remind us that **[Bottom Line] God keeps His promises.**"



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Noah • Genesis 6:8-33; 7:1-24; 8:1-9:17



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Ark • Ark • September Week 1

Copy on white cardstock and cut on dotted lines. Provide one per child.

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PRE-K



WEEK ONE

EXODUS 3, PSALM 118:7

God speaks to Moses from a burning bush to tell him what to do and promises to be with him.

**SAY
THIS**

**WHO KEEPS
HIS PROMISES?
GOD KEEPS
HIS PROMISES.**

**DO
THIS**



MORNING TIME

When you go into your child's room this month, say, "Good morning! God loves you THIS much (hold your arms out wide) and so do I!" (Wrap your arms around your child and give them a big hug.)

REMEMBER THIS

"Trust the Lord with all your heart."
Proverbs 3:5, NCV

**BASIC
TRUTH**

GOD LOVES ME.

**THE BEST WAY TO HELP YOUR
FOUR-YEAR-OLD LEARN**

By Jennifer Walker

Who really knows what provokes that mischievous glint in the eye of a four-year-old just moments before they deliver the kick that makes the block tower tumble? I suspect it's something about the thrill of destruction combined with the wondrous spectacle of discovery.

Four-year-olds blend the reckless abandon of toddlerhood with the wide-eyed glimmer of preschool learning. You don't have to look very closely to see the wheels turning in that still-disproportionately-large head of theirs. They're taking in everything they possibly can about the big world around them—categorizing things, naming things, and putting it all together like a puzzle.

But the world of a preschooler is much more complex than the average puzzle. Every time your four-year-old learns something new, they will immediately discover three more things they never thought to ask. Life is a maze of questions and answers that lead to more questions.

As a preschool leader at a church preschool, I still remember the day I was tasked with teaching the Ten Commandments. An advanced four-year-old child who could read asked me what "adultery" meant. Caught off guard, I replied, "It has the word 'adult' in it, and when you are one, you'll understand."

Four-year-olds are notorious for asking

questions that are hard to answer in their terms. Most parents of four-year-olds will find themselves stumbling through long, winding explanations about things they aren't even sure they know how to answer in adult terms. But don't overthink it. Most preschoolers will remember the reaction on your face and the tone of your voice far longer than they will the accuracy of your words. It's okay to leave some questions unanswered. Or, better yet, to only give the shortest, simplest answer possible. Just remember the privilege of simply connecting to the heart of the four-year-old who is looking to you to guide them. We are, as exhausted explainers of every variety, quite beautifully, the first voice that gets to show the way.

Maybe that's what makes this year the most incredible year for establishing a solid foundation in your preschooler's heart and mind. You are their first teacher, setting the tone for the elementary school years. So use this year to engage their wonder and imagination. Take a few minutes each week to get into their world. Listen and learn alongside them. Let their curiosity remind you to ask a few questions about life that maybe you haven't considered in a very long time.

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