

Noah's Ark

The symbol of the rainbow has become very important over the last few months. If we look back to the story of Noah's Ark- the symbol of the rainbow represented hope of God's promise never to destroy the Earth again.

- 1) Start by lighting a candle and bring to your prayer focus an image of a rainbow. Say a prayer together or listen to the hymn 'Who put the colours in the rainbow' <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l9GsKFiaRo0>

"Dear God. We thank you for the chance to meet once again in your presence. Help us to learn more about your work and to understand how we can follow in your footsteps. Amen"

- 2) Read together the story of Noah's Ark from your own children's Bible or use the link:
<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=genesis+6-8&version=ICB>
https://bibleforchildren.org/PDFs/english/Noah_and_the_Great_Flood_English.pdf
- 3) Key questions:
 - Why did God send the flood to the Earth?
 - What made Noah special in the eyes of God?
 - Why did Noah need to build the ark?
 - What was the world like after the flood?
 - What did God promise to the people and the land?

- 4) Suggested follow up activities:
 - Create an image of a rainbow and onto your rainbow write a prayer to God- asking for help, saying thank you, saying sorry
 - Retell the story from the point of view of Noah (could be in the form of a story, diary, newspaper etc.)
 - Write a letter from God to Noah asking for his help with the flood. Remember to explain why God was cross with people on Earth and the meaning of the symbol of the rainbow.
 - Build an ark and annotate with pieces of scripture and the symbol of the rainbow.
 - Create a story board of pictures to illustrate the story of Noah's Ark.
 - Think about the different symbols from the story (rainbow, ark, dove, Noah, animals etc.) Write a description of what each symbol represents.
- 5) Go back to the image of the rainbow you used at the beginning for your reflection. Listen to the hymn again. The rainbow represents hope- what are your hopes? What do you hope for? Where do you see hope?

