

Activity	Materials
<p>Warm up / welcome game: matching up animal pairs (animal snap cards)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oh dear, all my animals are mixed up. Can you put the pairs together? Pairs are the ones that are the same. <explore the ideas of ‘the same’ and ‘different’ as you play> • What noises do these animals make? • There are pairs of animals in our story today. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • animal snap cards
<p>Attention grabber: big boats</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does anyone know what is in this picture? <show picture of a ferry / container ship> • Have you ever been on a boat? What does it feel like? Let’s rock from side to side and pretend we’re in a boat. • In our story today, God told someone to build a very big boat. That man’s name was Noah. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • picture of ferry / large container ship
<p>Story and question time: Noah builds the ark</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tell the story using a plastic container put animals and peg doll people into the ark. • Close the lid tight, put it into a larger container or tub • Using a watering can, make it rain over the ark while counting to 40 • Show the rainbow and explain that God promised never to send a big flood like that one again. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • icecream container & lid • larger container or sink • plastic animals • 8 peg dolls • small watering can • picture of a rainbow
<p>Activity time: watering can (sensory play and fine motor skills)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • give everyone a turn with the watering can making it rain, counting to 40 as they do 	
<p>Craft time: Ark collage picture</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give everyone an outline of the shape of the ark (draw freehand or find a graphic online) • Colour the pictures and stick the animal stickers or foam shapes onto the ark <talk about the different animals the children choose, eg. What noises do they make? What do they like to eat? How many legs do they have?> • Glue on small pieces of blue cellophane for the water <take some time to explore how the world looks different through a piece of cellophane ... perhaps contrast with yellow and red> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • template outline of ark eg. Noah's Ark Template About.com • crayons / colouring pens • animal stickers or foam animal shapes • blue cellophane (red and yellow optional)
<p>Game: Can you fly? Can you swim? Can you run?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sort the animal pictures into those that can swim, those that can fly and those that can run 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • animal / fish / birds snap cards
<p>Craft time: paper plate rainbows</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Show everyone the picture of the rainbow, remind them about God’s promise. • Give each child a ½ paper plate to make a rainbow (either glue cotton wool onto the paper plate and add the streamers to the straight edge, or glue the streamers around the arch of the paper plate, leaving enough at each end to dangle down) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • paper plates cut in 1/2 • coloured crepe paper streamers • picture of a rainbow • cotton wool (optional)
<p>Memory verse: The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. Hebrews 13:6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do you know what a helper is? What sorts of things can kids do to help? <picking up toys, etc.> The Bible says that God is our helper, He looks after us and helps us to grow and to do lots of things. • This is our new memory verse. I am going to say it a few times, can you say it too? <Give everyone a sticker for trying.> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • memory verse sheets • stickers
<p>Take home:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colouring sheet 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • colouring sheet (page 27 in Action Heroes teacher book)

NB: mix and match the activities to suit your students’ interests and abilities as well as the materials you have available

Notes:

Fine motor skills and sensory play

- Fine motor development is aided through activities that strengthen hand muscles and promote hand-eye coordination (eg. using a spoon, tongs or tweezers to move objects, threading items onto a pipe cleaner, playdough, sticking and removing stickers)

Making props

- You can make **flash cards** with matching animal stickers on squares of cardboard or clip art on a computer. You may also find sets online to download.
- The Bible story illustrations from Sweet Publishing are Creative Commons licenced and can be reproduced for Sunday School props. <https://distantshoresmedia.org/resources/illustrations/sweet-publishing>
- You can make **felt board pictures** by printing on paper, laminating and adding a Velcro dot to each piece. To **make a feltboard**, staple a large piece of felt over a strong piece of cardboard or a framed canvas.