



BIBLE STORY

Noah & the big boat

Bible Base: Genesis 6:9 – 8:22

Key Christian Belief: To recognise that God is kind and that he keeps his promises

STRATEGIES USED:

- Simple language
- Use of “First...Then...” and “All done”
- Makaton signing for key words
- Use of visual schedule (line drawings on whiteboard) for the story
- Use of proximal praise and positive comments (“*well done*” or “*good sitting*”)
- Turn-taking and participation – use of physical objects and sensory elements to story (to see, touch, smell etc)

WAY IN

Today’s story is from the Bible – it’s about a man called Noah and a big boat.

Leader can use A4 / A3 whiteboard and marker to draw out the schedule / sequence of the story using basic symbols. Visual schedule can be on display throughout the story.

1. First Boat
2. Then Animals
3. Then Rain
4. Then Bird
5. Last Rainbow

STORY TELLING

1 – Boat

Physical object hidden in box – for health and safety reasons please be careful and only adult to use saw on pre-prepared cardboard boat!

A man called Noah loved God. The Bible tells us that God told Noah to build a big boat. So Noah built a big boat.

Boat all done.

2 – Animals

God told Noah to find two of every kind of animal. So Noah found the animals.

Use of visuals (pairs matching in the container). Children can take a turn to find the matching animals – you could use images or photographs of matching animals, small animal objects, toys or teddies.

Would you like a turn? – ask children if they would like to have a turn.

Noah and his family were on the boat too, along with all of the animals.

Animals all done.

3 – Rain

Noah and his family were in the boat and it rained, and rained, and rained.

Would you like a turn?

Use of clear container of water (some blue food dye added) and water beads (these need to be soaked / prepared in advance).



Repeat “*it rained ... and rained ... and rained*” when children take turns to drop water beads into the container.

*Noah and his family and all the animals were in the boat. It rained so much that all they could see was water everywhere.
Rain all done.*

4 – Bird / Dove

Eventually the rain stopped. Noah and his family were all in the boat. They didn’t know if there was any dry land, so Noah sent out a bird called a dove.

The dove went out of the boat and it brought back a leaf. Noah knew there must be dry land because the leaf was dry.

Use black paper and a pre-drawn bird outline. Leader draws around bird outline with a glue stick and then shakes flour through a sieve. Once page is raised and excess flour falls, image of bird can be seen.

The dove brought back a leaf. Noah and his family knew that God had kept his promise to keep them safe. Bird all done.

5 – Rainbow

God kept his promise – He kept Noah and his family safe in the boat. When the rain had stopped, they could all get off the boat on dry land. Noah looked up to the sky and saw a rainbow. God promised never to send a flood again.

Use a kitchen scourer/sponge and paints. You can name the colours with the children. After the story is finished, children can take part in the same activities in a smaller scale e.g. the boys in the video then added paint to the scourer and made their own rainbow pictures to take home.

*Rainbow is all done. Rainbow finished.
We know that God keeps his promises and keeps us safe when we see a rainbow.*

WAY OUT

When we see a rainbow – we can remember that God keeps his promises.