

Noah's Ark



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Introduction

This week we will learn about the much-loved account of Noah's Ark from Genesis 6-7. The main points we want to learn are:

- God takes sin seriously
- It is important to obey God
- God provides a way to save us. We can be safe in Jesus.



Lesson Guide

Likely, your child will already have some knowledge of Noah's Ark as it is one of those stories known by churched and unchurched children. Nevertheless, begin by rereading the passage.

Begin by reminding the children that sin entered the world when Adam and Eve ate the fruit. Ask your child to name some sinful things which people do. Explain how people's sin made God sad.

Noah loved God and lived differently from everyone else. Think about some ways in which Christians are called to be different. Remind your child that it is good to be different when they see others doing wrong.

Share how God called Noah to build an ark. Noah obeyed God even though he had never seen rain and building an ark would be a lot of work. Share a time when God asked you to do something and how you obeyed Him. It could be going on a mission trip, giving away something, or forgiving someone who hurt you. Focus on how God empowers us to obey Him and do things we could not do by ourselves.

Give your child some simple instruction to build something or draw a picture. Explain how they had to follow the directions carefully. Share how God gave clear instructions to Noah on how to build the ark. Remind your child that God gives us clear directions on how to live in the Bible.

Noah told people about the flood even when they didn't believe him or even mocked him. Sometimes, when we share the gospel with others, they also won't believe us. But we should never give up sharing the gospel.

In this lesson, there are two ways to make the story more interactive and capture your child's attention.

1. There are instructions in the lesson on how to make a rain stick. If made in advance, have the child listen carefully as you read the story. Whenever they hear the words rain or water, they should turn over the rain stick to make the sound of rain.
2. Act out the story using this week's craft. Each animal on lollipop sticks can be used as puppets so that you can fill the ark. Then use the ark as a puppet, bobbing up and down on the sea and eventually resting on dry land. You could then remove the animals together, reflecting on how God saved them all.





It rained and rained until the whole world was flooded.

Soon there was nothing left on the land.

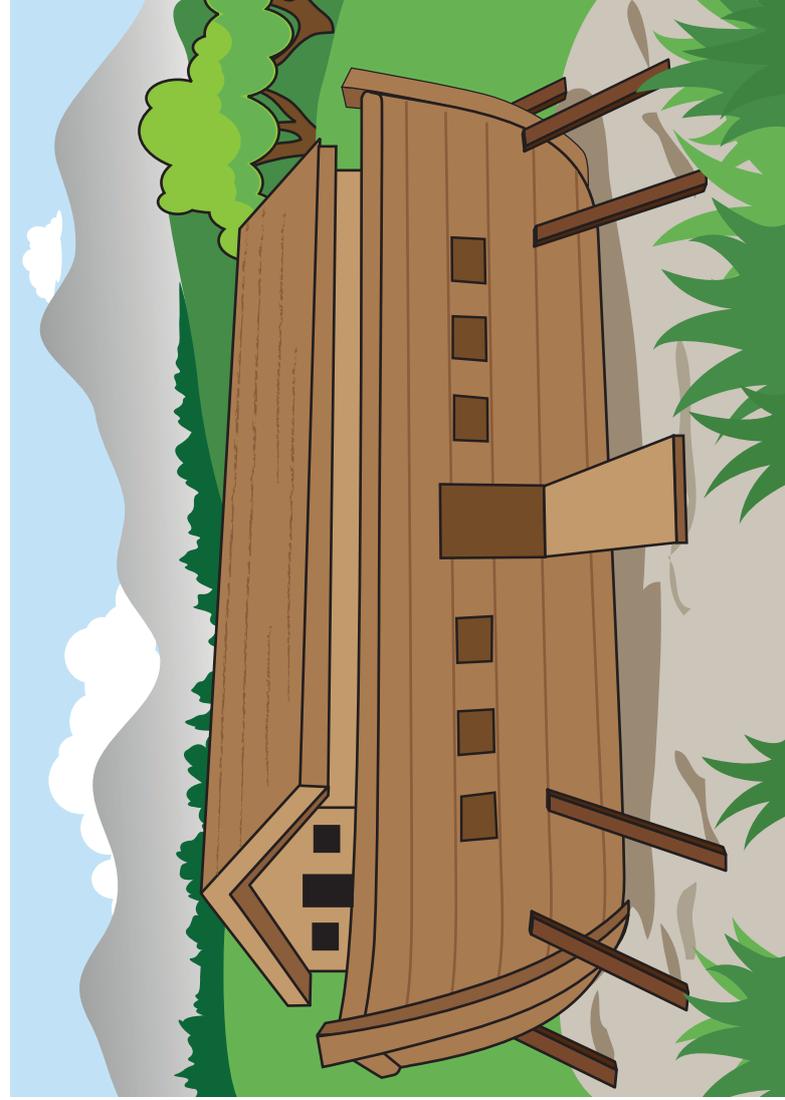
But God kept Noah and his family safe in the ark.



One day, God looked at the world and He was sad.

All the people were doing bad things.

Only Noah was good. God told Noah to build a special boat to save himself and his family from the flood.



Noah obeyed God.

He followed all the instructions and measurements God gave him.

Year after year he worked hard building the ark until it was finished.



Noah and his family went into the ark, along with two of every animal.

When they were all safe inside, God closed the door. It began to rain.

Make your own rain gauge

When Noah was in the ark, it rained for forty days and forty nights. How much rain will you have this week? If you'd like to keep track of how much rain you're having, make this simple rain gauge – all you need is a few simple materials and a bit of time.

What you will need:

- An empty plastic bottle (1 or 2 litres)
- Scissors
- Sticky tape
- Ruler
- Paper
- Pencil



What to do:

1. Cut around the plastic bottle about two-thirds of the way up.
2. Turn the top part of the bottle upside down and place it inside the bottom part to make a funnel - fix it in place using the tape.
3. Mark cm onto a piece of tape, using a ruler, and fix it to the side of the bottle.
4. Find a place outside to put your rain gauge. It must be open and away from trees.
5. Dig a hole and bury your rain gauge so that the top is sticking out about 5 cm out of the ground. If you cannot bury it, try and put it into a pot, so it doesn't blow over.
6. Check the rain gauge every day at the same time, measure the amount of rain collected. Empty the bottle.
7. Use the weather diary in the lesson to record how much it rained.

Make your own rain stick

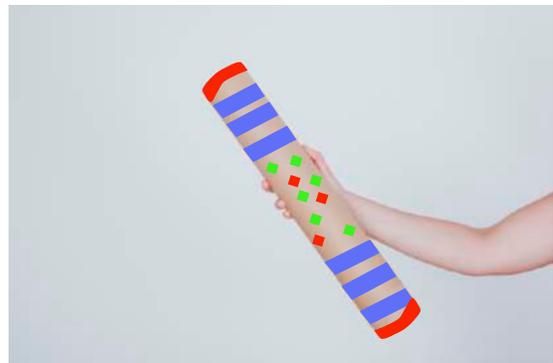
Turn a paper towel roll into a rain stick with duct tape, aluminium foil and rice. Use it while reading the account to Noah's ark whenever you hear the words rain or water.

What you will need:

- Paper towel roll
- Cardboard
- Tape
- Rice or dried beans
- Aluminium foil

What to do:

1. Put duct tape onto one side of the roll to close the end.
2. Twist some aluminium foil and insert into tube
3. Pour in some rice or dried beans.
4. Tape the other end.
5. Decorate the outside of the cardboard tube.
6. The rain stick is ready to use.



Sink or float

Why did God tell Noah to build an Ark?

This fun sink or float experiment will encourage your child to make predictions and observations about buoyancy and density.

Outdoors you could use a bucket or small paddling pool. Indoors, use the kitchen sink, bathtub or on the floor with a storage box or basin filled with water.

Collect some waterproof toys and household items. For example:

Items that sink: metal, coins, stones, toy car, keys and marbles.

Items that float: plastic blocks, Popsicle stick, cotton ball, feather, corks, foam, a crayon and a ball

Ask your child to predict if the item will float or sink before placing it into the water.

At the end of the experiment, you can stress the fact that it's not the size of the object to determine whether it will sink or float, the importance is what the object is made from. Noah's Ark was massive and heavy. But it floated because He obeyed God and followed his instruction to build it out of wood and waterproofed it.



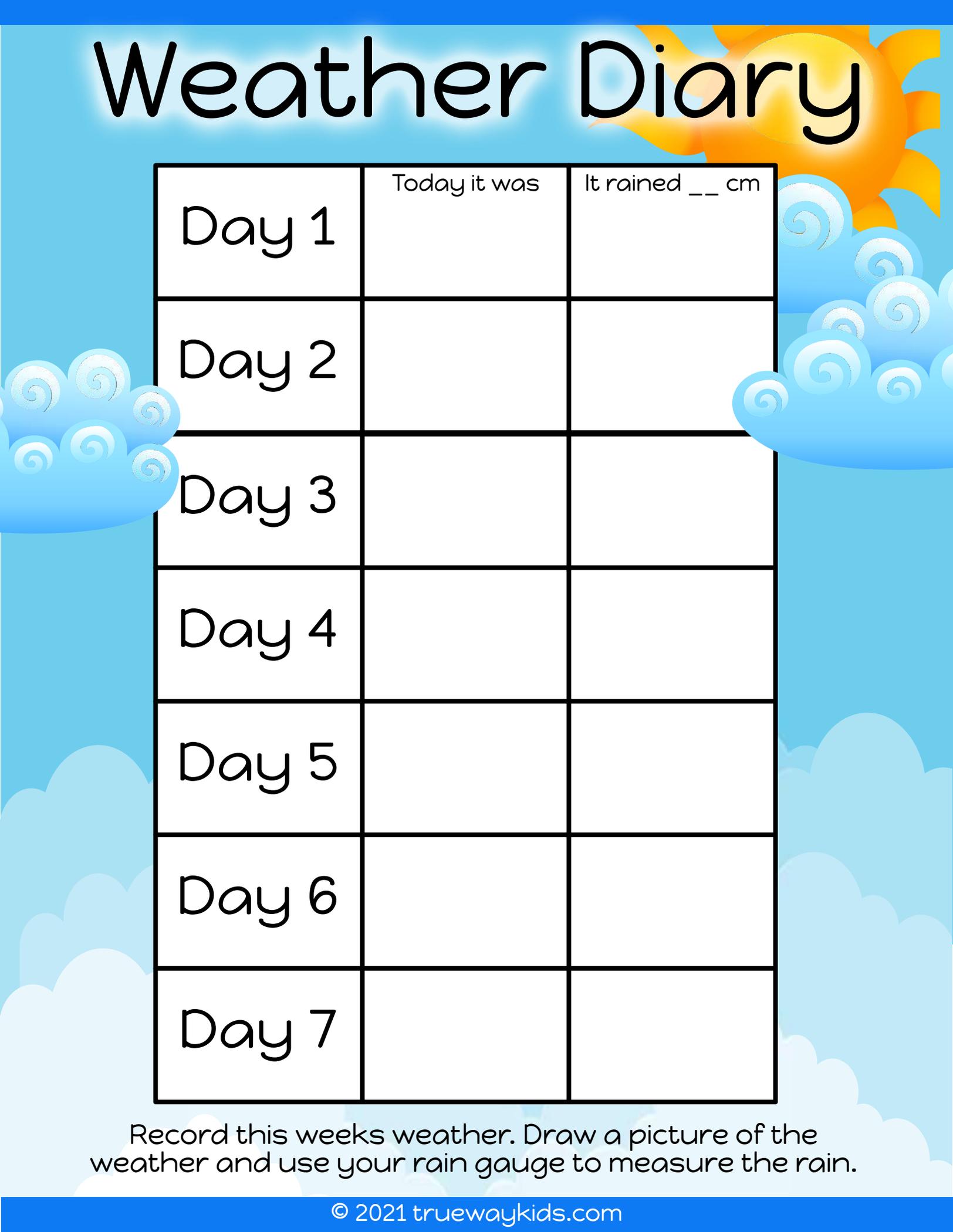
Find two of a kind

Play this game inside or out. The idea is simple, take turns with your child to find one object. It can be anything, a stone, a sock, a toy...

The other person then needs to hunt for a matching item e.g. another stone or sock.

To make it more interesting you could set a timer, so that, the matching item has to be found in x seconds.

Weather Diary



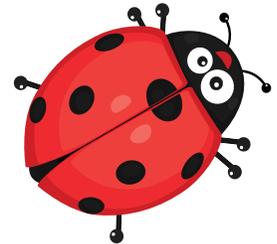
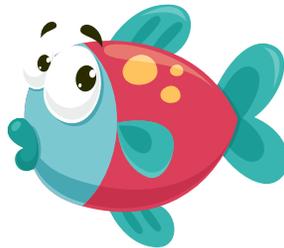
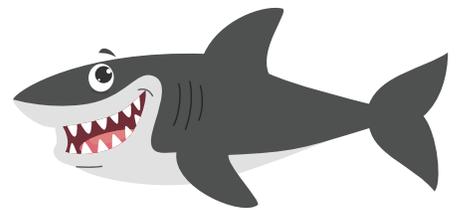
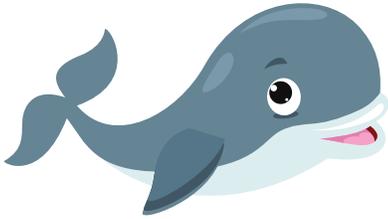
	Today it was	It rained __ cm
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Day 2		
Day 3		
Day 4		
Day 5		
Day 6		
Day 7		

Record this weeks weather. Draw a picture of the weather and use your rain gauge to measure the rain.

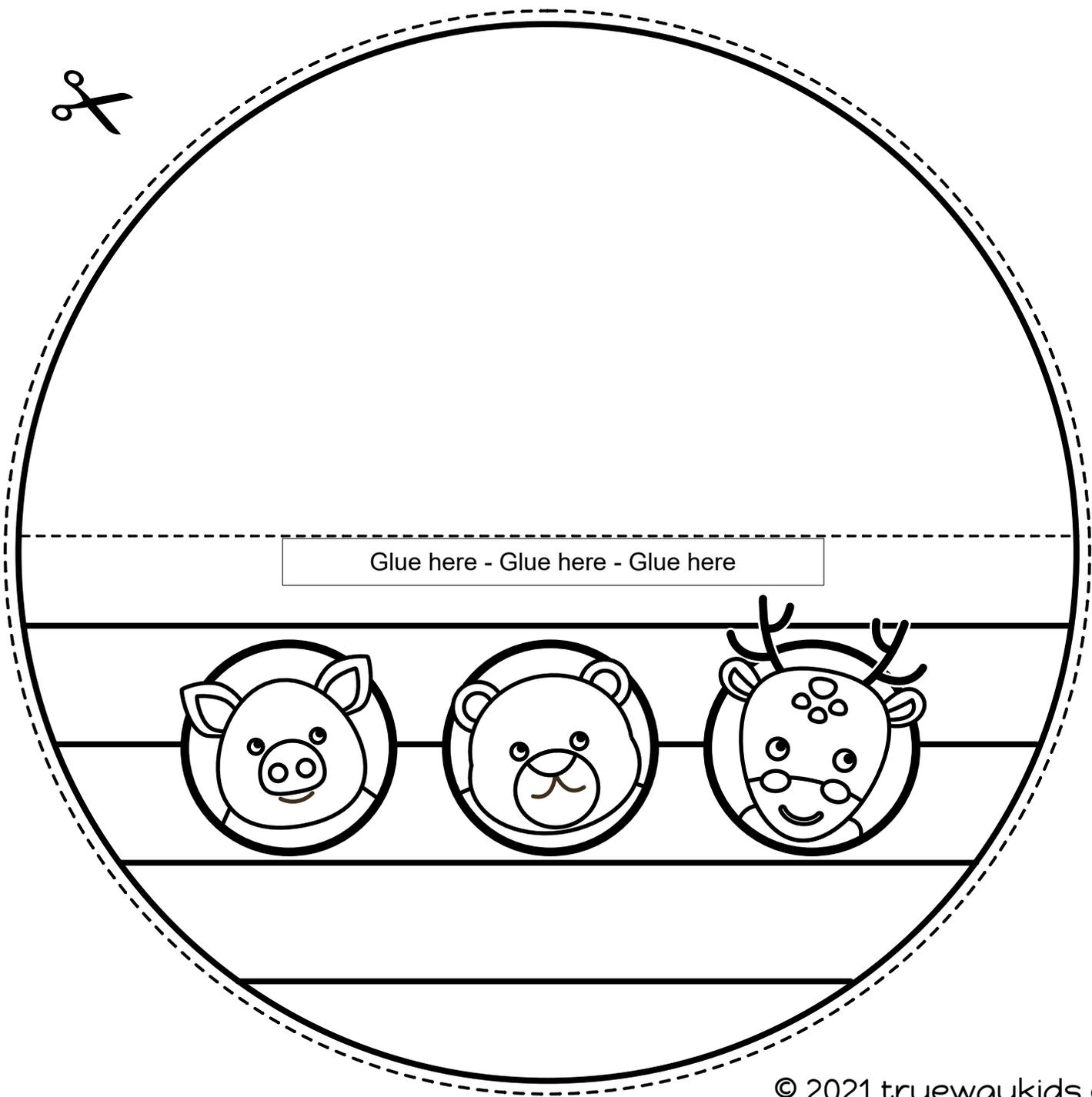
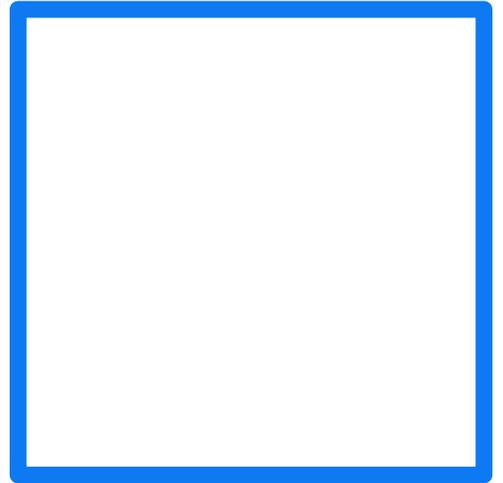
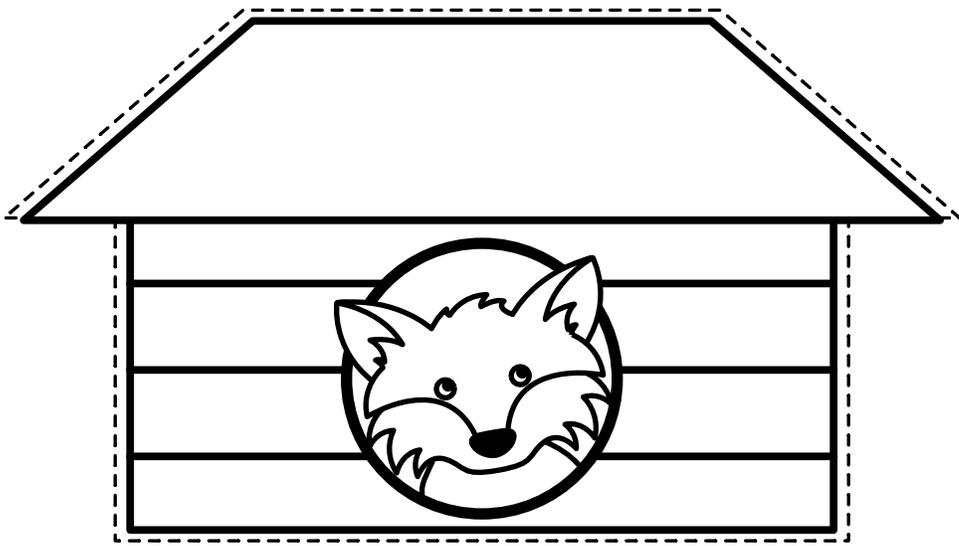
Pair game + snap



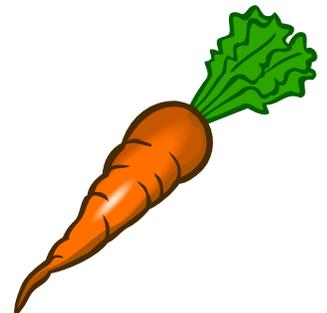
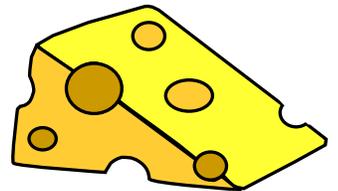
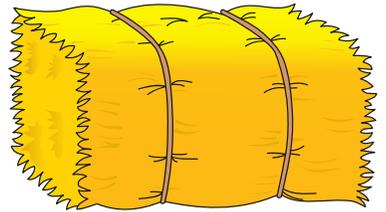
Circle the animals Noah must take onto the ark



“God told Noah to take two of every kind of bird, and every kind of animal, and every kind of small animal that scurries along the ground, on the ark.” - Genesis 6:20



Help Noah find the right food for each animal



And be sure to take on board enough food for your family and for all the animals. - Genesis 6:21

Noah's Ark Craft



Make a Noah's Ark using a paper plate and lolly pop sticks.

What you will need:

- 2 paper plates
- 2 copies of craft template
- 20 lollipop sticks (colored or natural)
- Brown and blue paint.
- Paint brush
- Scissors
- PVA glue

What to do:

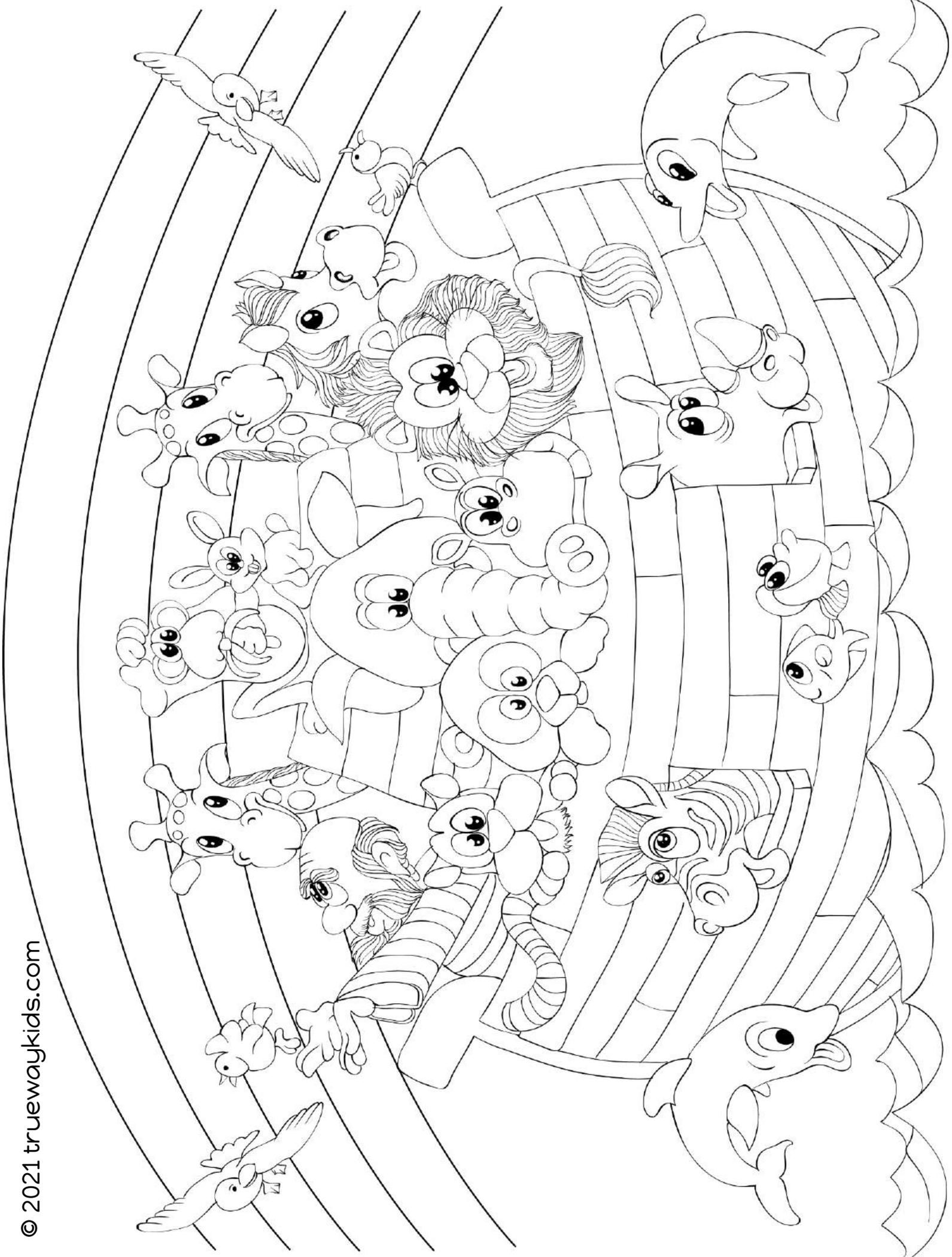
1. Cut one paper plate in half.
2. Paint the inside of the whole paper plate blue and the outside of the half paper plate brown. The brown plate will become the ark. Feel free to add extra detail.
3. Glue both plates inside together and allow to dry.
4. Cut out animals from template and stick onto lollipop sticks.
5. Once glue is dry place the animal sticks inside of the ark.



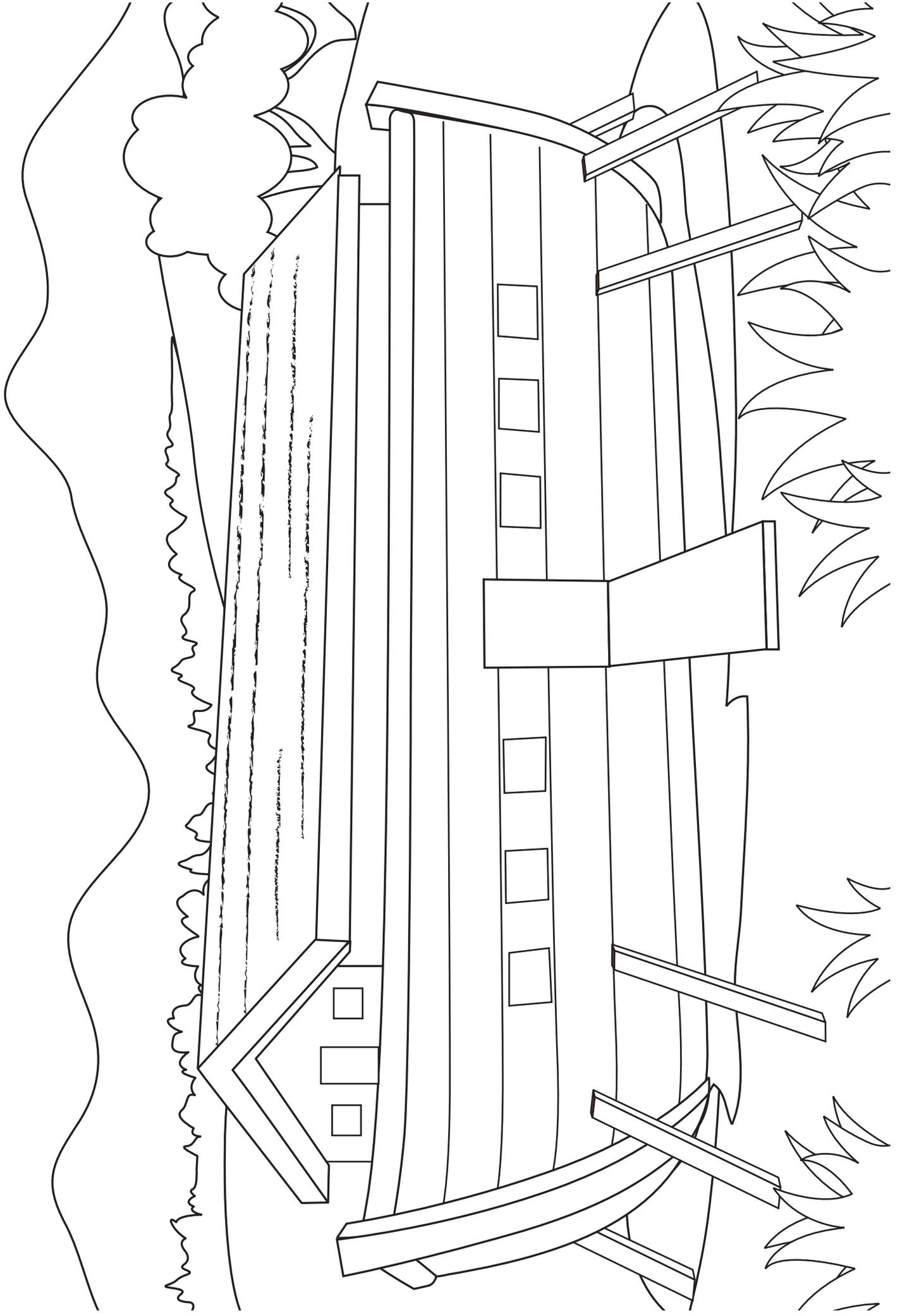
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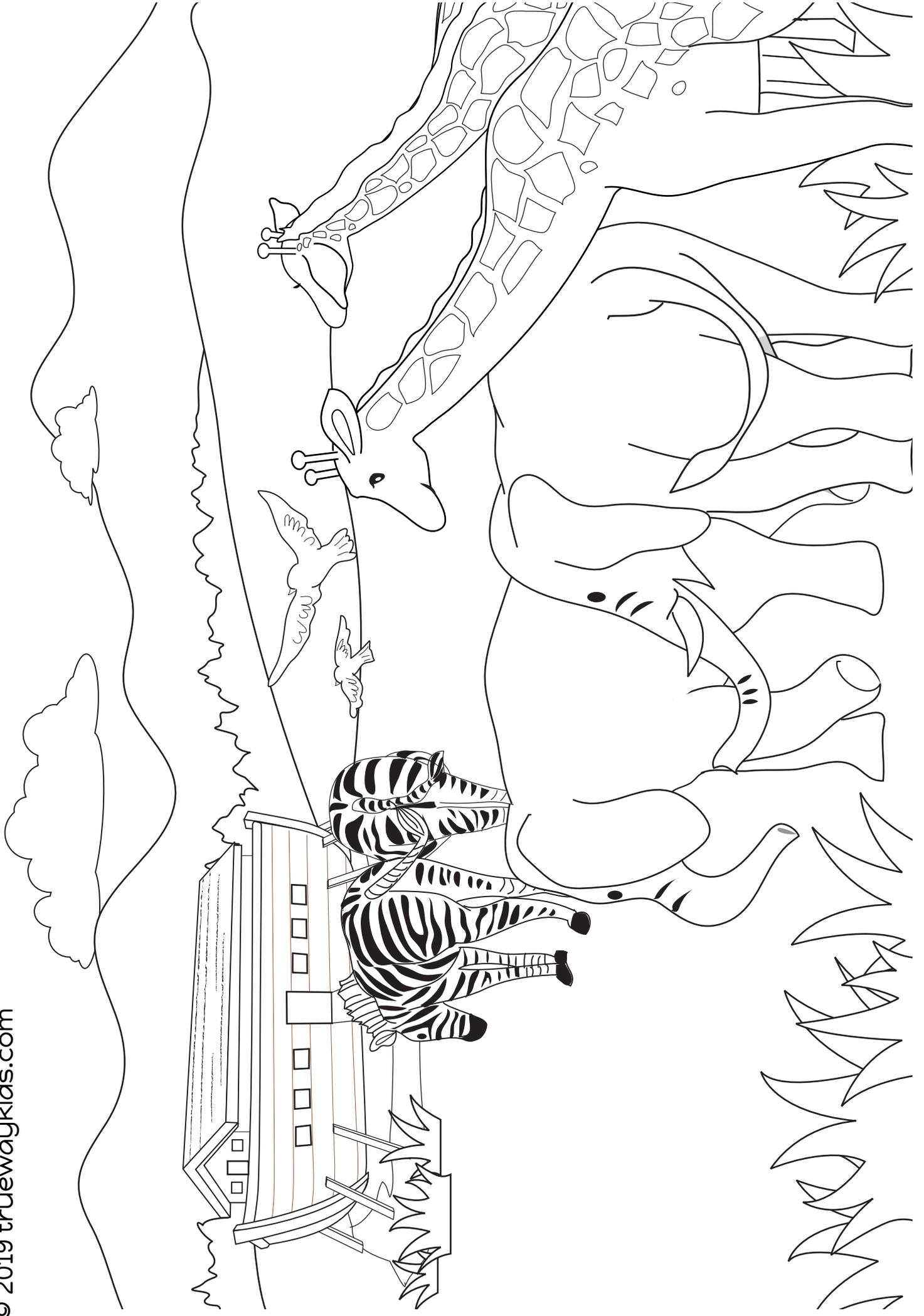


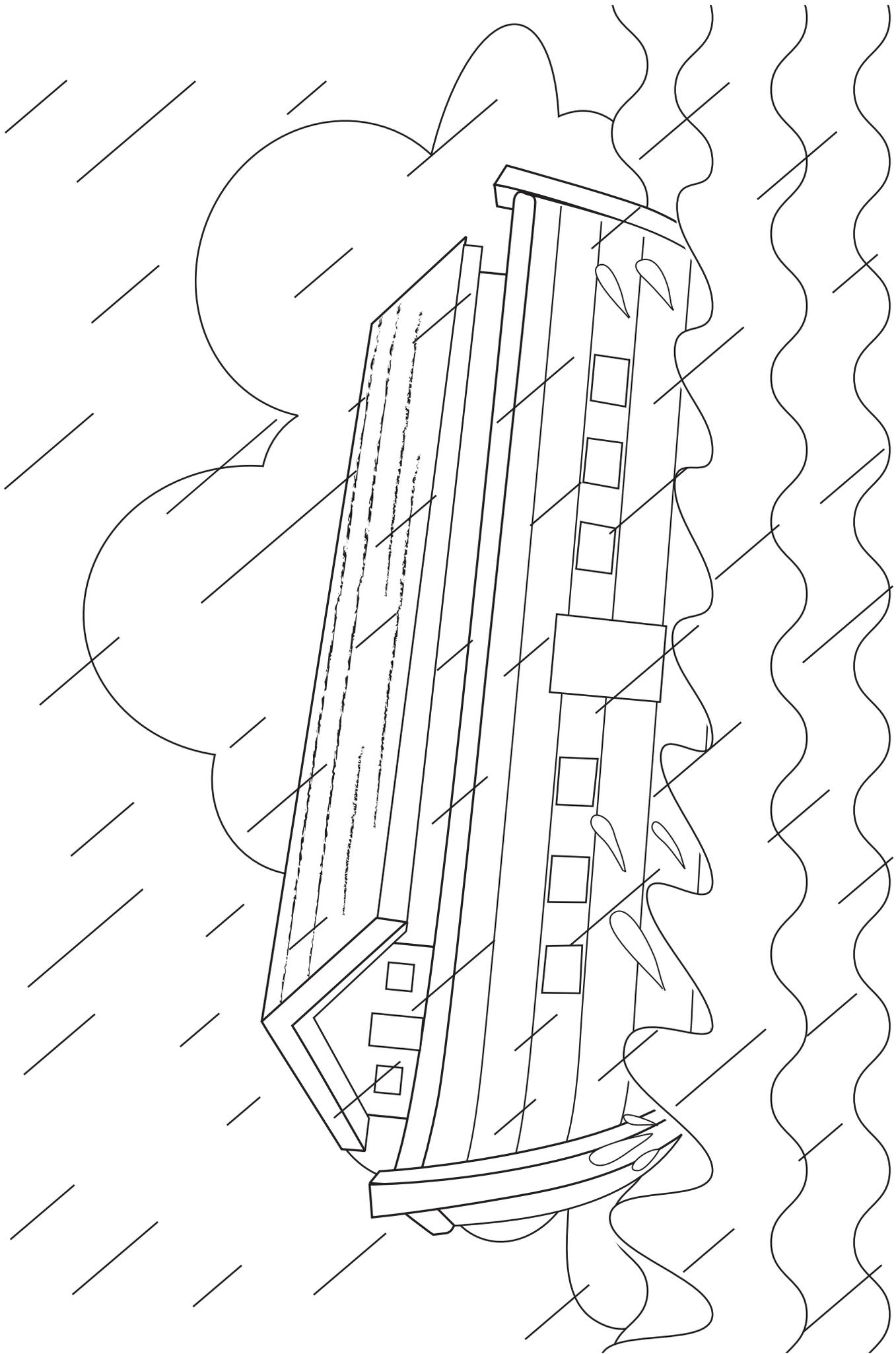
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Worship Time

Noah's ark

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Rise and Shine

<https://youtu.be/DSxd9JVE3r4>

Animals Went In Two By Two

<https://youtu.be/PivD0QH1RQ0>



Prayer Time

Ask God to help you obey Him

Thank God for providing a way to be saved

Pray that others will believe God's Word.

Next Week

The rainbow - God keeps his promises

If you haven't already done so, sign up to receive future lesson by email.

