

## Teaching Plan - Noah, Friend of God

**Aim** - To show that friends of God love him and trust him even when He ask them to do out of the ordinary things - they just get on and do it.



### Welcome



### Game

Guess the sign game. Have pictures of some signs e.g. road signs and a rainbow - what is it a sign of? (Please see accompanying Power Point with a selection of signs you may wish to use)

### And/or

Listen to a CD of animal sound effects - guess the animal.



Genesis 6: 17 - 22



This could be done with props to build up the scene or as a drama with participation and sound effects.

### The Story of Noah

The story of Noah is amazing! It includes a family, all the animals of the earth, a huge boat, a flood and why we have rainbows.

God had made a beautiful world and yet the people did lots of bad things which made God sad. (Mime 2 people fighting)

God was so sad and hurt - he decided to get rid of everything in the world and all the people. Then God remembered Noah. Noah was a good guy and was a friend of God. (Enter Noah!)

God told Noah to build a very, very big boat (ark) (get someone hammering or play sound effects) - people laughed at Noah - "what an idiot" they said. (People shouting this at Noah)

Then God told Noah to take 2 of every animal and bird onto the boat. God told Noah to take his wife and his family onto the boat. The boat was very full of people, animals and all their food - do you think it might be a bit smelly?

When everyone was in God shut the door.

Then the rain started. The Bible makes it sound like the rain came from the clouds and that there was also water coming up from the ground, so everything probably was covered very quickly. It rained for 40 days - that is more than a month. (Make rain noise or use sound effects)

Every living thing died on the earth that wasn't in the ark. Even in the boat it was a bit frightening as it moved around in the choppy waters - but God kept them safe and dry.

When the ground had dried up enough God told Noah that everyone could get out of the boat. That probably was a very happy day! Maybe a little scary as well - what would it be like?

The God made a promise to Noah - God said he would never again destroy the world by flooding it. Then he gave them a sign for everyone to see this promise. He put a rainbow in the sky.



Genesis: 9b: 12-17



## Talk

**The story of Noah and the big boat is a good one - what does it mean for us today?**

Noah was a good man, who spent time with God and followed God. The Bible says: "Noah pleased God". **What things do you do that please God?**

Other people did bad things - things that made God sad. **We do that sometimes - what things make God sad?**

When God told Noah to build the boat - he did it. **Do we do what we want or what God tells us?**

How do you think Noah and his family felt when they went into the big boat? (Excited, scared, etc - the answers will help you judge the understanding)

In the boat it must have been frightening as the boat rocked about in the rough water - maybe dark and dirty. Difficult things happen in our lives. But God kept Noah safe and he will keep us safe - he never leaves us on our own.

The rainbow is God's sign to tell us he will not destroy the world again with a big flood - that's a promise - when God makes a promise - he always keeps it. We can trust God.



## Prayer Time

**Use the following as an echo prayer:**

Thank you, God, that you are kind.

Thank you, God, that you loved Noah and kept him safe.

Thank you, God, that you loved his family and kept them safe.

Thank you, God, that you loved the animals and kept them safe.

Thank you, God, that you love us and keep us safe too.

Please help us, God, to listen to you as Noah did, and do what you say.



## Possible Craft

Could make a bracelet/necklace with multi-coloured beads  
or

Make a picture with:

- rainclouds (to represent hard times in our lives)
- sun (to represent good times)
- rainbow (to remind us of God's promise)



## Possible Songs

- Mr Noah built an ark
- Great is they faithfulness (chorus - need to explain faithfulness)
- The Bible is the word of God (Prospects)
- Rise and shine and give God the glory, glory.