

Noah builds and Ark - Genesis 6-9

Script	Sensory Experience	Makaton signs / symbols
<p>1. God made the world. People ignored God. They were cruel and bad. Noah remembered God and followed his ways.</p>	<p>You could explore the created world through Auditory senses: Play gentle nature sounds like birds singing, water flowing, or wind in the trees to evoke the beauty and harmony of creation. Or Tactile: Let learners feel soft leaves, smooth stones, or feathers to connect with the created world. Use a large dark fabric or blanket to show people hiding away from God. Bring one person out into a separate space to show Noah following God's ways.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noah • World • Good / bad • Remember • God
<p>2. God told Noah to build a boat, called an Ark, in the desert. Trust me said God.</p>	<p>Invite learners to touch a piece of sandpaper and describe its rough texture, connecting it to the wood Noah used for building the ark. Let them smell wood shavings and listen to the sounds of tapping or rubbing wood together, encouraging them to experience the sights, scents, and sounds Noah experienced. These hands-on sensory activities can be introduced as you narrate, giving each learner time to explore the materials and relate them to the story, fostering engagement and understanding in a way that feels comfortable and meaningful.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build • Boat • Work
<p>3. A long time later, God said to Noah and his family - "Get in the boat."</p>	<p>Use sand in a large tray to explore the desert that the boat was built upon. Give the audience time to let it sift through their fingers (or toes) and put a boat on the sand - is it the right place for a boat?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sand • Boat • Family

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<p>4. God said, “I am sending you all the animals. The animals came.</p>	<p>Have toy animals in twos to let them travel to across the tray of sand to the boat. Or - use different fabrics to explore the textures of different animals - furry, scaly, smooth, feathery (boa?), woolly, leathery etc. Or - listen to different animal noises - best when audience can push a switch or button to make the noises happen. (use recordable buttons.)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any animals they know and some unusual ones with pictures.
<p>5. It rained and rained and rained. The earth and everyone in it were gone.</p>	<p>You could get a clear umbrella and pour water from a watering can if audience can sit under it (and a large tray or shower curtain to catch the rain.) Use a water spray with coloured water in to spray over different parts of the person's skin, including their face if they are okay with that. Or for sound - use a rain maker or storm tube to explore heavy rain and thunder.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rain Flood
<p>6. But Noah, his family and the animals were safe in the ark. It was a bit wet, a bit smelly and quite noisy.</p>	<p>Explore mud (for poop!). This could be a tray of cornflour, water and cocoa for a nice smell and squelchy texture. Other smells could be introduced through smelly jars - oils on cotton wool put into an empty spice jar. Real mud from outside - if audience won't eat it. Animal noises as in part 4.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mud Smelly

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<p>7. After 40 days and 40 nights the rain stopped. After that the ark stopped on top of a mountain.</p>	<p>Silence would be a good sensory experience - the rain has stopped, listening to how quiet it is now.</p> <p>Gentle swaying together to experience the ark coming to rest on top of the mountain.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rain • Stop • Mountain
<p>8. The dove told Noah when it was safe to go out.</p>	<p>Soft airflow from a fan or hand-held breeze near hands, arms, or face to represent flying through air Feathers or soft fabric brushed lightly on skin (hands, cheeks, arms) OR - Smells fresh outdoor air if possible (open window, garden time) Light natural scents (lavender, chamomile, grass) associated with outdoors Always introduce smells briefly and at a distance, watching for reactions.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dove • Safe
<p>9. God put a rainbow in the sky. It was his message. Trust me said God. I will not do this again.</p>	<p>Rainbow scarves, fabric or ribbons to wave over their heads as if they were in the sky.</p> <p>OR - a torch and light prism in a darkened room or tent so they can see the rainbow light spectrum.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sky • Rainbow • Trust



Noah



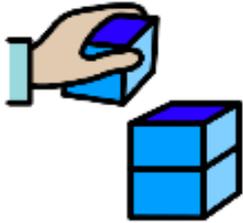
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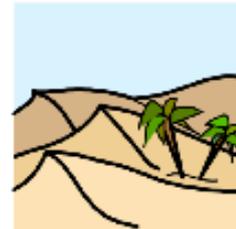
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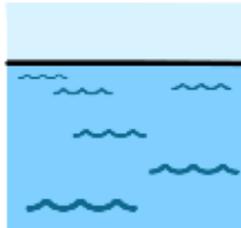
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