

LESSON 2

NOAH AND THE STORY OF THE RAINBOW

Genesis 6,7,8 and 9:11-16

God saw that there were many wicked people on the earth, and only Noah and his family loved God. So, God told Noah to build an ark - a big boat made out of wood - to save him and his family from a great flood which God would send upon the earth.

After Noah had finished building the ark, he took his family and some of the birds and animals into the ark. God shut the door and then He sent the rain. It rained for forty days and forty nights until all the earth was covered by water, even the mountains. The ark floated until the water went down. It came to rest on a mountain.

When the water had gone right down, Noah and his family came out of the ark, and thanked God for keeping them safe. God put a rainbow in the sky to promise that He would never again destroy the whole earth with a flood.

ACTIVITY

The illustration shows the inside of the ark. After colouring and/or decorating (eg using crepe paper balls) the animals and Noah, make the outside. Cut a piece of brown paper to fit the bottom part of the ark. Draw a door. Paste along the dotted line of the illustration, and when dry, lift to show the contents of the ark.

FURTHER SUGGESTIONS

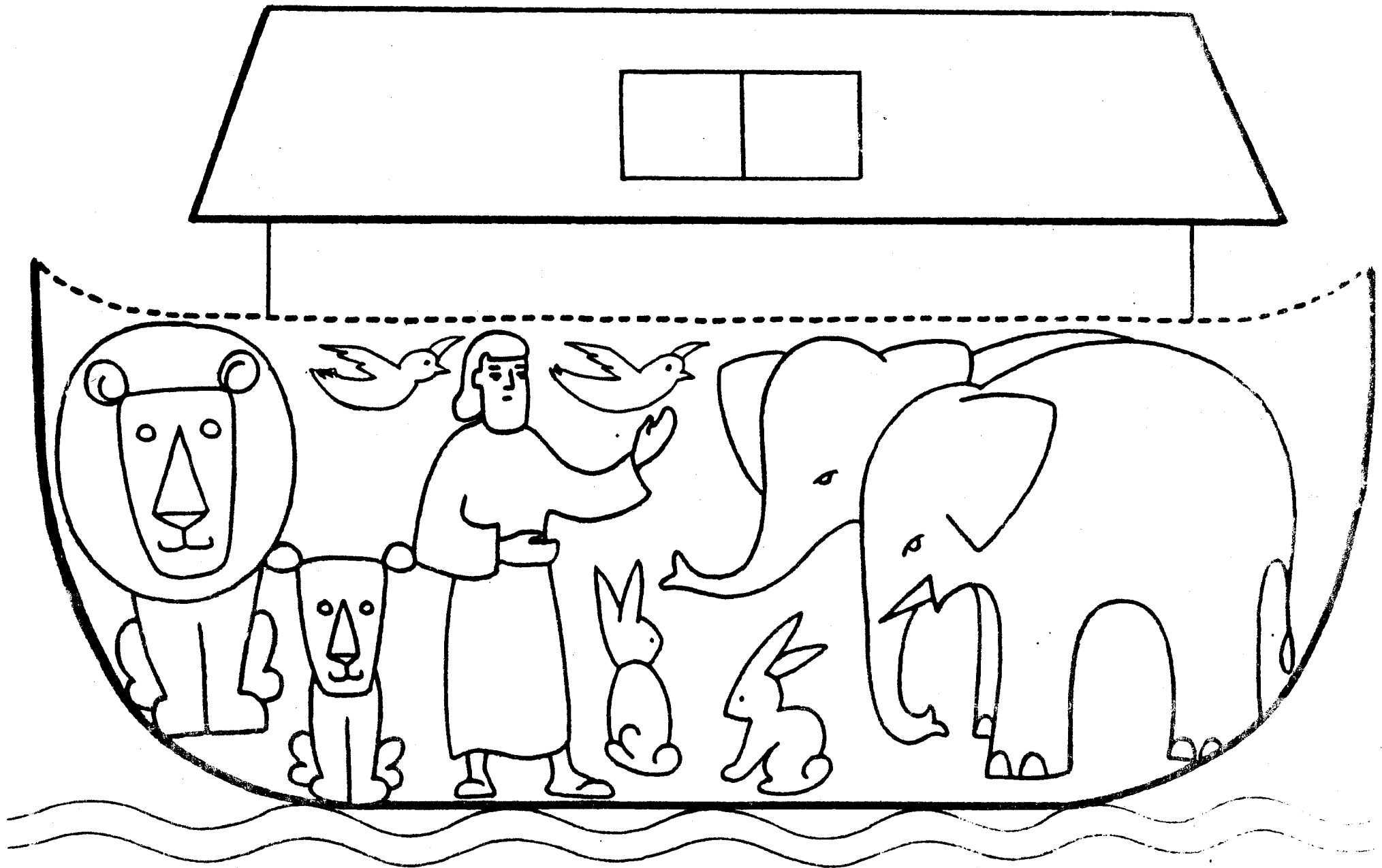
Paint a rainbow on a large sheet of paper - red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, violet.

Using cartons and packets, the children construct their own idea of what the ark looked like.

Collect pictures of matching animals. Draw a large ark and paste the animal pictures inside.

Use plastic animals, a shoebox, and pipe cleaner man (for Noah) to act out the story.

Make a bird mobile. Cut a cardboard bird shape (see back page of book for pattern). Fan-fold tissue paper for wings and tail, and insert in slits. Glue a leaf to the beak of one bird.



Noah

Noah and his family were kept safe inside the ark.