

October Week 1
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CRAFT

Noah's Ark

SUPPLIES: God has plans for me page, animal stickers, crayons

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Pass out God has plans for me page/Ark page**

- “Today we heard a true story about a man named Noah and how he trusted and followed God’s plans. Noah built a big boat called an ark and he filled it with two of every animal. We have an ark right here!”

⇒ **Give an animal sticker sheet to each child. Have them place the animals on and around the ark.**

- “After Noah built the great big boat, he filled it with 2 of every kind of animal on earth.
- We have just a few examples of those animals here. Which is your favorite! Let’s stick them to our ark! Come on board, animals!”

⇒ **Have children color in the words at the top with crayons.**

- “Do you see the words at the top of the page? They say “God has plans for me.”
- God had plans for Noah. Noah followed God’s plans and built a great, big boat and then filled it with two of every animal. Once Noah and his family were on the boat with the animals, God shut the door and then it started to rain. But Noah kept trusting God’s plans and so can we! We can always trust God’s plans, even when we don’t understand because God loves us and has plans for us.”

⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**

- “Who has plans for you? God has plans for me!”

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ACTIVITY #1

Ark Relay

SUPPLIES: Floor Tape, Animal cards (1 full set), 1 basket

SET-UP: Tape one start line and one finish lines in the activity area with about 10 feet between them. Place a basket on the finish line. The basket will be an “Ark.”

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Have children make a line behind the starting line. Spread the animals out on the floor next to or behind the starting line.**

- “*We heard an amazing true Bible story today about how God had a plan for Noah. God told Noah to build a great big boat called an ark for the animals.*
- “*We are going to play a fun game to help fill the ark! Let’s all work together as a team. Let’s get over here behind the starting line..*”

⇒ **Demonstrate how to have the first child in each line pick up one single animal and walk it quickly over to the basket and drop it in. Then when they return, the next child does the same thing. Repeat until all of the animals have made it into the “ark”.**

- “*Let’s pretend this is our ark. (Point to basket.)*
- “*When I say, ‘GO,’ the first person in each line will choose an animal, run to their ark, and put it inside. Then you can come back to the end of the line. Then the next person will do the same thing. We will keep going until all of our animals are in the ark!*”

⇒ **Repeat the activity if children are still interested.**

⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**

- “*Great job getting all the animals in! “God had plans for Noah. Noah trusted and followed God’s plans because God’s plans are always best. God has plans for us, too!*
- “***Who has plans for you? God has plans for me!***”

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ACTIVITY #2

Ark Mini Golf

SUPPLIES: 3 Ark pages, 3 golf clubs, golf balls, wall tape, floor tape, chairs

SET-UP: Tape the ark to the chair legs to create a mini golf station. Do this at 3 different places around the room. Tape a line on the floor to create a spot for children to putt their ball from.

NOTE: Keep the golf clubs and balls for week 2

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Have children join us at the first ark. Show them how to stand at the tape line and putt the ball into the ark.**

- *"Let's play a game of golf! There are several arks around the room. We are going to play ark golf! Let's start here. We are going to go one at a time. Put your ball at the tape line and putt it through the opening of the ark. You can hit the ball until it goes in.*
- *A few reminders! We only need to give our putter a very gentle swing to hit it in! And let's all step back and stay clear of the golfer!*

⇒ **Have children work their way through each station and hit each ball in.**

⇒ **NOTE: If you have a large class, consider just breaking up into 2 to 3 groups and having each volunteer take a group and play. Each child can go a few times.**

⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**

- *"In our Bible story today, we learned that we can always trust God's plans, even when we don't understand. God had plans for Noah. Noah had never built a boat, but Noah knew he could always trust God's plans because God's plans are always best. That's why Noah did what God told him to do.*
- *Just like Noah, we can trust God's plans, even when we don't understand, because God loves us. And I love knowing that God has plans for me, and God has plans for you*
- ***Who has plans for you? God has plans for me!***

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READ-ASK-PRACTICE-PRAY

Here are some ideas to try in a group or one-on-one.

2-year-olds are all at different stages of development! Some are ready to answer big questions and say the memory verse, while others aren't ready to talk yet. Even if they aren't ready to answer, they are listening!

READ A BIBLE STORY or STORY BOOK

⇒ The Bible

- *The Beginner's Bible: Noah's Ark, p. 26*

ASK A QUESTION

Who has plans for you?

God has plans for me!

PRACTICE THE MEMORY VERSE

“ ‘For I know the plans I have for you,’ says the Lord.”

Jeremiah 29:11

SAY A PRAYER

Dear God,

Thank you for making me.

Thank you for loving me.

Thank you for sending Jesus to be my friend forever.

Amen.