Sparklers @ Home Week 15 & 16.

Noah and the flood
Genesis 7:1 – 8:12
&
Noah and the Rainbow
Genesis 8:13 - 9:17

Hi Sparklers,

This week is a bit special, over the summer we will create some bumper Sparklers at Home packs, you can either use these as 1 large session, or you can split them over a couple of weeks. This is to allow you (and me) flexibility around holidays.

This week's pack has 2 sessions on Noah to finish of our series on Noah.

Session 1: Noah and the flood

Activity Sheets

If you can print the Activity Sheet double sided or print it out and then stick on to the back of the other you can fold along the dotted lines. This enables you to have rain falling or not at the top and water rising at the bottom.

Activity One – Rescuing teddies

God was kind to Noah, can you remember what he did? He told Noah to build a boat before the flood. He kept Noah and the animals safe in the boat during the flood.

Put a large blue sheet or towel on the floor to represent water

Sit one end of the sheet/towel and place teddies or stuffed animals the other end of the sheet/towel

Explain that the Teddies are stuck. Can they be kind and rescue the teddies without them getting wet.

Provide old newspaper and or cardboard boxes.

Let them come up with ideas how to rescue them e.g. using the newspaper sheets as stepping stones, or making a bridge out of them or using the boxes as boats. They might want to wear wellies and pretend to wade through the water to get them.

At the end thank them for being kind and helping the teddies just as God helped Noah.

Bible Story.

This week Noah is going to tell his story (pretend to be Noah – you can use props if you like or go the whole hog and dress up!)

(as Noah)
Hello remember me? Can you remember what I told you last time? God told me how to save my family and all the birds and animals in my wonderful boat.

Now it's time for the rain to start! shall we get in the boat? *(use a rug to represent the boat and all sit on it)*. Are the animals all safe inside? Can you help me? Remember each animal needs a partner so there's a mum and dad to start a new family. Let's count them all *(pretend to count the animals).*

Are we all inside? Now God is shutting the door, to keep us all safe! Can you hear the rain splashing on the roof? Now the boat is starting to float! We don't need to be frightened – God is keeping us safe.

Remember – God told me exactly what to do! We will be a long time on the boat! But God will tell us what to do.

(after a while)

What's that the rain has stopped

Listen to how quiet it is! But still there is water everywhere, as far as we can see! Time to feed the animals again (*pretend to do this*) Listen! Do you hear that wind? God is beginning to dry up the water? These birds have been flying far and wide to find land but so far they haven't found anything.

But look at the dove! *(Point upwards)*
She has brought back a leafy branch! There must be dry land nearby! How Exciting!

Next time we meet. I think we'll be able to get out of our boat. I'm so glad I did what God said!

Activity Two – Noah Scene Part 2

Print out the sheet at the back either directly onto card or paper and then stick it onto card.

Cut around the people and the animals and fold them along the dotted line.

They can be coloured in.

Add them to the boat you created last week

Prayer Time

Possibly sit on the rug you sat on for the story.

Noah listened to God and did what he said. Who looked after Noah and his family and the animals?

God did!

How did God do that?

He kept them safe on the boat!

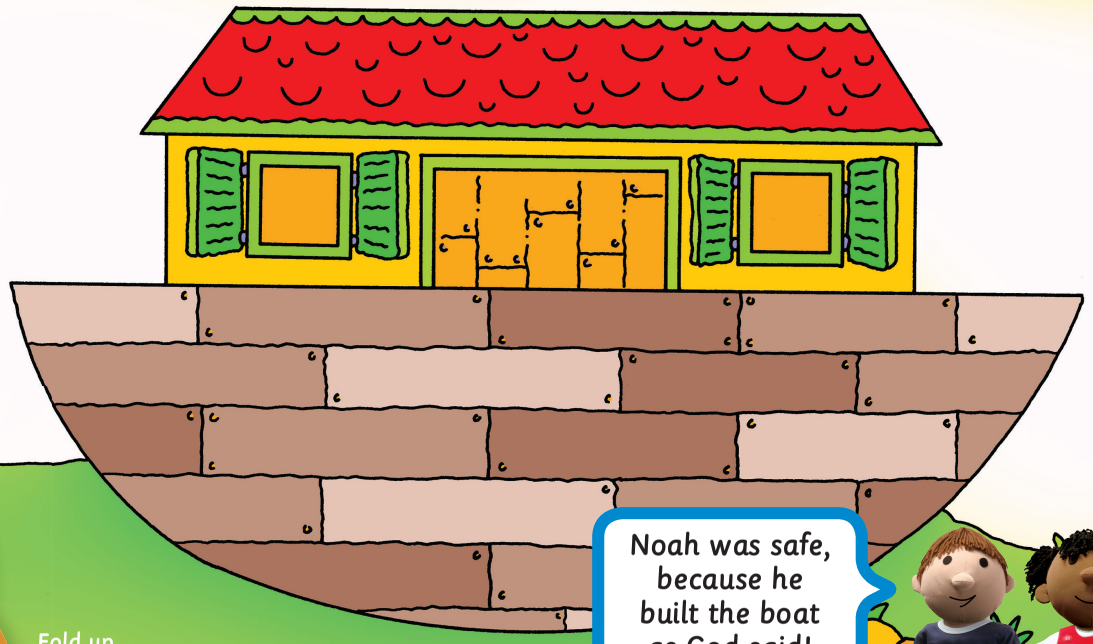
Why did God look after them?

Because he loved them! And he loves us too!

Say this 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 want to keep us safe too.
Please help us. God, to listen to you as Noah did, and to do what you say.
Amen

Fold down



Fold up

3a Bubbles

Noah and the big flood

Today's aim is to see God's kindness and to explore our response to him.

Genesis 7:1 – 8:12

Talk about what you can see in this picture.

Help your child to fold along the dotted lines. As you fold the top of the page down, see how the rain falls.

Fold the bottom of the page up and see how Noah's boat floats safely on the deep water.

Noah was safe, because he built the boat as God said!

Fold down the top and draw lots of rain falling from the clouds. Then fold the bottom up to show the water rising.

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3b

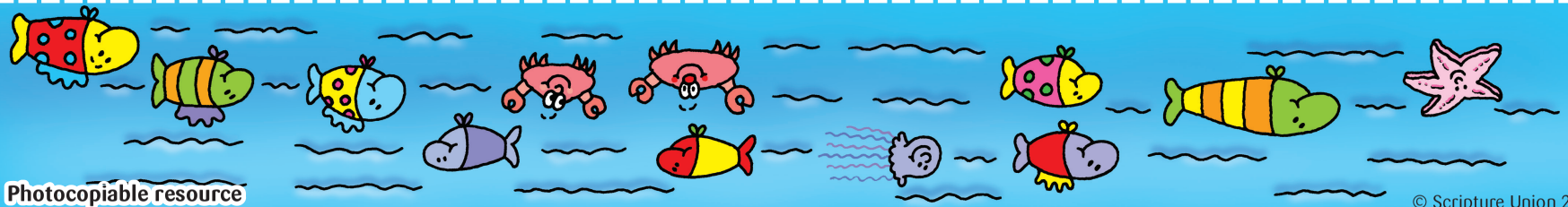
Bubbles

God has plans to care for me.
In all I do, in all I see,
God has plans to care for me.

Thank you, God, for helping me.
Whatever I do, whoever I'll be,
Thank you, God, for helping me.

Noah did what God said. God kept Noah safe.

What does God want you to do? Draw you doing it here.



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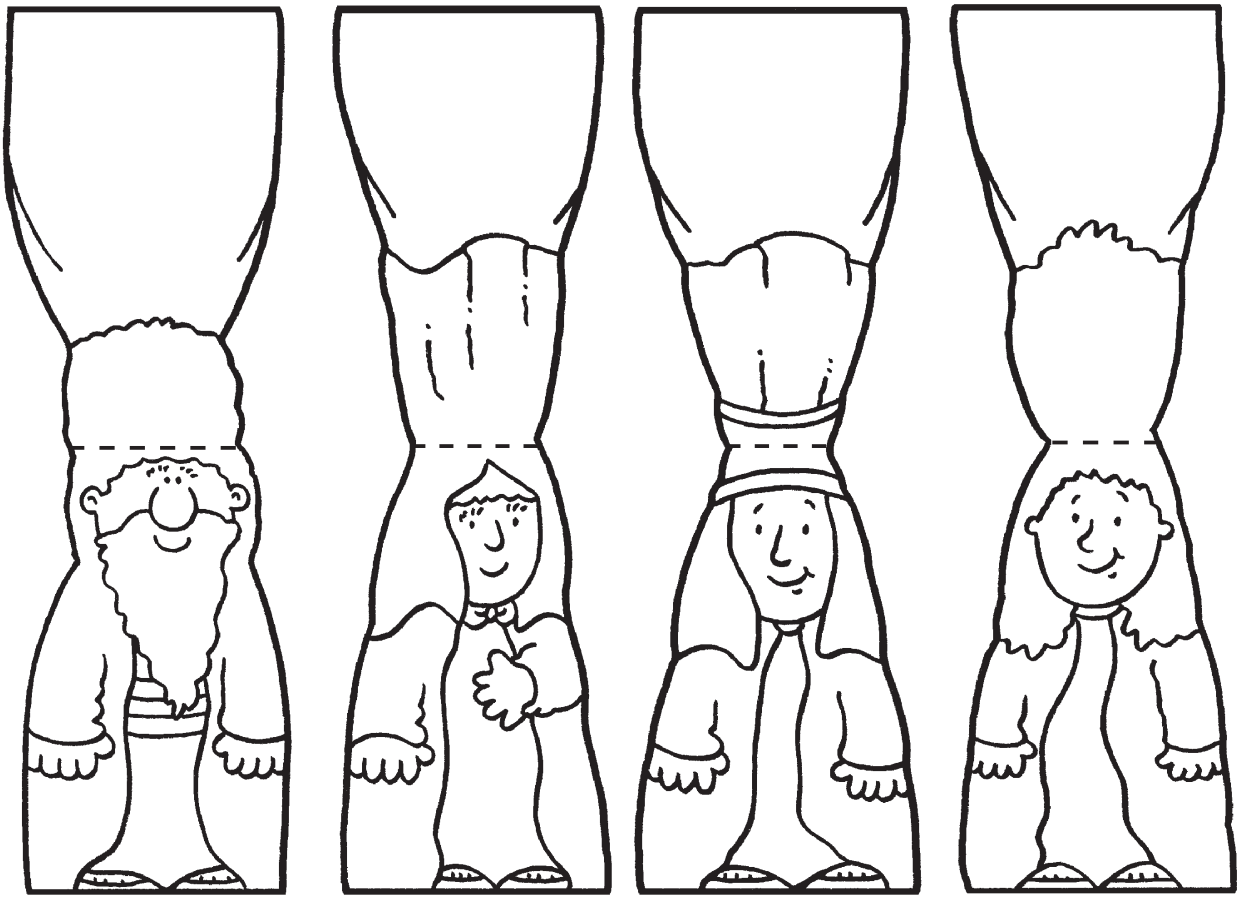

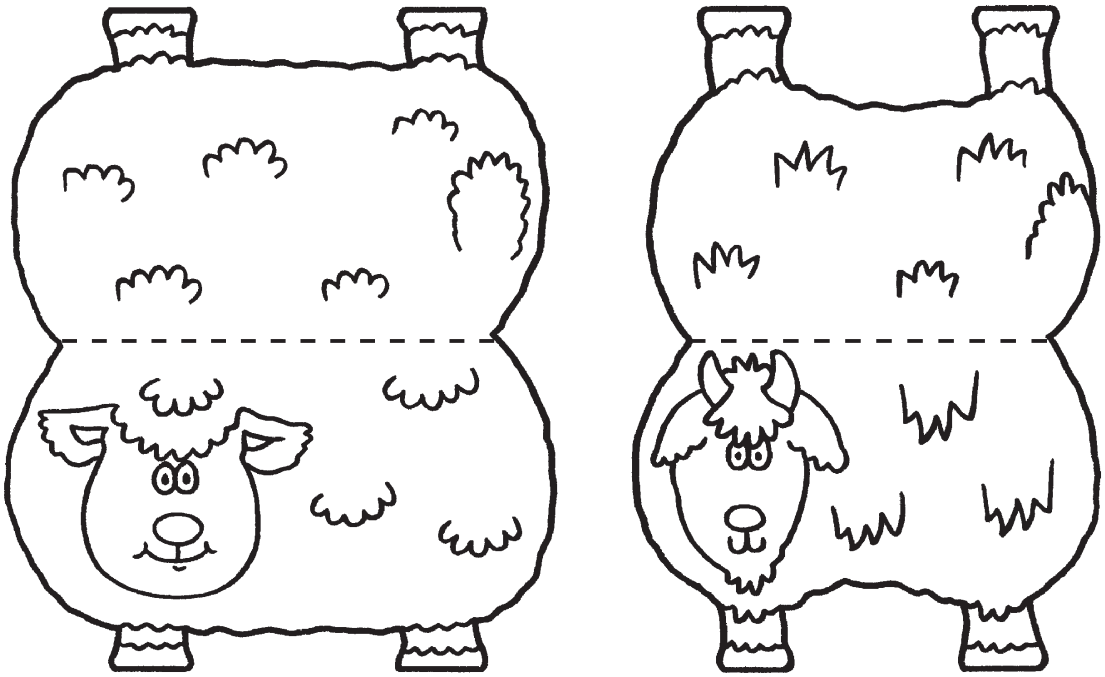

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Session 2: Noah and the Rainbow

Activity Sheets

Print out the Activity sheets at the rear.

Can you colour in the Rainbow?

On the second sheet can you join the right pictures with the promises. Did they keep their promises?

Activity One – Rainbow Beads

This activity will take some drying time so you may want to break it over the start and end of the session.

Get some dried pasta tubes.

Paint them many different colours and let them dry.

When dry thread them onto pieces of wool to make Rainbow Bracelets or necklaces.

Ties the ends of the wool so the pasta doesn't escape.

If you don't like the idea of necklace and bracelets. Why not glue the painted pasta tubes onto a piece of card to make a rainbow?

Bible Story.

So, Noah built a boat. God told Noah to put his family and some animals in the big boat to keep them safe. So, Noah put them all in his boat. When the rain and the flood came. God kept them all safe in the boat.

At last the rain stopped and the boat came to rest on dry ground. All the people and the animals got out. God had looked after them all and kept them safe, just as he had promised. Noah prayed "Thank you, God for looking after us and keeping us safe." God said "I will keep on looking after you I promise there will never be a flood over the whole world again. Here is something to help you remember my promise." Noah looked up in the sky. He saw a beautiful rainbow spreading from side to side, shining in red, orange, yellow, green, light blue, dark blue, and purple.

What did the rainbow mean?

It meant that God would always keep his promise to Noah. When we see a rainbow, it means God will always keep his promises to us. He is kind to us. He promises to look after us and love us always.

Activity Two – Noah Scene Part 3

Print out the sheet at the back either directly onto card or paper and then stick it onto card.

Cut around the animals and fold them along the dotted line.

They can be coloured in.

Add them to the boat, people and animals you created last 2 weeks

Active Prayer Time

God Promises that he will always be with us, looking after us, wherever we are.

Think of some places you have been in the past week. Maybe the park, a nursery, or the garden.

Walk around the room and imagine you are in each of these places.

Ask is God with us, looking after us? encourage them to join in with Yes as loud as they can

How do we know?

Encourage them to join in loudly with "He Promised"

Move on around the room to the next place and repeat.

At the end of the places. End by saying.

Is God with us here and now?

"YES"

How do we know?

"He Promised"

Bubbles 4a

God's wonderful promise

God said to Noah, "Look at the rainbow.
Remember that I will always keep my promises."

Today's aim is to recognise that God is kind and that he keeps his promises.

Genesis 8:13 – 9:17

Encourage children to add bright colours to the rainbow.

You may wish to let them choose their own colours: this will help develop their self-confidence and ability to make choices. If you prefer an authentic rainbow, start from the outer arc and colour red, orange, yellow, green, light blue, dark blue, purple.

Look out for bright colours and rainbow patterns. When you see a rainbow, remember it is a sign of God's promise. God will always keep his promises to us, as he did to Noah.

Find this Bible story on ***Bonus Sheet A***.

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4b Bubbles

Keeping promises

Draw a line to match the picture pairs.

Read out the promises in each box.

Discuss what is happening. Who is making a promise? What promise are they making? Find the matching picture and see how the promise is being kept. Encourage your child to draw lines to link the matching pictures.

Talk about times when you have made and kept promises. What promise could you make to your child today?

In an uncertain world, one thing is certain: God's goodness to us. We may experience that goodness in slightly different ways because of who we are, where we are and the nature of the community around us. But God keeps his promise! And it is our responsibility to work alongside God and alongside each other in whatever way we can. If we do not, the rainbow becomes a reminder of our failure as well as a reminder of God's promise.

God always keeps his promises!

What did Sadie promise?

What did Mum promise?

What did Dad promise?

Did Dad keep his promise?

yes no

Did Sadie keep her promise?

yes no

Did Mum keep her promise?

yes no

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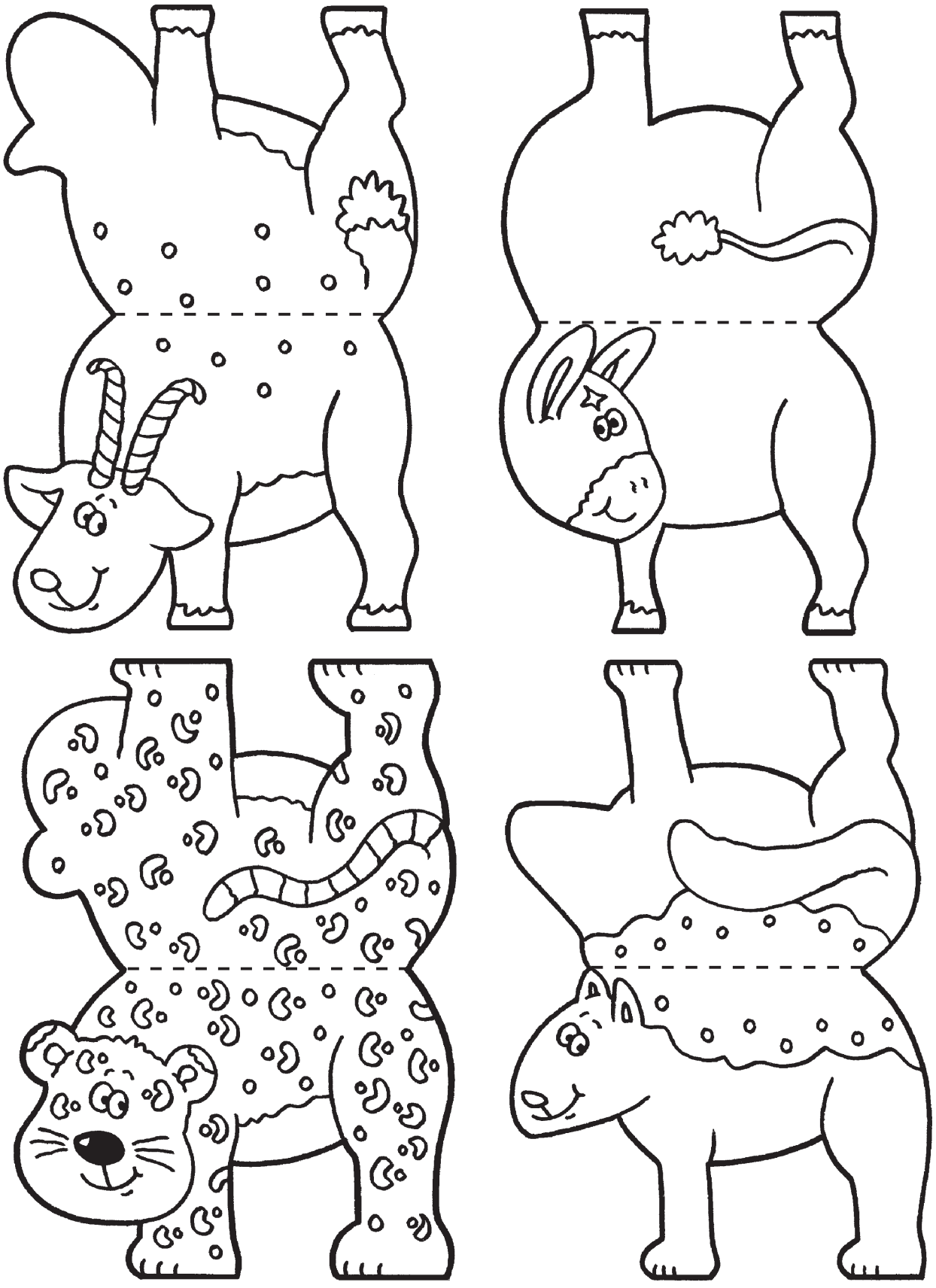

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