# READ IT

This rotation's Bible story is **Noah's Ark** from Genesis 6-9.

Rainbows remind God never to flood the entire earth again.

Ask each other what you remember about:

- Abide
- Wickedness
- Grieve
- Blot
- Righteous
- Ark

The Nephilim, or giants, were thought to be heavenly beings that had children with people.

# Read the whole story together in the Bible!

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#### **Family Prayer**

Dear God, please help us show you we value our second chance through the way we live. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## TALK ABOUT IT



## Family Conversations

- **1** Pretend you have to live on a boat. What would your boat look like?
- 2 What would be hard about being on a boat with people and animals for many days and nights?
- **3** In what ways could zoos be compared to Noah's Ark?
- What is a promise you can make as a family?
  What symbol could you choose to remind you of that promise? Write out your promise and draw the symbol.

# 🔊 Eye Spark

Rainbows occur when light shines through water. Look for rainbows this week and thank God for our beautiful earth.

# Ear Spark

Listen for drops of water. Thank God for God's promise to never flood the entire earth again.

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## For families to do together

Gather up play figures, stuffed animals, and/ or pictures. Reenact Noah and his family shepherding the animals onto the ark and caring for them.

#### For younger kids

Brush or give food and water to a family pet, or provide breadcrumbs or birdseed for outdoor birds and animals.

#### For older kids

Explore environmental groups that work for the preservation of animals. How could you help?



## TRY IT

#### Art

Noah's ark must have been pretty stinky! Create a Noah's ark air freshener to hang in your car. Use a piece of tag board to trace and cut out a simple outline of Noah's ark. Use colored pencils, crayons, and markers to decorate. Punch a hole in the center top of the ark, insert a twine piece, and tie in a loop. In a ventilated area, have an adult use an eyedropper to add a couple drops of scented essential oil. Voila-fresh air!

#### Computer Lab

Search online to find a zoo or other spot with animals to view. Then take a family trip to the zoo, but this time, see it through Noah's eyes! Talk with each other about what the ark journey might've been like for the rhino, the elephant, the chimp, and all the creatures great and small.

#### **Creative Drama**

Play the story with your family. Cover a large table with a sheet. Pretend it's an ark. Collect pairs of toy animals from around the house and put them on the ark. Pretend your family is Noah's family. Share a snack inside the ark. How does God give you what you need?

#### Video

Spend some time together learning about water needs in other countries. Watch online videos to learn more. Make a plan to use less water and to think about how you could help someone in a country where water is scarce.

#### Bible Skills and Games

Draw a picture of an ark on a grocery bag. Gather up enough non-perishable foods to fill the bag. Add a sticky note to each item with the name of an animal on it. Then write a Bible verse about sharing food on the note. Fill the bag and have it ready for the next food drive or find a place to drop it off.

## Cooking

God reminded Noah to bring food for his family and the animals on the ark because God cares about our needs. Go grocery shopping as a family. Decide how each item you buy helps our bodies. Thank God for providing a variety of food to meet our nutritional needs. Music

Animals play a big role in the Noah's Ark story and in our lives, too. Talk to your family members to learn about animals that have played a special role in their lives, or animals that they love for a particular reason. What songs do family members like that mention animals? Create an animal playlist and listen to the tunes together!

#### Science

Pretend you need to get animals on board an ark. Go on an animal hunt, first in your neighborhood, then your town, then your state or province. Make lists of the animals you could collect from each area.



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