



The Ark and the Promise

Noah's Ark | A guided lesson for ages about 6-11 | 35-45 minutes

Start with the Bible

Read Genesis 6:13-22; 7:1-12; 8:6-12; 9:8-17 (KJV), selecting shorter portions for younger children. The full account is Genesis 6-9. It describes judgment and loss; read with care for your group.

Big idea: God kept His promise

Key verse: Genesis 9:13

Five stops along the story

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| 1 BUILD | What did God tell Noah to make? (Genesis 6:14-16) |
| 2 ENTER | Who entered the ark? (Genesis 7:7-9) |
| 3 WAIT | What happened while the ark was on the water? (Genesis 7:12; 8:1-5) |
| 4 WATCH | Which bird went out first? What did the dove later bring? (Genesis 8:7-11) |
| 5 REMEMBER | What sign did God place in the cloud? (Genesis 9:12-17) |

Run the class

- 5 min - Wonder together: What helps you remember a promise?
- 12 min - Read the selected passages and pause at the five stops.
- 10 min - Cut and arrange the six story cards on page 2.
- 10 min - Follow the raven and dove in Scripture on page 3.
- 5 min - Check answers together; close with a short prayer if appropriate.

Crow Wall crows guide the activity; the raven in Genesis 8 is part of the biblical story.



Put the Story in Order

Cut out the six cards. Arrange them from first to last. Check Genesis 6-9 together.

A

After the waters lowered, Noah sent out a raven and then a dove.

Genesis 8:6-9

B

God told Noah to make an ark. Noah did as God commanded.

Genesis 6:14-22

C

God set His bow in the cloud as a sign of His covenant.

Genesis 9:12-17

D

Noah, his family, and the animals entered the ark.

Genesis 7:7-9

E

The dove returned with an olive leaf in her mouth.

Genesis 8:10-11

F

Rain fell for forty days and forty nights.

Genesis 7:12

My order:



The Raven, the Dove, the Bow

Read Genesis 8:6-12 and 9:12-17. Write or draw what the verses actually tell us.

1. First bird

Genesis 8:7

Which bird did Noah send out first?

2. The dove returns

Genesis 8:8-9

Why did the dove come back the first time?

3. An olive leaf

Genesis 8:10-11

What was in the dove's mouth the next time?

4. A sign in the sky

Genesis 9:12-13

What did God set in the cloud?

Crow Wall question: Did the raven bring Noah the olive leaf?



Check the Story

Let children find each answer in the Bible, then explain it in their own words.

Story-card order

B → D → F → A → E → C

Reading-closely answer guide

1. Noah sent out a raven first (Genesis 8:7).
2. The dove returned because she found no place to rest (Genesis 8:8-9).
3. The dove returned with an olive leaf (Genesis 8:10-11).
4. God set His bow in the cloud as a sign of His covenant (Genesis 9:12-17).

Crow Wall question: No. The dove, not the raven, brought the olive leaf.

A detail to notice

Genesis 8:7 says the raven went to and fro. The account then follows the dove, which returned once without a resting place and later returned with an olive leaf. Keep those two birds distinct when retelling.

For home or next class

Read Genesis 9:12-17 together. Draw the bow in the cloud and write underneath: "I do set my bow in the cloud" (KJV, Genesis 9:13). Talk about what the sign meant in God's words.

Teacher note: Genesis 7 distinguishes clean animals from other animals. Avoid saying the passage gives exactly one pair of every kind. Crow Wall crows are activity guides; the biblical raven is in Genesis 8.