

# Noah and the Ark: Lesson 1

**SuperTruth:** By faith, I will obey God.

**SuperVerse:** *It was by faith that Noah built a large boat to save his family from the flood. He obeyed God, who warned him about things that had never happened before.* Hebrews 11:7a (NLT)

**Bible Story:** Genesis 6–9

## Game Materials Needed:

- Two measuring sticks: yardsticks or meter sticks
- Small paper or plastic cups: one per child, plus extras; or, may use fewer—see note in game
- One medium-size box
- Optional: washable markers
- Optional: painters tape or masking tape
- Timer: clock/watch with second hand, stopwatch, timer app
- Bible or the Superbook Bible App

## Teaching Materials Needed:

- Rainbow Promise Pattern
- Metal brads, 1 per child plus extras, to hold two pattern pieces together
- Scissors for children
- Clear container: a large plastic cup or jar
- Water: enough to almost fill the container
- Container of soil
- Spoon
- Chalkboard and chalk; or whiteboard/poster board and marker
- Scissors
- Bible or the Superbook Bible App

## SuperVerse Materials Needed:

- SuperVerse Cards
- Scissors
- Bag or large envelope, one per set of cards
- Bible or the Superbook Bible App

## Prayer Materials Needed:

- Bible or the Superbook Bible App

## LARGE GROUP / GRADES 1–6

Today, our new Superbook video is called “Noah and the Ark.” God told Noah that a flood was coming—something that had never been seen before. Even though many years would pass before the flood took place, Noah believed every word God spoke and obeyed God by faith.

- Chris and Joy are excited about skipping school and hanging out with a gang of tough skateboarders who don’t follow the rules.
- Superbook takes Chris, Joy and Gizmo back in time to meet Noah—the only righteous person in an evil world. He obeys God by building a huge boat on dry land, even though there is no sign of rain. Noah, his family, and Earth’s animals are all saved from the worldwide flood. The children learn that in troubled times, God will care for those who trust Him.

## SMALL GROUP / GRADES 1–6

**Game:** Two by Two (15 minutes)

**Objective:** *Play a game to take the animals into the ark.*

- God told Noah exactly what animals to bring into the ark. This is what our game is about today. We are going to help Noah bring the animal pairs into the ark. The box represents the ark!

**Game Instructions:**

- Pairs of children hold a yardstick between them and balance two cups on it. The cups represent a pair of animals. The two children carefully walk to the ark and tip their cups into it.

**Teaching:** Noah Did It All (15 minutes)

**Objective:** *Discuss Noah’s faith and obedience.*

- God commanded Noah to build an ark that would save not only Noah and his family, but all the types of animals on Earth. The Bible tells us three times that Noah did exactly what God told him to do. Even when it was difficult, even when Noah couldn’t have fully understood God’s plan—by faith, Noah obeyed God!

**Take Home Activity—Discipleship Challenge (5 minutes)**

- Children make a Rainbow Promises Pattern. They should memorize the first promise before the next meeting.

**SuperVerse:** Superbook Matchup (5 minutes)

**Objective:** *Memorize the SuperVerse with a group activity.*

- Noah, by faith, obeyed all God told him, even though many years went by before the rain began to fall. Noah and his family were spared God’s judgment because Noah obeyed and feared God.
- Children will work in groups of two to four. Give a set of SuperVerse Cards to each group. Don’t let them open the envelope until you say “Go,” then have them race to see which group can arrange their cards in the correct order first.

**Prayer:** Faith Prayers (5 minutes)

**Objective:** *Communicate with God.*

- God wants us to believe that He exists, and He is pleased when we believe in Him. God is so pleased with our faith that He will bless our lives because of it!
- Is there something that God wants you to do? Ask the children to obey God by faith and act on what He might be speaking to their hearts. Give the children time to pray and then close in prayer.

## ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES (REFER TO THE LESSON GUIDE FOR DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS)

**Mural:** Create murals about the story of Noah’s Ark. | **Grades 1–6** | 15 min

**True or False Game:** Play a true or false review game to feed the animals. | **Grades 1–6** | 15 min

**Rainbow Promise:** Discuss the significance of a rainbow. | **Grades 1–3** | 10 min

**Bible Study:** Race to pair Bible story facts with their scripture references. | **Grades 4–6** | 15 min