



RAINMAKER



- ☺ Decorate your kitchen towel tube (or you could use a plastic bottle)
- ☺ Seal one end of your tube with tape or with paper and an elastic band
- ☺ Put some rice or lentils into the tube. Just a few for a gentle shower, more for a storm!
- ☺ To add to the sound you could use a pipe cleaner or a rolled up piece of foil and shaped like a wiggly worm.
- ☺ Place this into your tube
- ☺ Seal the other end of the tube

Think about...

- ☺ Can you remember when it rained really heavily?
- ☺ How do you feel when the rain is pounding down outside? What noises does it make?
- ☺ When we are worrying or are sad about something it can feel as if troubles are pouring down on us like rain.
- ☺ Noah must have felt very worried and scared about the flood but he trusted God, who promised to be with him in his troubles.
- ☺ God has promised to be with us whenever we face troubles too.



THE ARK



- ☺ Use cardboard boxes, furniture or anything else you have at hand to make an ark.
- ☺ Invite your soft toy animals to join you and read or listen to the story (see below) while you eat your lunch in your ark.
- ☺ You could pray (something like we do at Messy Church) 'Thank you for our food. Thank you for Noah and his family. Help us to look after the world and to love one another. Thank you that you continue to show us rainbows to help us to remember that you are always with us. Amen'

Or

- ☺ Make a smaller ark from junk/recycling etc
- ☺ Add Duplo/similar people and animals

One day God looked at the world and he was sad. The people were doing bad things and they did them all the time. No one seemed to love God or to want to live a good life. God was sorry that he had made the world and he decided to start again. But there was a man called Noah, and he *was* a good man. He had married a wife and they had three sons. The family loved God and tried to live well.

God asked Noah to build a huge boat, big enough for two each of all the animals in the world. Noah and his sons started to build.

When the boat was finished, God sent the animals to Noah: two cats, two dogs, two monkeys, two cows, two horses.... two of everything! And they all went into the ark.

When everyone was inside, God shut the door and it started to rain.

Try to imagine a huge rainstorm! The rain lashed down and covered everything – the houses, the trees, the hills and mountains. All you could see was water, all over the world. And everything that was not in the ark died.

After 40 days the rain stopped. But Noah couldn't get out of the ark because there was still water everywhere. He waited until all the water had dried up then he and all the animals got out of the ark.

God made Noah a promise. He promised, "I will never flood the whole earth again. Every year there will be Spring and Autumn and every year the plants will grow." And to help Noah remember the promise, God created a huge rainbow and put it in the sky.

Whenever we see a rainbow we can remember how God keeps the same promises for us.



RAINBOW PICTURE



- ☺ Make a beautiful rainbow by sticking all sorts of bits and pieces on a piece paper.
- ☺ Attach it to your wall to remind you of God's promises.



RAINBOW ROCKS



- ☺ Decorate a stone or a rock with a rainbow.
- ☺ Remember to wash your stone/rock and let it dry before you start to decorate it.
- ☺ You can use a primer, acrylic paints, paint pens and finish it with a varnish – or just use felt tips!
- ☺ You could keep it yourself or add it to the stones and rocks by the stocks in the middle of Dunchurch (on the green behind the thatched bus shelter).

Any stones/rocks that are put by the stocks will be collected in September and will be stored before they are displayed again next year as part of Dunchurch's 'Britain in Bloom' entry.



CUPCAKES/ FAIRY CAKES/ GINGERBREAD PEOPLE/ SHORTBREAD PEOPLE

- ☺ Decorate your cake with rainbow colours or make Mr & Mrs Noah
- ☺ As you are decorating, think about how wonderful rainbows are – and what a wonderful God we have.



One more page follows...

God makes many amazing promises in the Bible. This sheet reminds us of some of his most special promises – one for each colour of the rainbow. Remember that he will never break his promises to you.

GOD'S PROMISES



God will love you forever!

"Give thanks to the LORD, because he is good. His faithful love continues forever."

Psalms 136:1



God will never leave you!

"... I will never leave you. I will never desert you."

Hebrews 13:5



God will comfort you!

"The LORD will comfort his people. He will show his tender love to those who are suffering."

Isaiah 49:13



God will help you!

"Where does my help come from? My help comes from the LORD. He is the Maker of heaven and earth."

Psalms 121:1-2



God is always faithful!

"What the LORD says is right and true. He is faithful in everything he does."

Psalms 33:4



God will Keep you safe!

"The LORD is good. When people are in trouble, they can go to him for safety."

Nahum 1:7



God keeps his promises!

"... the LORD your God is God. He is the faithful God. He keeps his covenant for all time to come."

Deuteronomy 7:9