FREE SAMPLER

Story Night Sampler

A taste of every printable in the store: four story cards, January's reading plan, a full Sunday-school lesson and a colouring page.



The Canon Thread: one mark for each book of the Bible, Genesis to Revelation. Gold marks show the books in this edition.



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How to use this

1. Print it all (A4 or US Letter), or just the pages you want.
2. Cut out the four story cards and keep them by the table.
3. Use January's page to start the year's reading plan.
4. Teachers: try the Noah lesson (teacher pages and a handout) with your class.
5. Children: colour Noah's ark, then do the activity page.

What's inside

- 4 story cards
- January 2027 from the Story-a-Week plan
- Lesson: Noah and the Flood (Prepare, Teach, Handout)
- Noah colouring picture and activity page
- A guide to the full editions

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BEGINNINGS · WEEK 1

In the Beginning

Genesis 1:1–2:3

Genesis · book 1 of 66

Out of darkness and deep water, God speaks a good and ordered world into being, crowns it with people made in his image, and then rests.

> *"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."*
> **Genesis 1:1 (KJV)**

Create: To make something new. In Genesis, only God is said to create the world.

TALK ABOUT IT

If you were made in the image of God, what might that mean for how you treat the people around you, and the world you live in?

Listen: storiesofscriptures.org/stories/creation

BEGINNINGS · WEEK 3

Noah and the Flood

Genesis 6–9

Genesis · book 1 of 66

In a world gone wrong, Noah trusts God, builds an ark, and rides out the flood. Afterwards God sets a rainbow in the clouds as the sign of his promise.

> *"I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth."*
> **Genesis 9:13 (KJV)**

Ark: The huge wooden boat God told Noah to build to keep his family and the animals safe.

TALK ABOUT IT

What promise of God do you most need to remember right now?

Listen: storiesofscriptures.org/stories/noah

KINGS · WEEK 23

David and Goliath

1 Samuel 17

1 Samuel · book 9 of 66

For forty days a giant mocks Israel's army. Then a young shepherd arrives with a sling, five smooth stones, and complete trust in the Lord.

> *"Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied."*
> **1 Samuel 17:45 (KJV)**

TALK ABOUT IT

What giant are you facing right now, and what would it mean to face it in the name of the Lord?

Listen: storiesofscriptures.org/stories/david-goliath

PARABLES · WEEK 42

The Good Samaritan

Luke 10:25–37

Luke · book 42 of 66

A clever question about who counts as a neighbour gets a story nobody expected: a wounded traveller, two religious men who pass by, and an outsider who stops.

> *"And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself."*
> **Luke 10:27 (KJV)**

Neighbour: Anyone near us who needs our love and help.

TALK ABOUT IT

Who is lying by your road this week, and will you stop?

Listen: storiesofscriptures.org/stories/good-samaritan

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2027 · STORY-A-WEEK

January

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WEEK 1
3
SUN JAN

In the Beginning

Genesis 1:1–2:3

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." **Genesis 1:1**

AROUND THE TABLE If you were made in the image of God, what might that mean for how you treat the people around you, and the world you live in?

- ☐ Listened
- ☐ Talked it over
- ☐ Said the verse

WEEK 2
10
SUN JAN

The Garden of Eden

Genesis 2:4–3:24

"And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?" **Genesis 3:9**

AROUND THE TABLE When you have done something wrong, do you hide from God, or do you come out and answer him?

- ☐ Listened
- ☐ Talked it over
- ☐ Said the verse

WEEK 3
17
SUN JAN

Noah and the Flood

Genesis 6–9

"I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth." **Genesis 9:13**

AROUND THE TABLE What promise of God do you most need to remember right now?

- ☐ Listened
- ☐ Talked it over
- ☐ Said the verse

WEEK 4
24
SUN JAN

The Tower of Babel

Genesis 11:1–9

"Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain." **Psalm 127:1**

AROUND THE TABLE What are you building your life to be known for, and who gets the glory?

- ☐ Listened
- ☐ Talked it over
- ☐ Said the verse

WEEK 5
31
SUN JAN

The Call of Abram

Genesis 12:1–9

"By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went." **Hebrews 11:8**

AROUND THE TABLE Is God asking you to take a step this week, before you can see where the path goes?

- ☐ Listened
- ☐ Talked it over
- ☐ Said the verse

OUR NOTES AND PRAYERS THIS MONTH

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Noah and the Flood

Genesis 6–9

AIM

Children will understand that God takes wrongdoing seriously, that he rescued Noah and his family, and that God keeps his promises, shown by the rainbow.

MAIN TRUTH

God rescues those who trust him, and he always keeps his promises.

MEMORY VERSE

> *"I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth."*
> **Genesis 9:13 (KJV)**

KEY WORDS

Ark	The huge wooden boat God told Noah to build to keep his family and the animals safe.
Covenant	A binding promise. God promised never again to destroy all life with a flood.
Righteous	Living in a way that is right with God and with others.
Altar	A raised place where people offered worship and sacrifices to God.

BACKGROUND FOR THE TEACHER

Genesis 6–9 describes a world corrupted by violence and a God who is grieved by it. Noah is described as righteous and as one who "walked with God", and the repeated phrase that he did all that God commanded him stresses his obedience. The ark was about 300 cubits long; a cubit was roughly the length of a forearm, about 45 centimetres. After the flood God makes a covenant, a binding promise, not only with Noah but with every living creature, and the rainbow becomes its sign. Flood stories were known elsewhere in the ancient Near East, most famously in the Epic of Gilgamesh, where the hero also releases birds from his boat. The Genesis account differs in its portrait of one just and merciful God who acts for a reason and commits himself to the world's future. Christians differ on questions such as the geographical extent of the flood; this lesson focuses on God's justice, rescue and faithfulness, which all traditions affirm.

45-MINUTE SESSION

- 5 min welcome and prayer
- 6 min listen to the story
- 8 min discussion questions
- 15 min Rainbow Promise Chain
- 6 min quiz
- 3 min memory verse
- 2 min closing prayer and take-home assignment

LISTEN

Play the story from storiesofscriptures.org/stories/noah (or the app). Classroom mode on the site pauses at each discussion point.

NOTES FOR MY CLASS

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Noah and the Flood

Genesis 6–9

TALK ABOUT IT

1. **Ages 12–15** Genesis says God's heart was deeply troubled by the violence on earth. What does that tell us about how God feels about wrongdoing? (after part 1)
2. **Ages 8–11** How do you think Noah felt building a huge boat on dry land while people watched? (after part 2)
3. **Ages 4–7** Who shut the door of the ark? Why do you think that matters? (after part 3)
4. **Ages 4–7** What did the dove bring back, and what did it tell Noah? (after part 4)
5. **Ages 8–11** What was the first thing Noah did when he came out of the ark? Why do you think he did that? (after part 5)
6. **Ages 12–15** Both Gilgamesh and Genesis tell of a flood. What is the biggest difference in how they show God or the gods? (after part 6)

LIVE IT THIS WEEK

Ages 4–7 God kept Noah safe, and God keeps his promises. When you see a rainbow, say "Thank you, God, for keeping your promises."

Ages 8–11 Noah obeyed God even when it looked strange to others. Think of one thing you know is right to do this week, even if friends do not do it, and do it anyway.

Ages 12–15 Noah's faithfulness was steady and long-term, not a single brave moment. Think about what it means to keep trusting God through a long, uncertain season, and which of his promises helps you do that.

Rainbow Promise Chain · 15 minutes

You need: Paper strips in seven rainbow colours, Glue sticks or tape, Markers

1. Give each child several coloured paper strips.
2. On each strip, write or draw one promise of God or one thing to thank God for.
3. Loop the strips into a paper chain in rainbow order.
4. Join everyone's chains together and hang them across the room.
5. Read the memory verse aloud under the rainbow.

Measure the Ark · 10 minutes

You need: A long tape measure or a ball of string, Chalk or cones

1. Explain that a cubit is about the length of a forearm, roughly 45 centimetres.
2. Have each child measure their own forearm and compare.
3. Outside, or along a hallway, mark out 30 metres and explain the ark was about five times longer.
4. Talk about how much faith and work it took Noah to finish it.

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Noah and the Flood

Genesis 6–9

NAME _____ DATE _____

MEMORY VERSE

> *"I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth."* **Genesis 9:13**

QUIZ: CIRCLE ONE ANSWER

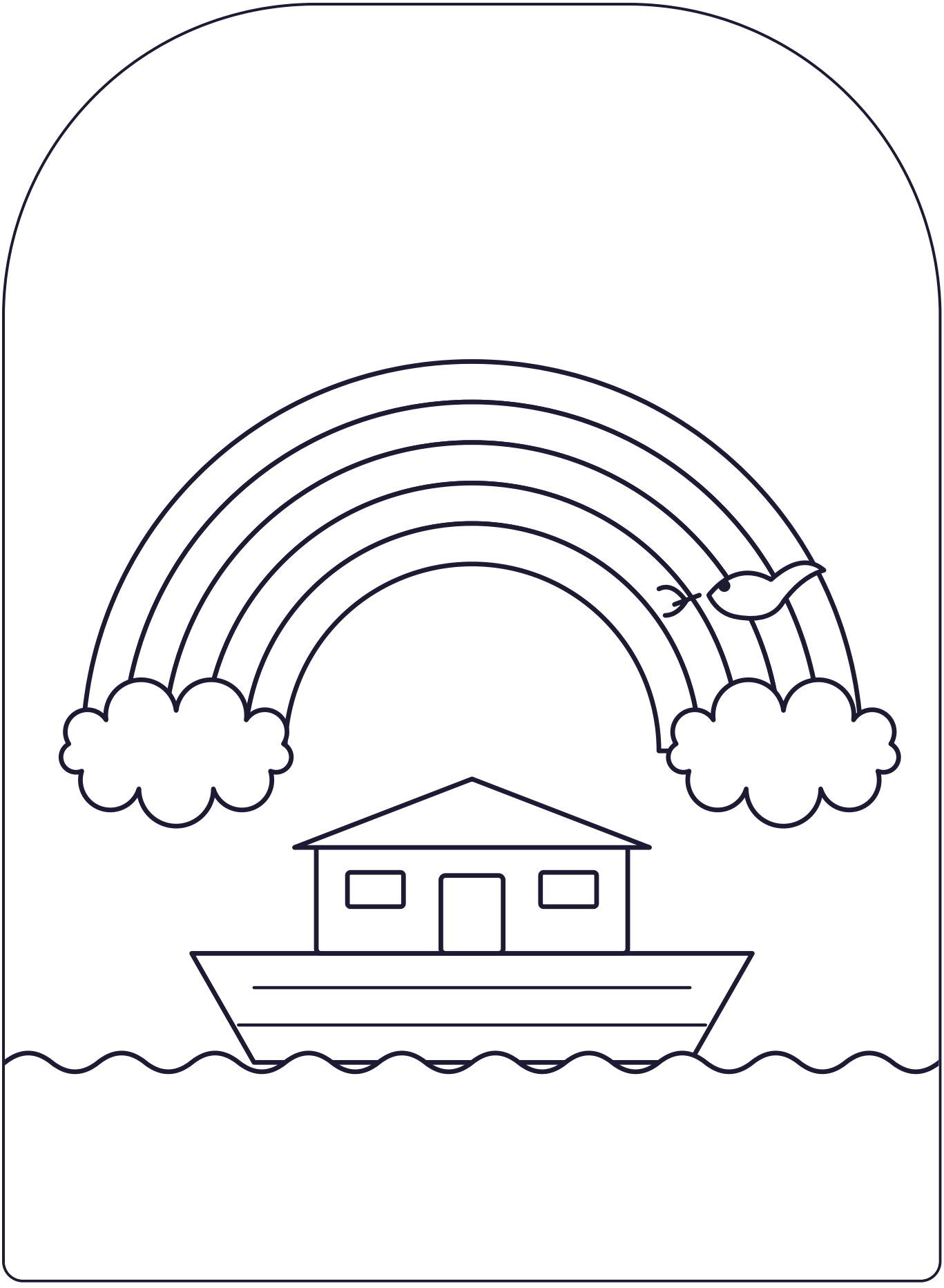
1. What was the ark mainly made of?
   - ◯ Stone
   - ◯ Wood coated with pitch
   - ◯ Reeds and mud
   - ◯ Iron
2. Who shut the door of the ark?
   - ◯ Noah
   - ◯ Shem
   - ◯ The Lord
   - ◯ The angels
3. What did the dove bring back to Noah?
   - ◯ A fig
   - ◯ A stone
   - ◯ A feather
   - ◯ An olive leaf
4. Where did the ark come to rest?
   - ◯ The mountains of Ararat
   - ◯ Mount Sinai
   - ◯ Mount Zion
   - ◯ The hills of Canaan
5. What is the sign of God's promise never again to flood the whole earth?
   - ◯ A star
   - ◯ A rainbow
   - ◯ A dove
   - ◯ An altar

TAKE IT HOME

- **Listen again.** Listen to "Noah and the Flood" with your family and name every bird that appears in the story.
- **Rainbow journal.** Write about a time someone kept a promise to you, and one promise of God you want to remember this week.
- **Quick quiz at home.** Ask a family member five questions about Noah's story and see if they can answer them without listening.

DRAW ONE THING FROM TODAY'S STORY

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Noah and the Flood

Genesis 6–9

In a world gone wrong, Noah trusts God, builds an ark, and rides out the flood.

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RIGHTEOUS COVENANT RAINBOW WINDOW ANIMAL ALTAR OLIVE CLOUD DOVE

Finish the verse

"I do set my bow in the _____, and it shall be for a ____ of a _____ between me and the earth." **Genesis 9:13 (KJV)**

cloud covenant token

DRAW YOUR FAVOURITE PART OF THE STORY

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