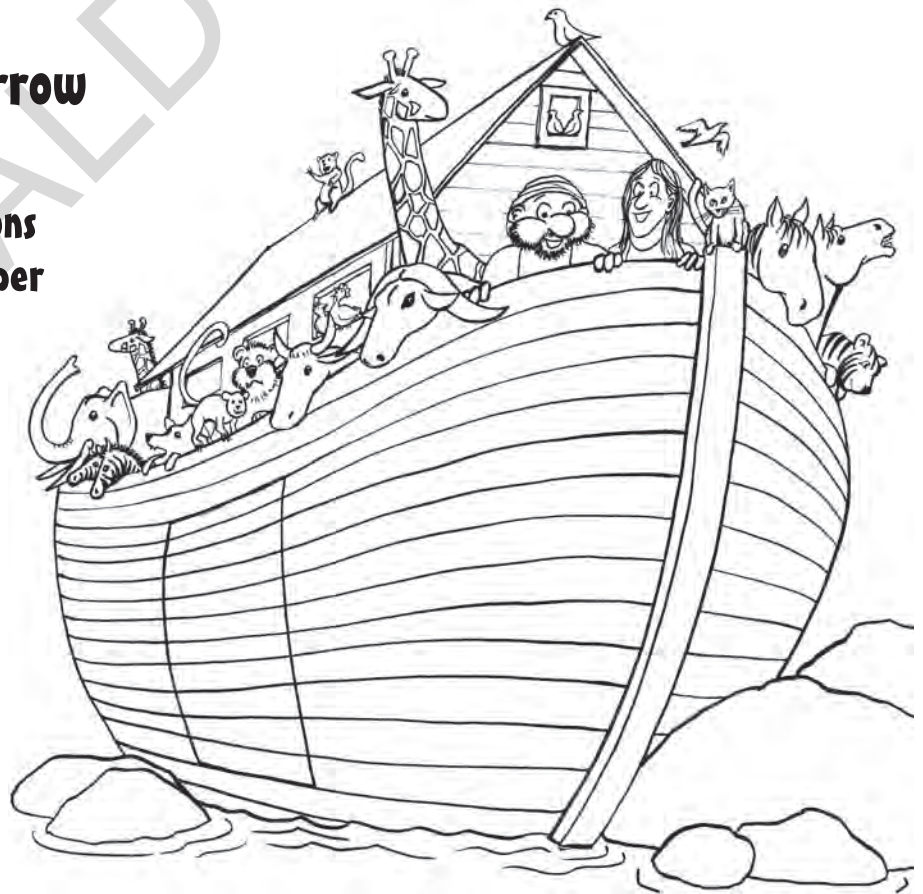


FUN **Bible Skits**

**Ready-to-go scripts & activities
for kids & congregations**

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How to Use Fun Bible Skits

Fun Bible Skits is a versatile, reproducible resource for multiple settings. These 24 skits will bring new energy to congregational worship, and offer a creative way to provide active Bible learning for a wide range of ages. Use the following suggestions to begin thinking of how *Fun Bible Skits* might serve your congregation!

Fun Bible Skits in Worship Settings

- Use a skit to introduce the children's time or the sermon.
- Invite your youth group to perform a skit as they lead worship.
- Use several skits with related themes to tie together a series of sermons, a retreat, or other worship experiences.
- When possible, use simple props and costumes to enhance presentation of the story.
- If your setting allows, use the questions at the end of the skit for reflection or discussion. Or, make these questions available to adult or youth Sunday school teachers, encouraging them to follow up in their own settings.

Fun Bible Skits for Your Kids' Club Program

- Select the Bible skits in their biblical and chronological order or in any order you wish. *Note: If you are using all the Old Testament skits, you may want to introduce the theme, "God Keeps Promises."*
- Find a team of youth or adults to practice the skits before performing for the children, so the Bible content will be presented well. Some junior youth may enjoy being part of a drama group.
- Use the questions provided immediately after the skit is presented, with the whole group of children or as discussion starters with separate age groups. The first questions are generally geared to younger children, while subsequent questions allow older children to dig deeper.
- Use the activities accompanying each skit to reinforce the Bible theme. Select one or more activity, depending on the age of the children, the time available, and the energy level of the participants.
- Supplement the suggested activities with songs, Bible memory work, or additional craft projects if desired.

Note: The Christmas play does not include activities. Children could prepare and present the drama at a congregational worship event, as a service project for seniors, or for parents' night at a special Christmas club event.

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God's Promise to Noah and All Creation

Genesis 9:8-17

Characters

Noah's wife, Noah

Props

- Several large rocks
- Rainbow (*Draw picture of rainbow on transparency and project onto wall behind audience. Or, draw rainbow on posterboard and tape to wall behind audience.*)

Introduction

In the days of Noah, there was a lot of evil on the earth. Noah was the only good person in the whole world. So God decided to destroy the earth with a big flood and start over. But first, God told Noah to build a big boat called an "ark," and to take his family and two of each animal inside. Inside the ark, they were safe from the flood. After the flood was over, Noah, his family, and the animals left the ark. That's when our skit begins . . .

(Noah is center stage, building something with the large rocks. Noah's wife enters stage left.)

Noah's wife: *(picking up her feet gingerly as if walking through mud)* I thought you said that when we got off the ark we'd be on dry ground!

Noah: *(continues working)* Well, it's a lot drier than it used to be!

Noah's wife: Drier than it used to be. That's great! I'm in mud up to my ankles!

Noah: Uh . . . that's not mud.

Noah's wife: This brown, squishy stuff I'm walking in isn't mud? Then what is it?

Noah: Slugs.

Noah's wife: SLUGS! *(She jumps.)* I told you not to take those slugs on the ark! We should've let them all drown!

Noah: I had to take them. God told me to take two of each animal.

Noah's wife: Well, there are a lot more than two of them here!

Noah: Yes, they multiply quite well in this moist environment.

Noah's wife: Moist environment! Oh-h-h, I'm so sick of floods and water, and mud and slugs, and . . . and what are you doing with those rocks?

Noah: I'm building an altar, so I can offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving to God.

Noah's wife: Thanksgiving to God?! What do we have to thank God for? The whole earth was flooded! We were stuck on that stupid ark for 150 days.

Noah: We were *safe* on that ark for 150 days. God kept our entire family safe for 150 days. That's what we have to be thankful for.

Noah's wife: *(sighing)* You're right. I am thankful we're all still alive. But I'm scared, too. What's going to happen the next time God gets angry and floods the world?

Noah: *(stopping his work)* There's not going to *be* a next time. God told me that the earth would never again be destroyed by a flood. God promised me.

Noah's wife: And how do you know God is going to keep that promise?

Noah: Listen, God has told me some pretty weird stuff lately. But it's all come true—every bit of it. God tells the truth, and God keeps promises.

Noah's wife: I want to believe that, Noah. But I can't stop thinking about the flood. I can't stop remembering how horrible it was when the waters started to rise. How do we know, *really* know, that it won't happen again?

Noah: God gave a sign of the promise never to destroy the earth by flood again, remember? God put a bow of colors in the sky, a rainbow. Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, we can remember God's promise to us.

(Someone turns on the overhead projector, or tapes the poster to the wall behind the audience.)

Noah: And look! There it is! There's the rainbow! *(He points to the rainbow.)*

Questions

- In the days of Noah, people worshipped God with “sacrifices.” They killed certain animals and burned them on a mound called an “altar.” Noah decided to build an altar to God to give an offering. Why do you think he wanted to do this?
- Imagine you are one of Noah's family. Would you be thankful to God after being on the ark for 150 days? Why or why not?

- What promise did God make to Noah and all creation?
- What was the sign of the promise? Do you think God has kept this promise?
- Think of a time when someone did not keep a promise made to you. How did you feel?
- Think of a time when someone did keep a promise that was important to you. How did you feel?

Activities

- 1. Make an “altar of thanksgiving.”** Give each child a large rock. Invite them to write on the rocks, using permanent markers or paint, things for which they are thankful to God. Have them come forward to a worship center and pile the rocks together to form an altar. Invite kids to share what they wrote, if they are comfortable doing so. Close with prayer.
- 2. Dance a rainbow!** Using large strips of crepe paper or streamers in various rainbow colors, attach one end of the paper to a craft stick or dowel rod. Dance with the streamers to make a “rainbow” in the sky.
- 3. Make rainbow cookies,** using the following recipe:
 1 cup / 250 ml sugar
 1 cup / 250 ml butter, softened
 2 cups / 500 ml flour
 1 teaspoon vanilla
 1 egg
 food coloring (in at least 6 colors)
 Mix sugar, butter, eggs, and vanilla. Add flour and mix well. Divide dough into 6 sections. Add food coloring (1 color to each section). Have children take a piece from each color dough and roll them into small snakes. Press 6 snakes (1 of each color) together to form a rainbow. Bake at 350 degrees for 8-10 minutes.
- 4. Remembrance string.** Tie a rainbow-colored piece of string or fabric around each child’s finger as a reminder that God always keeps promises.

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Bring Bible stories to life for all ages through these 24 ready-to-go skits!

These lively skits share the good news of God's love in an inviting, easy-access way. Author David M. Morrow, a pastor in Warden, Washington, originally wrote them for children attending an after-school program. Kids of various backgrounds, with little Bible knowledge, paid attention. They remembered the stories, and asked questions about faith and life. Let these skits help you share the Bible with your congregation or community.

Each short script is reproducible, and includes questions for discussion and ideas for response activities. A flexible resource for worship, midweek clubs, retreat, Sunday school, camp, or other settings.



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