Oh, The Places God Goes

Preview



**Take children through some of the greatest adventures in the Bible while inviting them to think about their own journey of faith and where God might call them to go.**

**Monday Noah’s Journey**

**Theme Scripture Genesis 8: 1**

*But God remembered Noah and all the wild animals and all the domestic animals that were with him in the ark. And god made a wind blow over the earth, and the waters subsided.*

**Daily Focus: God never forgets us**

**Story Texts**

 Genesis 6: 14 – 22

 Genesis 7: 11 – 20

 Genesis 8: 13-20

 Genesis 9: 12-15

**Animal Name Game**

 \* Each person picks an animal that they like or that resembles them.

 \* Ask them to think of a sound and motion that animal makes.

 \* Give each person a chance to introduce themselves by name and age.

 \* Ask each person to also share their animal (and their sound and motion).

 \* Once everyone has been introduced, see if anyone can remember all the names and animals together (Tom the tiger, or Sally the Elephant, etc.)

**Drop Cloth**

 \* Divide the group into two teams and have each team stand in a single file line.

 \* The two lines should be facing each other with about 2 feet between them.

 \* Hold a sheet up between the two groups so they can not see each other.

 \* Give them a chance to change the order of their line.

 \* When the cloth is dropped, the first person in each line will be facing.

 \* The first person to say the other’s name and animal is the winner.

 - make it more challenging by having them make the sound and motion

 \* The looser joins the winner’s team.

 \* Two more people face-off. No one can play twice till everyone has had a turn.

 \* The game is over when everyone is on one team or your time runs out.

**Animal Adventures**

 \* Ask the group to make a list of animals that people can ride.

 \* Write their answers on a large sheet of paper or marker-board.

 \* Ask the group what a person should know before riding an animal.

 \* Ask them to share some stories they know where people rode animals.

 \* Ask them to share some stories where animals and people worked together

 but no one was being ridden by another.

 \* Make a second list, asking the group to name animals that make good pets.

 \* Write their answers on your paper or board (may be some duplicates).

 \* Ask the group members to share a story about them and their pet.

 \* Invite the group to share a story about a trip they took with or on an animal.

**Noah’s Journey**

 \* Read Genesis 6: 14 – 22, Gen. 7: 11 – 20, Gen. 8: 13-20, Gen. 9: 12-15

 -Younger groups can use a Children’s Bible or Worship and Wonder

 \* Use the following questions to discuss the story:

 -What is the scariest part of this story?

 -What might you enjoy about living with that many animals?

 -What do you think the arc smelled like?

 -What do you think the smelliest animal might have been?

 -What do you think the most annoying animal might have been?

 -Which animal would you like to have slept with?

 -What problems might that many animals cause on a long trip?

 \* Give each person paper and markers (crayons or colored pencils).

 \* Ask each person to imagine they worked for Noah on the ark.

 \* Have them draw a picture of what jobs (fun or nasty) they might have done.

 \* Provide time for each person to share their work.

**Noah’s Boat**

 \* Give each person paper and markers (crayons or colored pencils).

 \* Invite them to draw what they think Noah’s ark looked like.

 \* They can ad animals to the drawing if they want.

 \* They can draw inside or outside view if they want.

 \* If time allows, show them video found on [Youtube (Minecraft Ark)](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OWKs06-goGc).

 \* Let everyone share their pictures with each other.

**Adding Some Color**

 \* Talk about the rainbow as a symbol of God’s promise.

 \* Ask the group where they have seen rainbows and invite some stories.

 \* Invite everyone to get out their two drawings and add a rainbow to one of them.

**Closing Prayer**

 \*Close in prayer, asking God to help us remember that no matter what happens in our lives, God never forgets us and always loves us.

CRAFT

**Monday:** Boats ($1 per child at [www.orientaltrading.com](http://www.orientaltrading.com) - IN-48/6693)

 \* Craft kit for foam boats

 \* Can be floated in water for a race

SNACK

**Monday**: Iced Animal Crackers

 \* Plain animal crackers

 \* various flavors of icing / sprinkles to decorate

Set up a buffet for kids to decorate their animals.

If you have time, mix some fun colors like gray and orange with food coloring.

For another layer of fun, invite the kids to draw an arc on their plate, then fill it with animals.