

### LESSON 3

#### NOAH AND THE FLOOD

Genesis 6,7,8 and 9:11-16

Noah was a good man who loved God and tried to do the things God wanted him to do. All the other people were very wicked. This made God angry and He decided to punish them.

God told Noah that He would send so much rain on the earth that it would be covered with water. Because Noah was a good man, God wanted him and his family to be safe when this big flood came. So God told Noah to build a big boat called an ark.

When the ark was finished Noah took his family and some of the birds and animals into the ark and God shut the door. Then God sent the rain. For forty days and forty nights it rained without stopping. Everything was covered by water, even the high mountains. The ark floated, with Noah and his family safe inside.

After a long time the water gradually disappeared. Noah sent birds out of the ark to find out how much the water had gone down. When Noah and his family came out of the ark, they saw that God had put a beautiful rainbow in the sky. Noah thanked God for keeping them safe.

#### ACTIVITY

Decorate the rainbow using crumpled balls of crepe paper/ bright paint/ crayons (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple). Paint or colour the rest of the picture and use cotton wool for lamb and rabbits' tails. Draw or cut out a few more animals and add them to the picture.

#### FURTHER SUGGESTIONS

Paint a rainbow.

Using cartons and packets, the children construct their own idea of what the ark looked like.

Collect pictures of matching animals. Draw a large ark and paste the animal pictures inside. Cut a piece of brown paper to fit over the ark and paste along the top. Lift to reveal animals inside.

Use plastic animals, a shoe box and pipe cleaner man to act out the story.

Make a bird mobile. Cut a cardboard bird shape (see back page of this book for simple pattern). Fan-fold tissue paper for wings and tail. Paste a leaf on the beak of one bird.

Make four-legged cardboard animals, two of each, by folding cardboard and drawing outline of half the animal with the centre back of the animal on the fold. When cut out, the animal will stand on its four legs.

Noah thanked God for keeping him safe in the ark.

