

New Year, New promises and Noah!

Welcome to a New Year, maybe you have made a promise to try or do something new, maybe you have promised to keep doing something until you are amazing at it. Some of our promises made at the start of a New Year do not last very long, we forget all about them, or we give up as they become harder to do or we simply move onto something else and leave all our plans behind... This month we shall be looking at people who made a promise and stuck with it.

Let me introduce Noah, Noah was a busy man always on the go, making, fixing, planning always very busy no time to stop, must get on. Noah had a wife and children so maybe that was why he was always busy, and maybe while he always had things to make or mend?



Noah and his family followed God's ways and tried really hard to be nice kind people; the very kind of family you would want to be invited to for tea. People at this time had forgotten all about God, they were busy doing other things and had no time to listen. God had been sad at all he saw and decided it was time the people learnt a lesson, a very hard lesson.

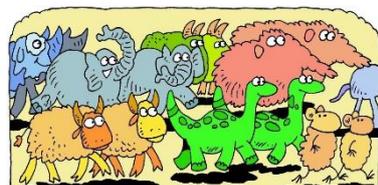
God spoke to Noah and said to him 'Noah, listen very carefully to what I tell you, your family are important now do as I ask, it might seem odd, it may seem weird, but it's very important'. Noah listened and before long he and his family began on a woodwork building project. This was no small model, no school project this task was **MASSIVE, HUGE, AWRESOME!!!!**



They were building the biggest boat you have ever seen. The neighbours watched, shook their heads, and laughed. 'Have you seen what Noah's up to, you've got to come and see it, he's building a boat, yes a huge boat and we're miles for the sea, it's my belief he's gone potty' some people said.



Noah and his family finished the big boat, then God spoke again, and this time Noah knew why the boat was so big. 'Noah, I want you to fill your boat with two of every kind of animal I send to you, there will be a male and female, oh and of course your family, make yourselves and the animals comfy, you're all off on a big adventure in my big boat'.

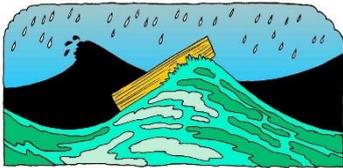


Noah did as he had promised God and he and his family welcomed all the animals, finding just the right place for them to settle down before the trip began. What a collection of animals there were, the neighbours watched, shook their heads and laughed even louder. 'Noah, opening a zoo are you, hey I don't want your smelly pets' they said.



Noah trusted God and ignored the cruel remarks, once everyone was on board the door had just been snugly shut, when it began to rain. It rained and the water turned to puddles, it rained, and everything became muddy, the nasty neighbours went indoors,

watching from their windows at Noah, the family, animals and boat. It rained and streams appeared. Quickly followed by rivers, the boat began to float the cruel people's houses began to flood. 'Oh dear', they cried 'Noah any room on your boat for your very best



friends?', Noah looked down his house and their neighbours which seemed a very long way down. Before Noah could reply to them the boat began to float and sail away. The seas became far wilder - Oh dear hope no one was sea sick – thankfully not, hurray because God kept everyone safe, cosy, well fed and the family very busy –

just imagine all the animal poo they had to clean up!

Noah, his wife and family stayed faithful to God who had sent this huge flood to clean his world. At last the rain stopped and the sun came out the water began to disappear, like water down a plughole. Noah was told to let a bird out of the boat to fly, before long the bird returned tired and hungry, no land for it to rest in. Everyone family and animals waited patiently, as more land appeared and the boat, when the dove returned in with a leaf on it. A sign that things and soon all the animals, Noah and the big, huge, massive boat and breathed fresh summer air.



Noah sent a Dove from its beak was a small twig were beginning to grow the family came out of stretched their legs, and

Noah and his family thanked God for keeping them safe and in return God gave them a wonderful sign, a rainbow beautiful colour in the sky a promise from God, that never again would he flood the earth. Noah didn't have it easy, the job of building the huge boat sometimes known as an ark was hard, hard, work but he and his family didn't give up.



They were brave and ignored the rude people who laughed at them and no matter how smelly the animals got or how rough the sea was they kept their promise to God and in return God gave them the beautiful rainbow, his promise to them,

Prayer- Dear God, thank you for giving us courage to do difficult things, thank you for Noah and his family and thank you for the colours seen in a wonderful rainbow. **Amen**

Share:

- Are you a good sailor?
- Which animals would you like to see on Noah's boat?
- What's your favourite part of the story and why?

Craft: Rainbows you will need: a paper plate or scrap card, coloured paper or paper strips from a magazine, or plain paper coloured in. cotton wool nice but not essential



Method: fold your paper plate in half add cotton wool and paper strips to make a rainbow. Write on your cloud God keeps his promises

Make some buns decorate with different coloured small sweets - be aware of choking hazards / allergies- if sharing with friends. Once you have finished share with your family or leave for a special friend who may be feeling lonely.



Ideal Toddler craft for small fingers



You will need paper plate colouring crayons, pens brown paper to make your ark – you could use brown paper found in a parcel, a brown re cycled envelope or recycled card.

When you have finished why not put a loop on the back and hang it up to remind you of the story.

Songs to make you smile

[Noah's Arky, Arky - YouTube](#)

[Who Put the Colors in the Rainbow - YouTube](#)

[The Rainbow Colors Song - YouTube](#)

Noah's boat add your favourite animals

