# Wonder Ink<sup>®</sup>

### LESSON 1 TODDLER TIME

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#### **LESSON AT A GLANCE**

**WONDER TRUTH:** God Honors Right Living **SCRIPTURE:** Genesis 6–9

**GOD'S BIG STORY:** Sin in the world increases so greatly God chooses to destroy the world in a flood. Still, He remains faithful and honors righteousness by saving Noah and his family and establishing a covenant promise with them.

Intro Activity: Animal Play

#### Activity: Build a Boat

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### Wonder@Home

Designed for families to engage in the wonder of God together at home. This resource includes a video, worship playlists, activities, and more!

#### Intro Activity: Animal Play

**SUPPLIES:** toy animals (several matching pairs) **Wonder Ink RESOURCES:** Animal Match Sheet (optional)

Greet the kids warmly and welcome them to church.

Welcome! I'm so happy you're here! Today we'll learn about a man named Noah. God told Noah to build a big boat—called an ark—to keep him safe from a flood. God also told Noah to put two of each animal on the ark to keep them safe. Let's play with some animals!

Provide a variety of plush or plastic animal toys for the kids to explore. If there are two of the same animal, encourage the kids to make a match. Interact with the

kids as they play by making comments and asking questions like "I see two cows!" or "Can you find the giraffe?" or "Look, the two dogs are different kinds of dogs, but both are dogs!" You can also print two copies of the Animal Match Sheet and ask the kids to find the match for each animal. You can encourage them to demonstrate the sound each animal makes.

### Activity: Build a Boat

**SUPPLIES:** various building blocks, toy tools, large cardboard box (optional), markers or decorating supplies (optional)

Place building blocks and toy construction tools in the play area. Consider using a variety of plastic linking blocks, wooden blocks, and magnetic tiles to allow the kids to be creative. Invite the kids to build a big boat using the blocks and tools provided. You can also set out a large cardboard box and encourage the kids to pretend it's a boat. They can decorate it with markers and decorating supplies. They can even get inside it if it's big enough.

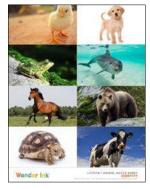
God told Noah to build a big boat called an ark. God told Noah exactly what to use to build the boat and exactly how big to build the boat. It was huge! You can use the tools and blocks to build your own big boat.

Our Wonder Truth today is GOD HONORS RIGHT LIVING. Honor means God gives value to it; He cares greatly about how people live!

Encourage the kids to do the following motions while you repeat the Wonder Truth. Older toddlers can say the words with you as they do the motions.

GOD HONORS—Point up.

**RIGHT LIVING.**—Put both hands on heart.



#### Worship

Wonder Ink RESOURCES: songs from the Faithful Early Childhood Spotify playlist

Today, we're learning that God cares about people living right. We'll learn in God's big story how God is faithful as He protects and blesses a man and his family! Let's praise God by singing!

Play songs from the <u>Faithful Early Childhood Spotify playlist</u> and encourage the kids to sing and dance with you.

#### **God's Big Story**

**SUPPLIES:** Bible, toy person figure, toy boat, toy animals, spray water bottle, paper, coloring utensils (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple), blue shredded paper (optional) **Wonder Ink RESOURCES:** <u>God's Big Story Video</u>

**Our part of God's big story today is a great story from the Bible about a person named Noah.** Encourage the kids to say, "Noah." **Let's find out from the Bible what happened to Noah!** 

Show the kids the God's Big Story Video, or read the story from the Bible, or use the script provided.

Before beginning God's Big Story, gather the toy person figure, toy boat, spray water bottle (or blue shredded paper for water), and toy animals to show during the story. Use the sheet of paper and coloring utensils to draw a simple rainbow to show at the end of the story.

In the beginning, God created everything! Years passed, and God saw that everyone was doing all the wrong things. But there was one man named Noah who made right choices and trusted God. Show toy person figure.

God told Noah to build a giant boat called an ark because God was going to make it rain for a long time. Show toy boat. God also told Noah to gather every kind of animal onto the ark. Show toy animals. Noah obeyed God.

Then it started raining hard! Spray water (or sprinkle shredded paper on and around the toy boat). Noah and his family and the animals were safe on the ark. The waters flooded the earth. The ark eventually came to rest on dry land, and Noah, his family, and all the animals came out of the ark.

Noah worshiped God. Then God made a promise that He would never again flood the whole earth. He put a rainbow in the sky as a reminder of His promise. Show drawing of a rainbow.

#### **Prayer and Blessing**

Let's talk to God.

God, thank You for loving us! Thank You that You help us do the right things. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Encourage the kids to hold their hands out in front of them, with palms up, as if their hands were open to receive something. Tell them to listen and receive the blessing as you speak it over them.

**Blessing:** May you be strengthened by the Holy Spirit each day to make right choices. May you remember that God honors right living. May you remain faithful to God because His love for you never fails.

#### **Activity: Rainbow Colors**

SUPPLIES: coloring utensils (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple)

Do you remember what God put in the sky to remind us of His promise? Allow time for responses and show the drawing of a rainbow from God's big story. Yes, a rainbow! God put a beautiful rainbow in the sky. Every time we see a rainbow, we can remember God's promise that he will never flood the whole earth again. The first color of the rainbow is red. Hold up and show the kids the red crayon, marker, or pencil. Can you see anything else in our room that is red? Encourage kids to point to something in the room that's red. Go through each color while reminding the kids that these are the colors of a rainbow, and a rainbow is a reminder of God's promise.

**Leader Tip:** Consider going on a color scavenger hunt! Walk around the room with the kids and carry a basket. See if each kid can find something red and put it in the basket. Keep hunting through the room for every color in the rainbow.