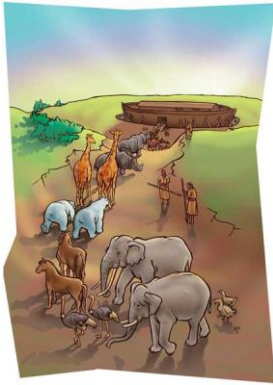




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Noah's Floating Zoo Story



The ark was finally finished. Although it was done, there was still a lot of work to do. Along with Noah's family, there were to be some other occupants on the ark. "Take with you seven pairs, each male with

its female, of every kind of clean animal. And take one pair, each male with its female, of every kind of unclean animal" ([Genesis 7:2](#), ICB).

A male and female of all living creatures and seven clean animals would enter the ark. Every kind of bird and animal, every bug and snake and spider were to be kept alive. All would enter the ark.

Noah was also to stock the ark with food for himself and his family. Other food would be needed for all the animals. The people and animals would be on the ark for a long time. So Noah and his family packed the pantries. They heaped the haylofts and filled the granaries. They stuffed the cabinets and stocked the storerooms.

Soon the ark was ready for its cargo of animals. And it happened just as God said it would. The animals came to Noah out of the forest. Walking, lumbering, hopping, slithering, crawling two by two, they came. What an unusual parade that must have been! An unseen hand led the animals to the ark. There, Noah and his family led them to their places. Soon they were prepared for the long days ahead.

And now Noah had a new job. As the animals entered the ark, he became the

chief zookeeper. For long months, Noah and his family were responsible for all those animals. What a job! Caring for one or two pets sometimes seems like a lot of work. Just imagine how much work it must have been to care for the hundreds of animals! A building longer than a soccer or football field, and three stories high, stuffed full of animals! They all needed food. They all needed water. And they all needed to be kept clean.

This was no luxury cruise for Noah and his family! They worked long, hard hours caring for the animals. And they worked together to care for their floating home and the creatures God had put in their care.

God still needs us to work together as a family of believers. Our homes, schools, and churches still need care. Some members of the family need special attention. There is still work that needs to be done. And God calls on those who love Him to do it.

Cleaning windows, sweeping floors, and washing dishes may not seem like exciting work. Noah's family probably didn't think that shoveling manure and pitching hay were very exciting either.

But those jobs, too, were God's work. And they did them together. Working together is often easier than working alone.



We show our love to God when we cheerfully finish the work we've been given. Let's work together to do His work.



Noah's Floating Zoo Questions

How many of each clean animal was allowed on the ark?

How many of each unclean animal was allowed on the ark?

What other items were brought on to the ark?

Describe how you would have felt being on the ark?



Noah's Floating Zoo Coloring Page



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Noah's Floating Zoo Craft

Genesis 6-7: Noah Trusts
and Obeys God

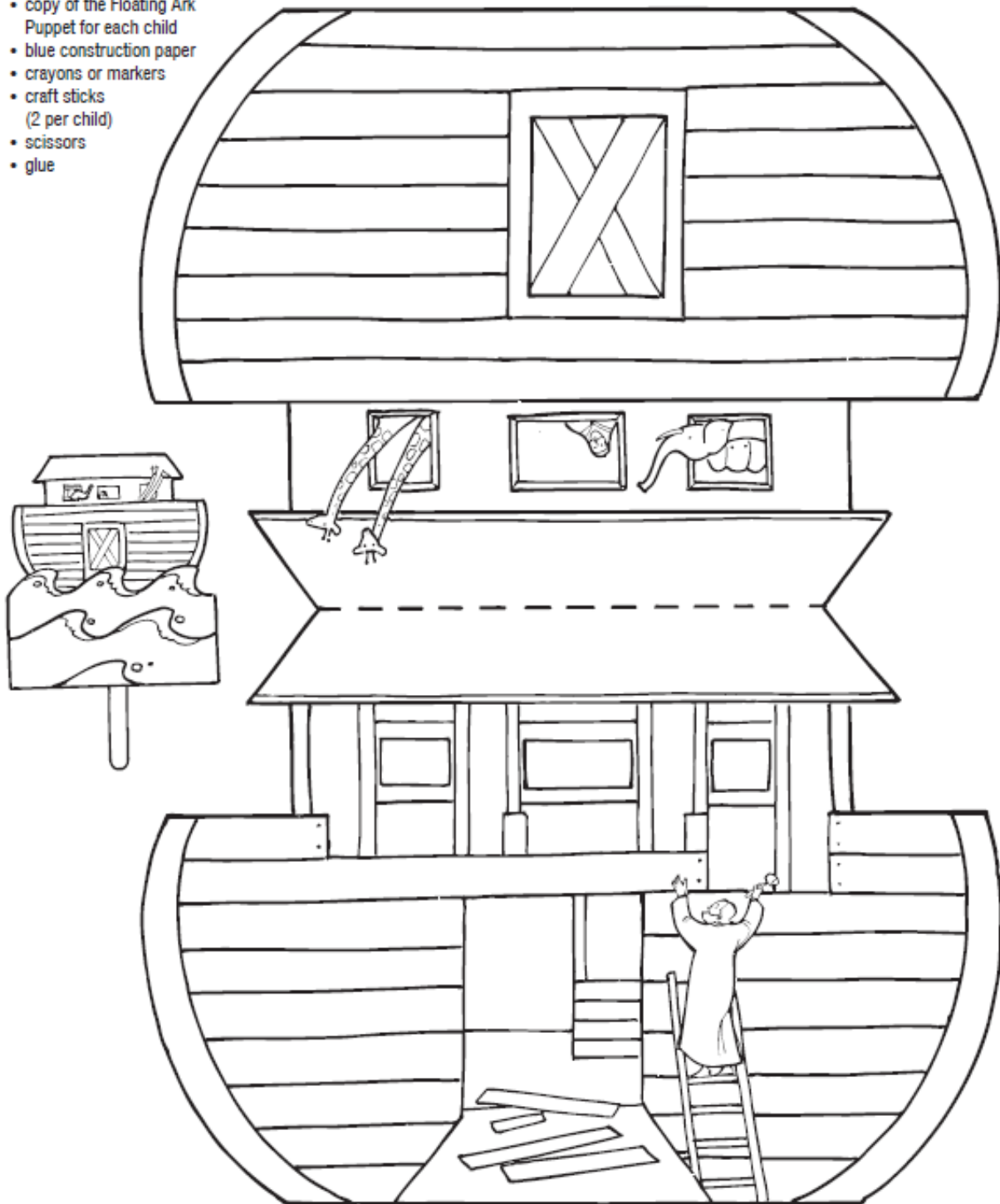
Floating Ark Puppet

Supplies

- copy of the Floating Ark Puppet for each child
- blue construction paper
- crayons or markers
- craft sticks
- (2 per child)
- scissors
- glue

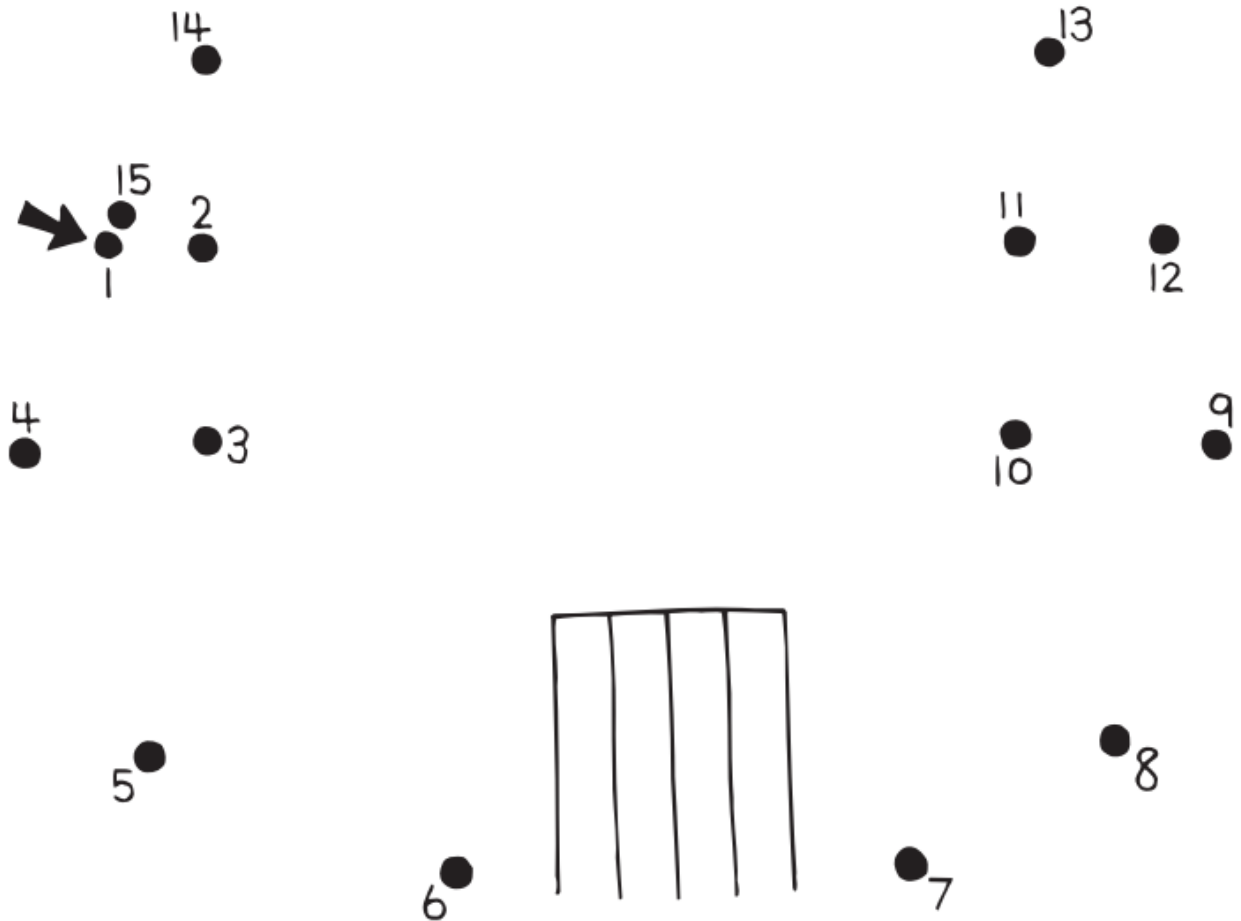
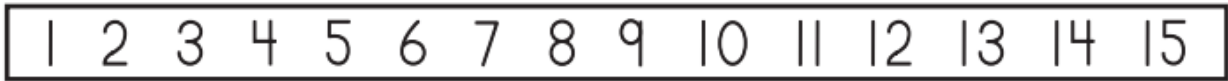
Directions

Color and cut out the ark puppet. Fold the ark puppet in half along the dotted line and glue a craft stick to the bottom of the ark puppet between the two halves. Glue the two halves of the ark together. Cut a piece of blue construction paper to look like waves and attach it to a craft stick. Hold the water in front of the ark as you retell the story (see the example).



Noah's Floating Zoo Puzzle

Connect the dots to see what Noah built.



God told Noah to build a boat. Noah obeyed. We can do good and obey God too. God will help us. The Bible says, "God made us to do good" (see Ephesians 2:10).

**BONUS
IDEA!**

Draw water for the ark to float on. Draw some animals in the ark.

