

THROUGH THE ROOF

Integr8 Youth Activity

Through the roof

PARACHUTE BIBLE STORY

The great flood

BIBLE VERSES: Genesis 6:5—9:17

POINT: God keeps His promises.

TIME: 10 mins AGES: 6+
APPROPRIATE: All abilities
NUMBERS: Minimum 6
EQUIPMENT: Parachute

SET-UP: Parachute out on the floor in a circle.
Everyone standing on the parachute.

ACTIVITY

Plain text is to be read out loud. Bold text gives directions for the group.

The Lord looked at the world and He saw how wicked man had become **(Everyone pretend to argue and fight with each other)**. God was very sad and His heart was filled with pain. He said, "I will remove all men and women, animals, birds and creatures from the earth." **(Everyone leaves the parachute)**. But Noah was a good man **(Choose someone to be Noah)**. Noah was close to God and found favour in the eyes of the Lord **(Everyone take hold of the edge of the parachute and roll it up into a long shape then turn the ends up to form the shape of a smile)**. God said to Noah, "I am going to destroy all people because the earth is full of violence. Make yourself an ark out of wood, 450 feet long, 75 feet wide and 45 feet high." **(Unroll the parachute on the floor. Get everyone to stand on it in the middle. Ask two people to stand opposite each other, pick up the chute and hold it at chest height while everyone else picks it up and holds it at waist height to make a boat shape)**. "I will flood the earth to destroy all life." **(Everyone stand in a circle around the parachute, holding the edge, flap the chute and raise it above their heads to symbolise the flood)**. "But you, your wife, your sons and their wives will all enter the ark. You will take two of every kind of animal, bird and creature on to the ark and food for you and them." **(Ask a few people to keep hold of the parachute above their heads. Everyone else get into twos and form a line to walk 'into the ark' and stand under the chute)**.

Noah did everything God told him then God sent rain on the earth for 40 days and 40 nights **(Everyone form a circle again with the parachute,**

place their hands on it and pat or rub it to make the sound of rain). The flood waters rose and covered the earth and the ark floated on the waters high above the earth (**Lift parachute up**). Every living thing on earth was destroyed. The waters flooded the earth for 150 days but God remembered Noah and his family and all the animals. The floodwaters receded (**Lower chute down**) and the ark came to rest on a mountain. When Noah sent out a dove and it returned with an olive leaf in its beak Noah knew the earth was dry. God told Noah to come out of the ark and bring his family and all the animals. (**Ask a few people to hold the parachute above their heads, with everyone standing underneath it, then walk out from under the chute**). Noah made an offering to the Lord and God said "I promise I will never flood the earth again. I will send a rainbow as a sign of this promise". (**Roll the chute into a long shape. Everyone stand in a line, with the tallest in the middle and the smallest at both ends to hold up the rolled up parachute above the line of their heads to form a rainbow shape**).

Ideas to include all abilities:

Take into consideration those in wheelchairs or with mobility difficulties when raising or lowering the chute and forming the ark. Ensure someone with sight loss has a buddy to guide them and is aware what is happening. Give clear instructions so all can hear, and maintain eye contact with those with hearing difficulties. Reinforce key words or use pictures for those with learning disabilities. Those with autism may just enjoy the sensation of lying underneath the parachute.



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