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# How to Use Your Spark Story Bible Play and Learn Book

Each section in this Play and Learn book includes a short story from the Bible, followed by all kinds of engaging ways to think about the theme of the story. Look for these activities in every story.

## A Prayer to Share

Cut out these prayers to help you talk to God about what you've learned.

ON dark stormy days,  
and bright clear nights,  
during silent snowstorms,  
or crashing thunder,  
we remember your  
promise, O God. Amen.

# Noah's Ark

Let's remember God's promise.

Two aardvarks, two llamas, two ostriches! Noah herded the animals onto the ark. Outside, it rained for 40 days and nights. Inside, Noah and his family cared for every kind of living thing. When the waters went down, the animals left the ark. God spread a rainbow across the sky as a promise to never flood the whole earth again.

## The Story

Start here. You'll get a summary of the Bible story you'll explore on the pages to come.

## Explore with Squiggles

This expressive little caterpillar responds to each story with a specific emotion and invites children to do the same.



WHAT WOULD YOU PACK FOR A TRIP?  
WHO TAKES CARE OF YOU?

## Conversation Starters

Talk about these questions as a family. Make sure everyone gets a chance to share their thoughts.



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**Do You Know?**  
 Help Noah fill the ark! Find 2 of each kind of animal in the word search.

Giraffe Monkey Dog  
 Bug Crab  
 Skunk

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**God told Noah to shelter all the animals from the flood on a large boat called an ark. It was probably crowded, stinky, and loud!**

The place where an animal lives is called its habitat. An ark is not a normal habitat for most animals! Trace a line between each animal and the habitat where it would like to live.

**A Puzzle to Solve**  
 Word games, mazes, connect-the-dots, and other puzzles and games help you explore the themes of the story.

**Draw and Discover**  
 Each story includes simple coloring or drawing activities children can do on their own or with the family.

**In the Bible AND in Our World!**  
 Millions of species of animals live on the earth. This includes more than:  
 36 kinds of felines (members of the cat family)  
 9,000 kinds of birds  
 4,740 kinds of frogs

Insects are harder to count, but some scientists estimate there could be **30,000,000** kinds of bugs!

Can you imagine them all on the ark? How do you think Noah arranged them?

**Look It Up!**  
 Read the whole story for yourselves from your Bible or Spark Story Bible.

**More to this story!**  
 Find the WHOLE story in your Bible together and find it in the book before Exodus: **Genesis 6-9**  
 In the Spark Story Bible, look for Noah's Ark on pages 24-29.

I have set my **rainbow in the clouds** and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth.  
**Genesis 9:13**

Find scarves, T-shirts, hats, or socks in the colors of the rainbow.  
 While one family member reads this verse out loud, wave the colors in the air. Can you find any rainbow designs around your home that remind you of God's promise?

**In Our World**  
 Find out more about how the themes of the stories show up in our lives today.

**A Verse to Learn**  
 Say these verses together or try to memorize them as a family.

**Make Time for Tent Fun!**  
 The next time there is bad weather outside, build a tent indoors out of blanket and chairs. Can you fit your whole family your tent? If you have a pet, bring it along! What is fun about hiding in your tent? How would you want to stay here?

**Family Fun!**  
 Put your learning into action with these family activity ideas.

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*Squiggles feels restless. When will it stop raining?*

How does **YOUR** face look when you feel restless?





Cut out this prayer and put it in a coat pocket. When you need to wear the coat because of bad weather, say the prayer together.



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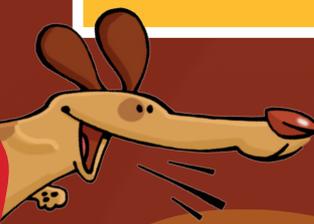
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## Make Time for Storm Fun!

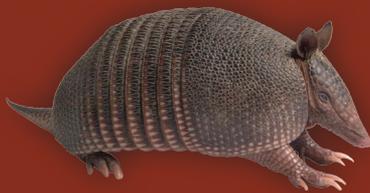
Act out a storm together. First, rub your palms to make a shuffling noise. Then snap your fingers to make the sound of light raindrops. Clap your hands quickly like heavier drops. Finally, drum your hands loudly on your legs to make the sound of pouring rain. Then make all these sounds in the opposite order, until the "storm" stops. How could you add the sounds of the animals on the ark?



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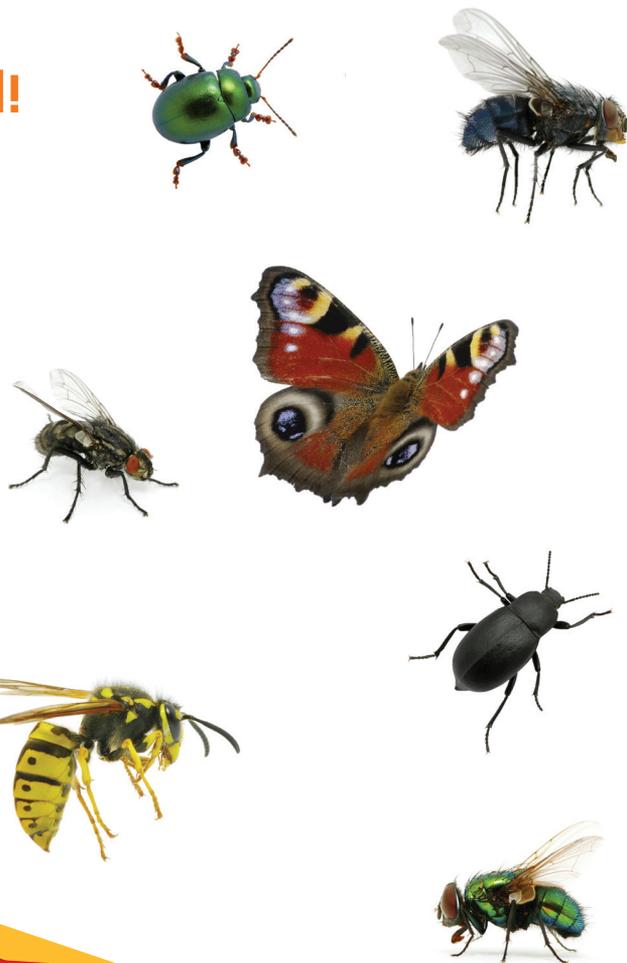
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