

God rescued Noah

Genesis 6:1 – 9:19

We looked yesterday at how human beings chose to turn from God's way. God was very hurt and upset that the people he loved so much had messed up his beautiful, perfect world. He wanted to start again.

The LORD saw how great the wickedness of the human race had become on the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time. The LORD regretted that he had made human beings on the earth, and his heart was filled with pain. So the LORD said, 'I will wipe from the face of the earth the human race I have created – and with them the animals, the birds and the creatures that move along the ground – for I am grieved that I have made them.' But Noah found favour in the eyes of the LORD.

Genesis 6: 5-8

Watch the story of how God saved Noah <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qzYjy6lhRag>

1. Our third decoration for the Jesse Tree

Make one or more rainbows to hang on your Jesse Tree – I'm sure you got very good at making rainbows for the NHS – but this time they are to remind you that God has made a promise never to flood all the earth ever again and God always keeps his promises.

If your Jesse Tree is outside you'll need to protect your rainbows with sticky tape or plastic. (Or if you have them, use paints that are weatherproof!)

2. 'Stained glass' rainbow dove

Very carefully cut out the dove template on the other page, then even more carefully cut out the middle so that you have a very thick outline to your dove.

Now get lots of smaller pieces of different shaped brightly coloured tissue paper or see-through sweet wrappers and using a glue stick make a multi-coloured mosaic, then stick it inside the dove shape and gently trim it to size.

You can hang it on your Jesse Tree but it might look better in your window where the sun can shine through it.

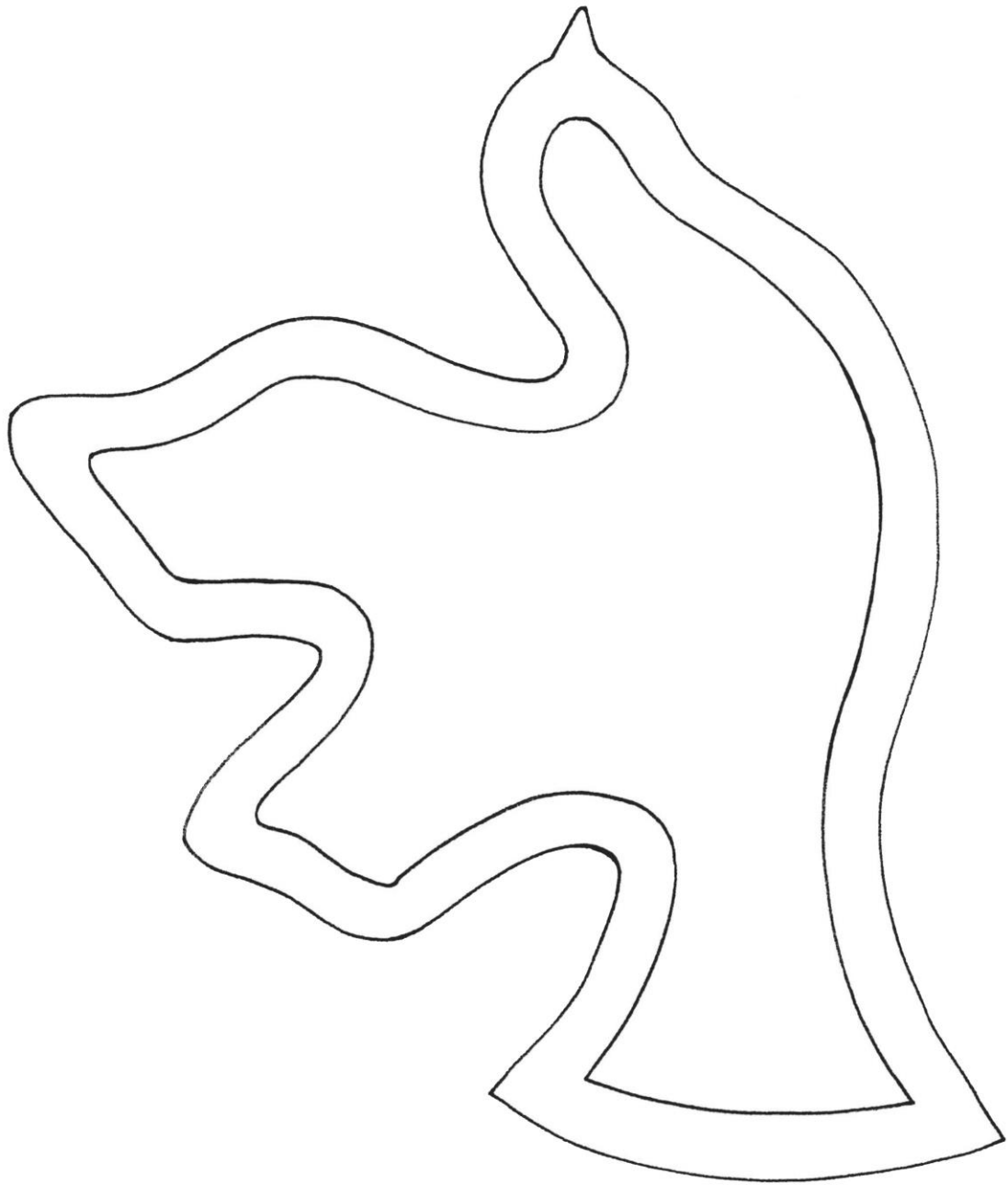


3. Noah's ark Memory Game

If you like drawing and colouring, (or using a computer) you can make this popular game for yourself, or maybe as a present for someone else.

Cut out an even number of identical squares of card (you can make the game harder by having more squares). Draw identical or similar animals on 2 cards – or stick pictures on, then draw or stick a different pair of animals on 2 more cards, and keep going until you've done as many as you want for the game. Make the cards as strong as possible to make them last.

To play: Mix all the cards up and put them picture side down. Each player takes it in turns to turn 2 cards over so everyone can see them. If they match you keep the 2 cards, if they don't you turn them back over. The next player then has a go, and so on until there are no cards left. The player with the most pairs at the end is the winner.



You may find this helpful – I found it a few months ago!

I can pray a rainbow...

Genesis 9 v 13

"I am putting my rainbow in the clouds as the sign of the agreement between me and the earth"



God placed a rainbow in the sky as a symbol of his promise to never again send a flood like the one that Noah had survived in the ark. Today the rainbow is a symbol of hope for us, a reminder that God keeps his promises. Here are some rainbow inspired activities for you and your family to explore together.

Rainbow prayer hunt

Go on a search around your house and try to find something of each of the colours below. Here is a prayer you can say for each colour as you find them.



RED

Thank you, God, that you love us and that you are always with us.



ORANGE

Dear God, please help us to be patient, to wait and listen to you and to be obedient while we wait for this crisis to end.



YELLOW

Dear God, please help all those who are scared. May they know your perfect peace that takes away all fear.



GREEN

Dear God, please look after all those who are sick, give them the treatment and help they need to recover, send your healing power into all the world.



BLUE

Dear God, please protect all those who are working for our emergency services, thank you for all they are doing to protect us.



PURPLE

Thank you, God, that we are children of the King of Kings. Thank you that even though we are in difficult times we can trust in you and pray your Kingdom come.



PINK

Thank you, God, that we know you will bring us through this crisis to safety on the other side just as you protected Noah and brought him and his family through the flood.

Make an encouragement rainbow

You will need: Paper and pens or any other craft materials you have around the house

All around the country people are putting rainbows in their windows to encourage people in their street.

Use whatever craft materials you have in your house to decorate a rainbow and put it in your window where your neighbours can see it.



Some promises to share

Here are some more of God's promises from the Bible. Ask God who needs encouraging today and then send them a promise verse.

Joshua 1:9 - Be strong and brave. Don't be afraid because the LORD your God will be with you everywhere you go.

Jeremiah 29:11 – "I say this because I know what I am planning for you," says the LORD, "I have good plans for you, not plans to hurt you. I will give you hope and a good future."

Mark 11:24 – So I tell you to believe that you have received the things you ask for in prayer, and God will give them to you.

Romans 8:28 – We know that in everything God works for the good of those who love him.

