



# Noah's Ark

## Prep sheet

## Noah's Ark #2

### Context

This is the second lesson/assembly of two on Noah and his Ark.

### Focus

Our lesson/assembly focus today is on **Perseverance** and **Trust**.



### Preparation

- Have Chapters 3 and 4 of 'Noah' from 'Tales From The Miracle Book' ready.
- A person (pupil or teacher) to be interviewed

*Your interviewee could be a pupil or teacher who has achieved something like run a race or marathon, plays a musical instrument, or is good at martial arts or sport. Someone that you know had to work hard to achieve an objective.*

- A blindfold/ school jumper for the illustration & some chairs. Maybe even pre-chosen volunteers for the game/ illustration...

*Place the chairs scattered across the path from one side of the room to the other so that it's not too easy to get across the room without bumping into them*

- Reflection/prayer music if wanted

**NB: Teacher/presenter script is in black bold type.**

**The assembly runs at 22 mins with all elements included**



## Interview (2-4 mins)

**We're going to carry on learning about Noah's Ark today.**

**But first, we have a special guest to talk to us...**

Interview a pupil or teacher who has achieved something like running a race or marathon, playing a musical instrument, or is good at martial arts or sport. Someone that you know had to work hard to achieve an objective.

**Please introduce yourself and say what it is that you have achieved...**

(Ask them to keep it brief.)

**Isn't that fantastic! Well done! That must have taken a lot of practice. I'd like to ask you a few questions if that's OK...**

- **Could you just have done what you did with no work or practice?**
- **Why not?**
- **How much work do you think that you put in?**
- **Did you ever feel like giving up?**
- **What or who kept you going?**
- **How do you feel now that you've got to where you are now?**
- **What advice would you give to someone who is just starting out?**

**Thank you so much for sharing with us.**

The volunteer can sit down.



## Teaching: Perseverance (1 min)

**Does anyone know what the word is that means keeping going and not stopping?**  
Perseverance. Or to persevere.

**Perseverance is about making your own path and doing your own thing even if others think it's never going to work. Does anyone know what a man called Thomas Edison invented 150 years ago?**

The lightbulb

**Thomas Edison's teachers said he was "too stupid to learn anything." He was fired from his first two jobs for not getting results. As an inventor, Edison made 1,000 UNSUCCESSFUL attempts at inventing the lightbulb. He failed over 1,000 times but still persevered and kept going until he succeeded. That's a lot of perseverance!**

**Noah had to do a lot of persevering too. It took many years to build the Ark. That's a lot of perseverance.. especially with everyone laughing at him. Let's watch the next part of the story...**



## Film Noah's Ark Chapter 3 (5 mins)



## Illustration Game on trust (3 mins)

Noah had to trust God a whole lot. Imagine being asked to build an enormous wooden boat... nowhere near water... with no sign of rain or a flood... Noah made a choice- he chose to trust what God had told him even though he didn't fully understand...

Now, in front of you, I have some chairs and I have a blindfold. I want to see if there is someone who's good at trusting to come up here and be blindfolded... **Who would like to come up?** Choose a volunteer. (Or use pre-planned volunteers here).

**Ok. Great. Now, I need you to choose someone whom you completely trust for this exercise. Who do you choose? OK. Up you come too!**

Whilst they're coming up put the blind-fold on your first volunteer. Make sure they can't see anything.

To the 2nd volunteer.

**Now your job is to get our blind-folded volunteer from one side of the room to the other - avoiding the obstacle chairs - using only your words. You're not allowed to make physical contact with them in any way.**

To 1st volunteer.... **Are you sure that you trust them?**

**Right! Off you go!**

**Congratulations! Well done. Let's take the blindfold off.**

**What did it feel like being guided like that?**

**How did you feel trusting your friend?**

**Thanks volunteers! Do sit down!**

**Now let's watch the last part of the Noah story.**



## Noah's Ark Chapter 4 Film (5 mins)



## Teaching: God's Promise and link to Jesus (2 mins)

**Let me ask you a few questions. What was God's symbol of promise to Noah?**  
The sign of the rainbow

**And what was God promising Noah and all the people through the rainbow?**  
That he would never flood the world like that again.

**Many Christians and many Jews believe that the story of Noah's Ark actually happened thousands of years ago. The story of Noah and his Ark is found in Christian's Holy book, The Bible, and in the Jewish Holy book called the Torah.**

**But whether it happened or not, many Christians and Jews believe that the rainbow is a sign of Gods promise that He is with them, caring for them and looking after them... a sign that He is still present today and hasn't forgotten his people.**

**At the end of the film God said to Noah that in the future he'd have to think of another way to make a fresh start. Does anyone know what this might be referring to?**  
The story of Jesus on the cross

**Christians believe that God sent his son Jesus to die in their place so that if they believe in him they are forgiven from sin and wrong-doing and can have the fresh start that God promised.**

**In the films Noah offered his neighbours to come on board but they chose not to listen or accept the help. Christians believe that the invitation to be close to God is for everyone, but that many people choose not to accept the invitation.**

**Just like God offered Noah a fresh start by climbing onto a wooden boat, Christians believe that God offers all people a fresh start through sending his son Jesus to give his life on a wooden cross.**



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### Reflection (2 mins)

You can play music underneath this part if you wish...

**We're going to take some time to think about some of the things we've looked at today. Some of you might want to close your eyes.**

**Have a think about (our volunteer) and their achievements and how they persevered.**

**Think about an idea that you might have that you need to show perseverance in... something that you would like to achieve...**

**Think about how you can achieve that and what you might do to make it happen.**

**Think about Noah's example to carry on building when everyone laughed at him.**

**Now think about the sign of the rainbow. What did it mean for Noah and what does it mean to you.**

**Think about Noah's Ark offering a fresh start for him and his family.**

**Now think about a fresh start for you ...think about what you would like a fresh start in....**

Go straight into the prayer here or finish



### Christian Prayer (1 min)

**Let's pray.....**

**Lord God,**

**Thank you for the people you've put around me whom I can trust.**

**Help me to be someone that others can trust. Please help me to persevere and to not give up.**

**Thank you for Your fresh start for the world.**

**Thank you that you want to give me a fresh start too.**

**Amen**

To finish

**\* I hope you've all enjoyed learning all about Noah and his Ark, his perseverance, his trust, his fresh start and the promise of the rainbow.**