Text: Genesis 6:5 - 9:17, Hebrews 11:7
Focus: Jesus is your safe place
Verse: Psalm 4:8 “. . . You alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety.” NKJV

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Noah

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Water and Sky Scene, Hillside Overlay, Noah (15), Son (63), Son (79), Son (90), Daughter (93C), Wife (94), Daughter (97), Daughter (97A), Elephants (123), Tigers (125), Giraffes (158), Rainbow (183), Ark (225), Hillside Extension (S4)

1. **Noah pleased God.** Display Water and Sky Scene, Hillside Overlay, Hillside Extension, Ark, Noah, Wife, Sons, Daughters, all animals.
   A. Noah believed in God.
   B. Noah was God’s favorite person.
   C. All other people turned away from God.

2. **God was ready to cover the earth with water.**
   A. God told Noah to build an ark.
   B. The ark would be a safe place for Noah and his family.
   C. God told Noah to put animals on the ark, too.
   D. Noah did just as God had said.

3. **The ark floated safely on the water.** Remove Ark - hold Ark in front of the children, moving it as if it is floating on water.
   A. It rained for 40 days and nights.
   B. The highest mountains were covered.
   C. When the flood was over, Noah thanked God for keeping him and his family safe. Add Ark (back to scene) - Add Rainbow.
   D. God told Noah that a rainbow would be the sign of His promise to never cover the earth with water again.

4. **Jesus is your safe place in a time of trouble or danger.**
The ark was a safe place for Noah and his family
Mommy Hen

A mommy hen takes good care of her baby chicks. She is always alert for danger. If danger or trouble comes, she will call all of her baby chicks to hide under her wings.

Jesus takes good care of you. He is always watching over you. He never sleeps or forgets you. Jesus is your safe place in times of trouble or danger.
Copy this page with “Chicks” onto yellow paper. Copy the page with the “Hen” onto orange paper. Cut out “Chicks.” Have children glue a “Chick” onto the page with the “Hen.”
Jesus is your safe place
Visit From Noah

Preparation:

Bring to class a colorful towel and a cloth strip long enough to tie around your head. First, place the towel over your head. Next, tie the cloth strip around the towel as a headband.

What to Tell Them:

I am going to pretend to be Noah. Can you pretend with me? Speak the following with an elderly man’s voice.

Hello, did you know that I built a big boat called an ark? I did it because God told me to. Then I took my family inside and a flood came. We floated on the water for a long, long time. The ark was our place of safety. Finally, the water went down and we landed on a mountain. Boys and girls, you don’t need to build an ark like I did. All you have to do is trust in Jesus. He is your safe place when trouble or danger comes.
...You alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety. Psalm 4:8<sup>NKJV</sup>
The Ark

Preparation:
Before class, make a “Model Ark” per the pages titled “Instructions for Model Ark.” Bring the “Model Ark” to class and use it as a visual aid for this Show and Tell.

What to Tell Them:
This is a model of the ark that Noah built. The ark was a big, big boat that looked like a box. Noah and the animals were very small inside the ark. God told Noah to build the ark because a flood was coming. Noah believed what God said. He built the ark. It was a safe place from the flood.

Today, God has told us to believe in His Son Jesus. Jesus is our safe place.
You will be making a cardboard box that is 4½ inches high, 7½ inches wide, and 45 inches long. Lay out lines per diagram below on a large piece of cardboard. Solid dark lines are cut lines. Dotted dark lines are fold lines. See tips about making the Model Ark on Sheet 2 of these instructions. Cut out the “Label” and the picture of “Noah and the Animals” on Sheet 3 of these instructions. Glue the “Label” onto the top of the ark as shown below. Glue the picture of “Noah and the Animals” onto the side of the ark as shown below. Fold and tape the box together with clear packing tape. A picture of the completed Model Ark is shown on Sheet 4 of these instructions.
Here are some tips! The Model Ark is really long, about four feet long. It is actually the same shape and proportions as what the Bible describes. We realize that many Noah's Arks are shown as a cute little boat, but really, it was a gigantic wooden box. Naval experts say that the real Ark had the most stable shape a boat can possibly have to stay afloat in a storm. God knew this all along! It is important that young children see what it really looked like, because their first impression is the most important one in their life.

You can usually get a cardboard box big enough for the Model Ark from a grocery store or a hardware store. Disassemble the box and lay it down flat. If you can not find one single box that is big enough, use two smaller boxes and tape them together, edge to edge. Use a ruler and pen to lay out the pattern for the Model Ark on the cardboard. Cut out the pattern with a utility knife. Score on the fold lines with a butter knife. As the Model Ark is folded together, the edges may be fastened together with clear mailing tape. Then glue on your “Animals” and “Label.”

Do not be concerned about making it perfect. The children will think it is awesome!
The Ark Noah Built

45 feet high
75 feet wide
450 feet long

(scale 1 inch=10 feet)
Instructions for Model Ark - Sheet 4

Picture of Completed Model Ark
Instructions for Edible Ark

Materials Per Child:
- One graham cracker
- three or four animal crackers
- smooth peanut butter or frosting
- one paper plate
- plastic knives
- moist wipes or paper towels (for wiping hands)

Preparation:
Bring all materials to class. If you have a large group, you will need a helper. It is best to do this craft with a few children at a time.

What to Do:
During class, give each child a graham cracker on a paper plate. Tell the children to pretend that the graham cracker is the ark. Have each child spread peanut butter or frosting onto the graham cracker ark. Allow children to decorate the graham cracker ark with animal crackers.