

Creation: Skies and Seas, Plants and Trees

(Genesis 1:1-19)



Grass

Sun

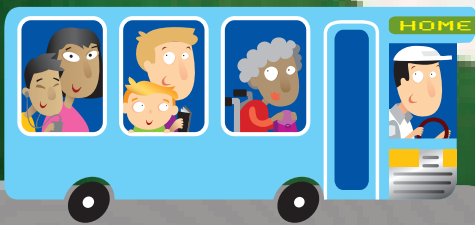
Evergreen
tree

Flowers

Fruit
Tree

Clouds

Bush

Flowering
tree

On the Way Home

As you ride, look carefully to find each item pictured on this page. Make it a whole-car game! When you find one of the items, put a large X over the picture. If you see at least six of them, give high-fives when you get home!

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Lake,
ocean,
river or
pondLeafy
tree

Rain

Crops in
a field

Crazy a

Look at the pictures and then tell v
missing in the story. Find them in

In the Beginning

Before God made our world, there was no sun, no sky, no sea, no
plants, no animals, no people. There was _____, except God.

Day 1

On the first day, God said, "Let there be light!" A
the light _____ and the darkness _____

Day 3

On the third day, God said, "Let there be dry _____. And let
there be oceans, rivers, and lakes. And on the dry land, let all kinds
of green plants and tall _____ grow."

about Creation

what God made on each of the first four days of creation. There are words
in the Lost Words list and write each word on the correct line in the story.

Lost Words

- day
- sky
- land
- stars
- night
- sun
- nothing
- trees
- moon

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And God called

Day 2

On the second day, God said, "Let there
be a bright blue _____."

Day 4

On the fourth day, God said, "Let the _____ shine in
my sky during the day. And let the _____ and the
_____ shine in my sky at night."

God looked at the beautiful world he had made. And God said,
"This is good!"

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Picture Me!

Hey Kids! Get some markers or crayons and draw pictures of fruits and vegetables.

- Your favorite fruit
- Any leafy vegetable
- Any large fruit with seeds
- Any long green vegetable
- A vegetable you don't like
- Your favorite vegetable
- Any purple fruit
- Any yellow vegetable

PREVIEW

Dear Family:

Welcome to Wonder! This year we'll be traveling through the Old Testament, beginning with today's story about creation.

Today we learned that God created skies, seas, plants, and trees. Ask your child to read or tell the story. For more great activities that tie in to this story, find today's story symbols in your God's Big Story cards set. Then, throughout the week, look for and marvel at God's creation. Notice the variations in the sky each day, and the amazing variety of plants and trees.

Memory

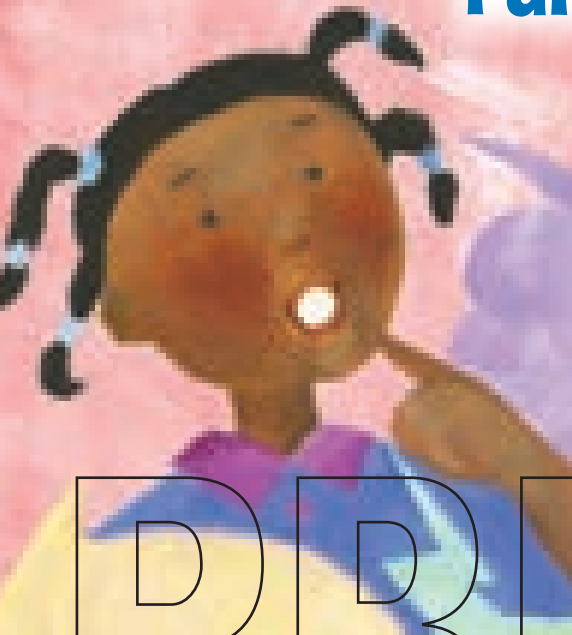
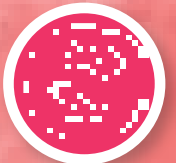


Challenge:

Genesis 9:12-13

Creation: Owls and Octopuses, Panthers and People

(Genesis 1:20-2:4)



How did God
rest on the
seventh day?

What did Adam
and Eve eat for
supper?

*I wonder what Adam
liked most about living
in God's perfect garden.*

What did the tigers
and panthers eat?

*I wonder what Eve
liked most about
living in God's
perfect garden.*

What did Adam
and Eve wear?

Did the rabbits
have to hide when
the eagles were
hungry?

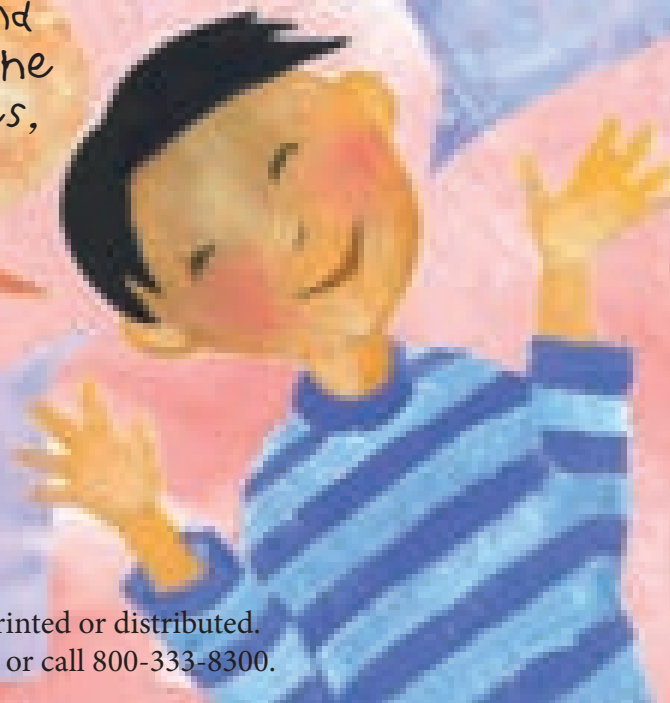
Were Adam and
Eve afraid of the
leopards, wolves,
and lions?



On the Way Home

Cara and Colin have a lot of wondering questions. Read the questions and think about the answers. You can do this alone or with someone else who is in the car. Careful! The questions are not as easy as they look!

WHAT WAS IT LIKE
TO LIVE IN A
PERFECT WORLD?

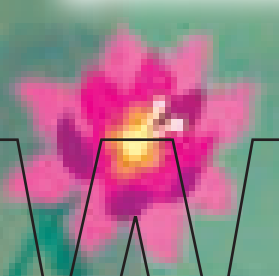
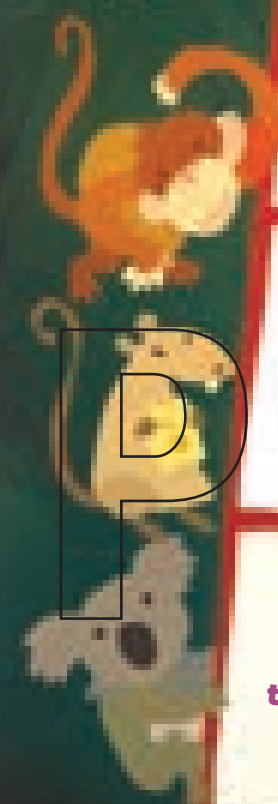




Games an

Play each game like tic-tac-toe. Fill in a square for your X or O. Use the clue and name the animal. Find all Os or Xs in a straight line. Go to the next game.

largest land animal	enormous sea creature	furry, long-eared hop-along
soft body in a shell, creeps along	white feathers, long neck, graceful	the male spreads its tail like a fan
God told them to rule over the animals	white bear that fishes along the ice	usually lives in a fish bowl
	bird that can learn words and talk	small and some people scream
	very large cat with spots	furry an
	last two creatures created	provid



nd Names

ac-toe. When you choose
O, you have to read the
al. The person who gets
ght row first wins each
game if you have time.



God's Creature Choir

Based on Genesis 1:20-2:4

God made the crash of waterfalls
and hushed the starry skies.
God made the bubbling of the brook,
the worried wind's soft sighs.

The earth had never heard a growl
'til God thought up the bear.
Deep seas were silent as the stars
'til God put dolphins there.

God made the squawks, the squeals, the grunts—
creation's merry song.

The barking dog, the owl, the frog
delight to sing along.

God loves each squeak, each hoot, each peep,
the moos, the barks, the neighs.
But God gives earth the biggest smiles
when children sing God's praise.

Dear Family:

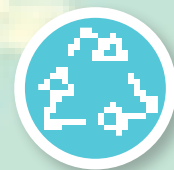
Today we heard the story of how God filled the world with birds and fish. We also heard how God made people, who are more like God than any other creature.

You'll enjoy the story poem on this page as well as reading the story from Scripture (Genesis 1:20-2:4) with your family. Inside you'll find Tic-Tac-Toe games. If your child didn't bring home paper Xs and Os, you can make some squares from plain paper and write Xs and Os on them. You'll find more fun follow-up activities by matching today's symbols with your God's Big Story cards. If you'd like to listen to or purchase the Scripture song that goes along with our Memory Challenge, "The Sign," visit www.dwellcurriculum.org.

Memory Challenge:

Genesis 9:12-13





Creation: Taking Care of God's World

(Genesis 2:4-25)

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On the Way Home

God wants everyone to help take care of our world. Look at the picture and imagine that you live here. What could you do to help take care of this part of God's world? Try to find ten ways to help. Challenge the others in your car to find them too.

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In God's Great Garden

Hello! My name is Adam. I am the very first person God created. Imagine that! The first person to live in God's world!

God made me special. Only



like me and you can talk to God and love God. We are all very special!

God put me in the beautiful garden of Eden. I pick juicy



and all kinds of other fruit from the



. I drink

clear water right from the little



. I play with all the



. Best of all, I can talk with God. "Take care of

everything in my



"God told me.

God brought all the



to my home. "Give each of them a name," God said. One of the



had a very loud roar.

I called it a



. One of the biggest



picked me up and lifted me off the ground! Wow! I called it an

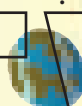


But I was still alone—I was the only person in all of God's big . I needed another person to talk to and love.

One night while I slept, God made a woman, Eve, from one of my ribs. Imagine God carefully removing one of my own ribs.

When I woke up—what a surprise! I loved Eve very much and she loved me. Together we took very good care of

God's great big beautiful



REVIEW

Praise the Lord!

Voices ready? Crayons or markers ready?

Praise God with this litany,
then draw pictures of the things in creation.

In the earth let all things praise God;

Seas and all that they contain,

Stormy winds that do God's pleasure,

Hail and **lightning**, **snow** and **rain**.

Hills and **mountains**, praise your Maker;

Praise God, all you **flocks** and **herds**.

Fields and **orchards**, sing God's glory;

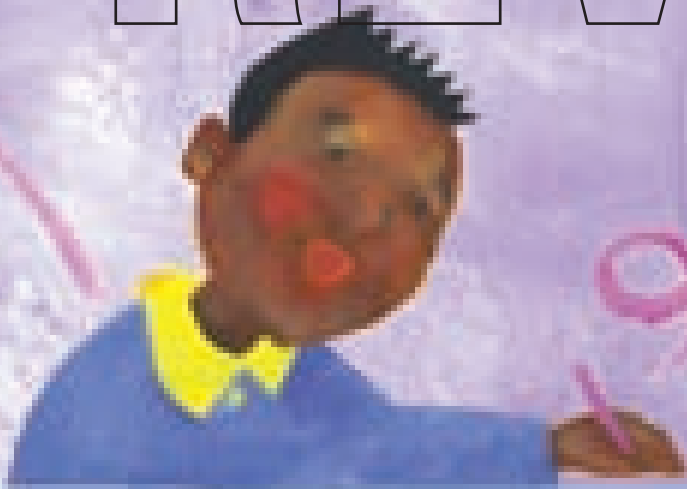
Praise God, **creeping things** and **birds**!

We lift our hearts and add our voices

To this special song of praise!

—Psalm 148, vers. Psalter, 1912, alt., PD

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Dear Family:

Today we learned that God made us special and gave us the world to care for. Read the story of Adam and Eve this week on pages 2 and 3. Talk together about how each person in your family helps to care for God's world. Enjoy using the praise litany on this page. Celebrate God's work in creation!



Memory

Challenge:

Genesis 9:12-13

Puzzle Page



Snake Fake

This snake's a fake. You can tell because it has letters on its back.

Write down every other letter to answer this question:

Who did God send to save us from our sins? Write the letters here.

J _____

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What's Next in the Text?

This is the second verse in the Memory Challenge text (Genesis 9:13). There are missing words. If there is a line, write the missing word, choosing from the words below. If there's a box, draw a picture of the missing word.

I have _____ my

in the

and

it _____ be a _____ of the covenant _____ me

and the

Missing Words: Careful now—there are some extra words! **around, picture, set, shall, could, sign, will, between**

On the Way Home

Hey Kids! Grab a pencil and do the puzzles.

If you complete both—you're a **SUPER PUZZLER!**

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Based on



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1. Adam and Eve were happy in God's perfect garden. God gave them everything they needed. There was no sickness, no pain, no fighting, and no hunger. They didn't wear clothes, but they were not embarrassed about it either. (Color the fruit tree and add the fruit.)

In the middle of the garden was a beautiful fruit tree. "Don't eat the fruit of this tree or you will die," God told Adam and Eve.



2. One day a snake came to Eve. The snake wanted Adam and Eve to disobey God. The snake said, "Eve, you won't really die if you eat from the tree. You'll just become very wise. You'll be like God!"

Eve believed the wicked snake. She ate from the tree. Then she gave some of the fruit to Adam and he ate it too. (Draw and color a big snake.)

4. "Eve gave me some of the fruit, so I ate it," Adam said to God. (Draw in the person Adam blamed.)

God's World

Genesis 3



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3. Adam and Eve knew they had disobeyed God. Now they were ashamed because they were naked. They dressed in fig leaves and hid from God. But God came to them and asked them what they had done.

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,
e
the
and



5. "But the snake tricked me! Eve said to God. (*Color the creature Eve blamed.*)



6. God punished them. God made the snake crawl on its belly in the dirt for the rest of its life. God told Adam and Eve that their lives would no longer be easy. Work would be hard! And someday they would die. Then God made clothes out of animal skins for Adam and Eve to wear.

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7. Adam and Eve had to leave the beautiful garden. To make sure they didn't come back, an angel with a flaming sword guarded the gate to the garden. (Make Adam and Eve's faces show how they felt inside.)

Dear Family:

Today we heard the sad story of how sin spoiled God's beautiful world. But we also learned that God still loved the world he made, and when we trust **in Jesus**, he takes away all our sin and forgives us for all the wrong we do. The story of the Fall is included in this paper. Read it with your child. If the pictures weren't completed in class, encourage your child to do it with you as you read the story.



Memory



Challenge:

Genesis 9:12-13

The Name Game!



1. Name the person who killed his brother. C _ _ _ _
2. Name the brother who was killed. A _ _ _ _
3. Name the boys' father. A _ _ _ _
4. Name the boys' mother. E _ _ _
5. Name the animals Abel raised. S _ _ _ _
6. Name the two things that Cain raised. F _ _ _ _ and
V _ _ _ _

7. Who warned Cain? G _ _ _

8. Name what God put on Cain to keep him safe. M _ _ _

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On the Way Home

Hey Kids! Grab a pencil, pen or marker.

Answer the questions, then circle those words in the word search.

The first letter of every answer is given.

If you find every word, declare yourself

the Master of Mystery Words! This low-resolution preview may not be printed or distributed.

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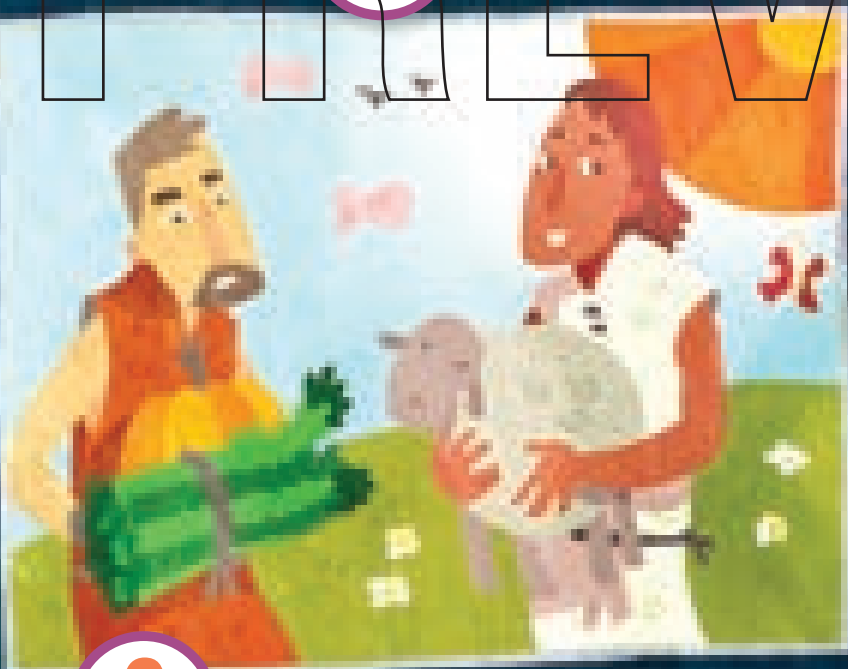


Cain and Abel

Based on Genesis 4:1-16

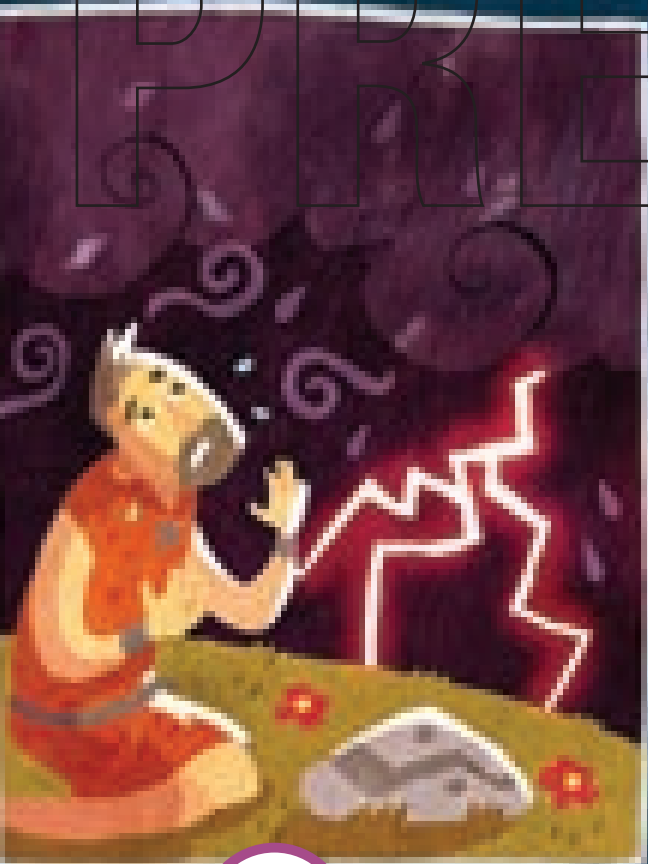
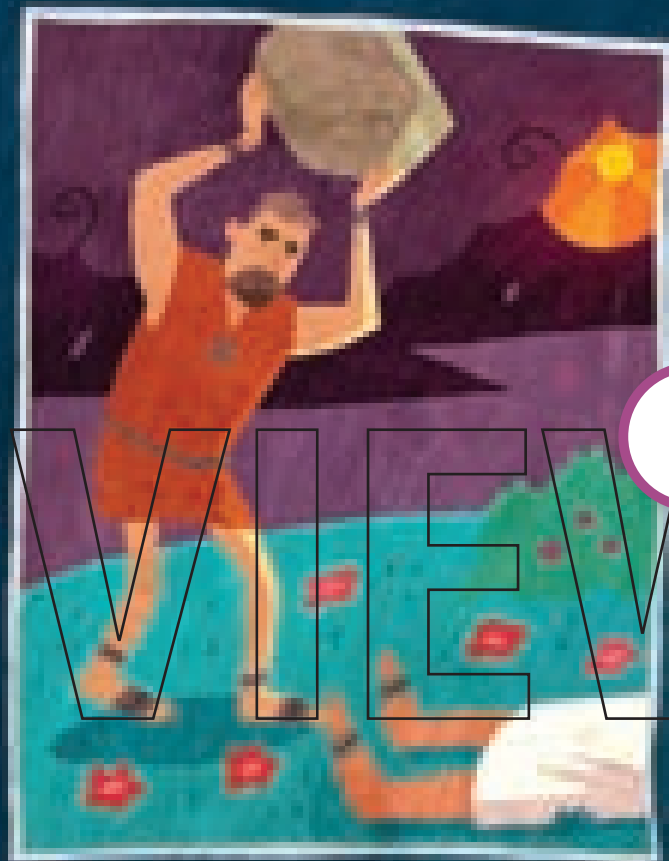
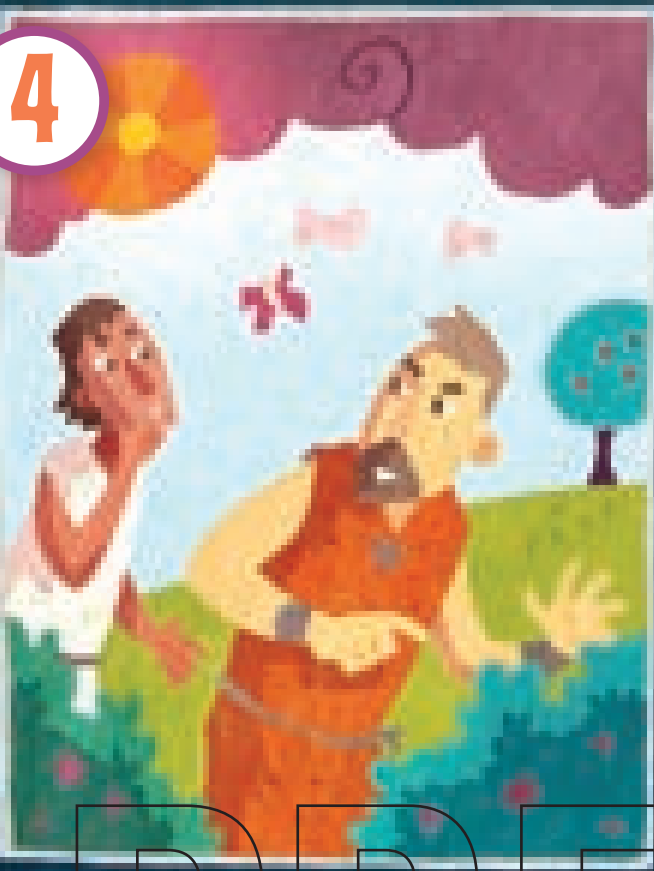


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PREVIEW

Dear Family:

Sin hurts brothers and sisters and everyone else in the family. It hurts friends and neighbors too. That was the theme of our story for today: Cain and Abel (Genesis 4:1-16). Please ask your child to tell the story using the pictures in the center pages. Afterwards, discuss the story using these wondering questions.

Memory



Challenge:

Genesis 9:12-13



Animal Alphabet

a _____

b _____

c _____

d _____

e _____

f _____

g _____

h _____

i _____

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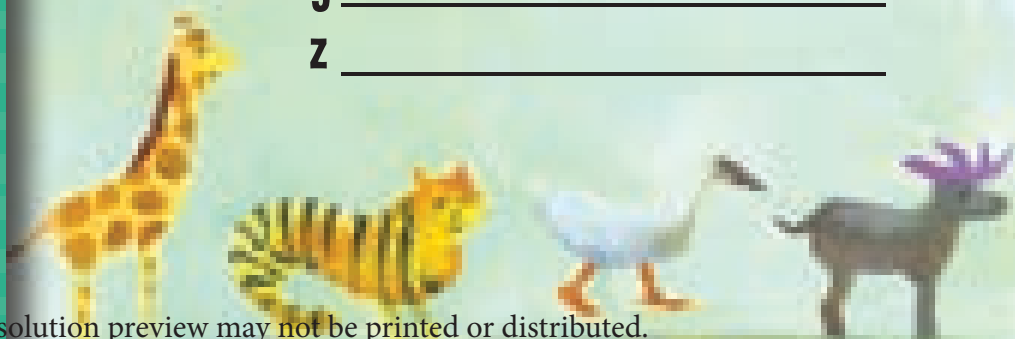


On the Way Home

Hey Kids! Grab a pencil and help Noah!

If Noah brought the animals into the ark in alphabetical order, how would he have done it? Write down the name of one animal for each letter. Remember, an animal can be a bird or bug too.

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Rain and Rainbows

Based on Genesis 6:5-9:17

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God's world became so sinful—
it made the Lord quite sad,
because the people God had made
were acting very bad.

God came to talk to Noah—
told him to build a boat:
“I want it made quite carefully.
Be certain that it floats!”

Noah worked for months and years.
And when it was all done,
he called to all the living things—
took some of everyone.

When Noah and his folks were in,
God came and closed the door.
God started all the floods and rain,
and did it ever pour!

For forty days and nights it rained;
the wicked were all drowned.
But on the inside of the boat—
all things were safe and sound.

Soon God dried the soppy world,
then opened up the door.
God promised Noah and us too—
to drown the world no more.

Then God made the rainbow,
to be a special sign—
that God would keep his promise
forever! For all time!

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Stairway to the Stars

Hey Kids! Here's a real challenge for you!

If you answer all the questions and climb all the way to the top, you are a TRUE STAR!

Remember to start at the bottom step. If you do climb to the top, write your name(s) in the brightest star!

If more than one person plays, take turns answering the questions.

How do you praise God?

What does the rainbow mean?

Why did God destroy the world?

How did God punish Cain?

Tell the story of Cain and Abel.

How did sin spoil all creation?

Why couldn't Adam and Eve stay in the garden?

How did God punish Adam and Eve?

Why did Adam and Eve hide from God?

How do you think God felt when they disobeyed?

What exactly did Adam and Eve do to disobey God?

Explain who started the trouble when sin came.

Explain how the animals got their names.

Describe the perfect garden Adam and Eve lived in.

How did God create Eve?

How did God create Adam?

Name some things you do to care for God's world.

What important job did God give Adam and Eve and us?

Name the smallest and largest animals you can think of.

What's your best guess for the number of colors God put in his world?

Describe all the different ways you can think of that animals move.

If you could have any animal for a pet, what would you choose? Why?

Explain exactly how God created the sky and seas and land and trees.

If someone said that the world just happened, what would you say to them?

Dear Family:

We invite you to spend some time today talking with your child about the story of the flood—and about the beautiful rainbow of God's promise to always care for us and for the world. Read "Rain and Rainbows" as part of your family devotions. Enjoy doing the Stairway to the Stars activity together.

