

JACK IN THE BOX FOR CHURCHES

YEAR ONE - GOD'S BIG PLAN
AUTUMN - SESSION TWO

Learning Focus: **God keeps his promises**

IN THE BOX

CLOTH, JACK (PUPPET), CHILDREN'S BIBLE
STORY PROPS: A FIGURE, VARIETY OF ANIMALS,
A PICTURE OF A RAINBOW



Black text - Leader's Script *Red text - Prompts for Leader* Purple text - Songs

*Sit with the children in a circle. Place the box beside you.
Take out the cloth and spread it on the floor.*

Welcome - Hello Time

Take Jack out of the box and sing the song.



(Tune: The wheels on the bus)

Welcome everyone and say hello,
Say hello, say hello.
Welcome everyone and say hello,
I'm glad you came.

Hello



Jack has brought his favourite book, the Bible.

*Jack helps to take the Bible out of the box. Show the Bible to the children and place it on the cloth.
Meanwhile everyone sings.*



(Tune: Frere Jacques)

Here's the Bible, here's the Bible.
A special book, a special book.
What's inside it? What's inside it?
Let's take a look, let's take a look.

Learn - Story Time

Noah trusts (Genesis 6-9)

Tell the story using the story props.

Noah was one of God's Big Bible Heroes. *(Take out figure)*

God was sad because people had spoiled his world. They were arguing and fighting, they were being rude and selfish.

But not everyone was like that. Noah loved and trusted God and tried to do the right things that would please him.



So when God decided to send a great big flood, he chose Noah to be the person who would save the world. God promised Noah that he would keep him and his family safe if he did what God told him. God told Noah to build a **huge** boat, called an ark. And Noah trusted God, so he did.

God told Noah to gather two of every animal and take them into the ark, to keep them safe from the rain and the flood. And Noah trusted God, so he did.

(Take out animals, let the children name them). He found two of every animal God had made and he brought them into the ark. Noah was glad it was a very **big** ark because there were a lot of animals, and it was rather noisy!

At last everyone was inside; Noah, his family and all the animals. Then God shut the big, heavy door. *(Actions)* Bang! Inside the ark everything was safe and cosy, just as God had promised.

Outside it began to rain...and rain...and rain. *(Encourage actions)* Pitter patter, pitter patter, pitter patter. It rained and it rained and it rained.

Soon there was water *everywhere*. But the ark floated gently on the water while Noah, his family, and all the animals were safe and dry inside. Each day as Noah looked out at the rain he thought, "I'm glad I trusted God and did what he said. God promised to look after us and I know he will."

And Noah was right. God did look after them. One day Noah woke up and... *(cup hand to ear)* ... there was no more pitter patter sound! It had stopped raining! Hooray!

After a while things began to dry up, until at last one day God said to Noah "The flood is over. You can all come out now. Bring out your family and all the animals. Let them go back to where they came from."

So Noah did. The animals came out of the ark and ran off happily. But before Noah set off for home, he stopped to say a big "Thank you" to God for taking care of everyone.

God said to Noah, "I'm going to make a promise, that I will never flood the whole world like that again. Look at the sky, Noah. Can you see the special sign of my promise?"

Noah looked up. There in the sky was the first ever rainbow, big and beautiful with all its colours.

(Take out rainbow picture) Wow! Noah just looked and looked. God said, "Whenever the rainbow is in the sky, I will remember that I have made my promise to everyone on earth. You remember that too."

So whenever we see a rainbow in the sky, we can remember that God has promised to care for us. And God *always* keeps his promises.

And, like Noah, we can trust God because God always keeps his promises.

Reflect - Thinking Time

Can anyone remember what Jack likes to do when he's looked at the Bible? He likes to have some thinking time. *(Put finger on chin)* Let's sing the song.



(Tune: Here we go round the mulberry bush)

Now we're ready for thinking time, *(point to head)*

Thinking time, thinking time. *(point to head)*

Now we're ready for thinking time, *(point to head)*

What can I learn today. *(put finger on chin)*

Pretend that Jack is whispering in your ear.

Jack says he loves to see a rainbow in the sky. Do you? Now whenever Jack sees a rainbow he will be able to remember this story. He would like to look at the rainbow picture for a minute and just think about God's promise to care for the world and everyone in it.

Let's all have a quiet moment to think... *Pause, and then hear the children's ideas.*



Respond - Prayer Time

Now we're going to get ready to talk to God. Let's sing.



(Tune: Twinkle, twinkle little star.)

We know God is always there, *(point up)*

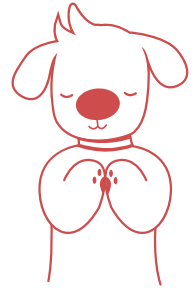
Now it's time to say a prayer. *(hands together)*

Stretch hands wide then give a clap, *(as sung)*

Fold them safely in your lap. *(as sung)*

We know God is always there, *(point up)*

Now it's time to say a prayer. *(hands together and close eyes)*



Thank you God for beautiful rainbows. They remind us that we can trust you and you will always care for us. Amen

Goodbye Time

We've had fun with Jack but he's sleepy now and needs to go back in his box.

We'll see him again soon.

Invite several of the children to help you to put away the Bible and props while remembering what has been learnt.

As you sing Jack waves goodbye to the children.



(Tune: first two lines of Baa Baa Black sheep repeated.)

Goodbye everyone, wave goodbye to Jack,

We've had fun and he'll be back. *(repeat twice)*

Jack goes back in his box.



Explore Together

- Free play with toy animals.
- Free play with bricks to build an ark.
- Paint a rainbow. Write "God keeps his promises"
- Make playdough animals.
- Make a cloud with rainbow streamers. Write on it "God keeps his promises".



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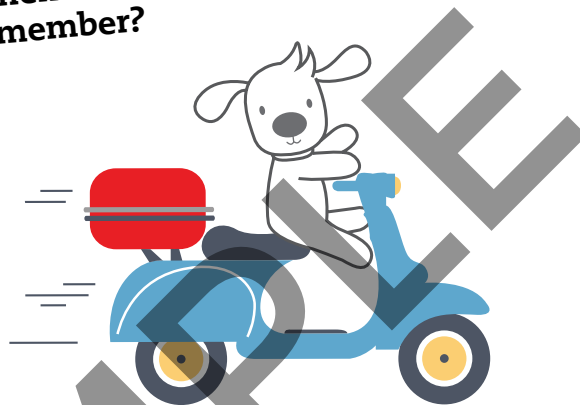
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