



# Revival Church Kids sessions: February

February 2015

Date	Theme	Learning point: What is the lesson?	Bible ref
1 <sup>st</sup> February	In and out of the garden	Adam and eve messed things up so they couldn't live in the lovely garden any more	Gen 2 & 3 BBS: pgs 20 - 21
8 <sup>th</sup> February	Noah builds a boat & the big flood	To understand the story and how God protected Noah & his family	Gen 6 v 9 - 8 v 12 BBS: pgs 22 & 23
15 <sup>th</sup> February	Noah and the rainbow	To understand God's promises & know how the Noah story ends	Gen 8 v 13 - 9 v 17 BBS: pg 24
22 <sup>nd</sup> February	A new life for Abraham and a new place to live	To know the start of Abraham's story. A was willing to trust God even though he didn't know where God was leading him	Gen 12 & 13 BBS: 25 - 27



# Revival Church Kids sessions: ideas (3-6s)

## In & out of the garden

### Games you might play

#### **In / Out of the garden**

Draw a line and play variations on the game "in the garden / out of the garden". The children have to jump the correct side of the line.

#### **Snake games**

Wriggle on the floor like a snake – first one to get to a particular point (or to the apple!) wins!

#### **Adam or Eve (Simon Says)**

Split the children into boys and girls (or if it's really uneven, just tell them they are Adam or Eve) Give instructions like "Adam jump!" Eves have to stand still!

#### **God's coming!**

Play a game where they have to act out the instructions you give them as quickly as they can.  
God's coming: hide face in shame  
Eat the fruit: pretend to eat an apple  
Blame someone: point to someone else  
Leave the garden in pairs: find someone to pair up with and walk (if you have a few children, in 3s)

### Possible Activities:

Make a large tree out of branches or paper and hang made-fruit from it.

Use the YouVersion Bible App (Judith has on her tablet if you'd like to borrow) which does a great re-telling of this story

Re-enact the story using fruit / snake props or just your imagination! You could do a fully "edible" version!

Create a story-line in pictures re-telling the story

### Crafty ideas:

Make a wonderful garden using natural materials

Create a paper-chain snake from green paper and attach a tongue and eyes!

Make apple pictures

Fruit paint printing

Remember to relay that God was more sad than angry at having to send his beloved children away. He would still love and watch over them, but it wouldn't be the same!

### Prayer idea:

It's important to say sorry to God when we do things wrong. Use some white boards or magic slates – get the children to draw a picture of things they sometimes do that they know they shouldn't. Say sorry to God and then wipe it off! Emphasise God's enduring love.

### Things you might talk about:

What was the garden like? How do you think God felt when Adam & Eve couldn't live there anymore? How do you think they felt?

Food ideas:  
Jelly snakes!

Apple bobbing (Hang from a "tree")



# Revival Church Kids sessions: ideas (7-11s)

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#### **Food ideas:**

Eat jelly snakes!

Bob for apples suspended (like hanging from a tree)

### Possible Activities:

Re-enact the story using today's language. Why not re-enact a better version - how would it have gone if Adam and Eve had really listened to God?

Talk about consequences and the importance of the word "sorry".

List the reasons that Eve sinned and relate that to today's world - do the same things make us get things wrong?

Create a story line using words and pictures and sequence the events.

Create a tree from modelling material or branches and make fruit to hang from it

#### **Research:**

Have a look on the internet at some pictures / art work of this scene. Have the artists portrayed it well / biblically / how I would do?

### Crafty ideas:

Make a wonderful garden using natural materials

Create a snake from drawing a spiral on card and cutting out.

Fruit paint printing

### Things you might talk about:

What was the garden like? What things might have been in it? Would you like it there?

Why do you think God sent Adam & Eve away? How do you think he felt? How did Adam & Eve feel?

When we do wrong things there are consequences. Older children might understand that God had a back-up plan so we could live with him again.



# Revival Church Kids sessions: ideas (3-6s)

## Noah builds a boat & the big FLOOD

### Games you might play

#### **Arks**

Place a number of circles on the floor (out of paper or mats etc) and explain these are arks. The children must "swim" in the "sea" until you shout "Sharks!" when they have to get to the safety of an Ark. Add more instructions like "big waves" or "jelly fish!"

#### **Get in pairs!**

Give each child an animal to be (make sure there are 2 of each). Children have to find their matching pair and get into the ark before the door closes!

#### **Umbrella fella!**

Bring some umbrellas of different sizes. When the music stops, squirt the children with a water pistol! They have to protect themselves behind the umbrellas! (They might want turns at squirting the water pistol too!)

### Possible Activities:

Make a boat from modelling materials. If you can get a tray of water, test them out! Can they hold some plastic animals without sinking?

Judith P. (or rather, Daisy!) has a large, robust wooden ark and animals available for play - just ask!

Play animal pairs games (easy to make or buy if you don't have)

Water play and toys will be very popular!

### Crafty ideas:

Make an ark with open up windows that reveal pictures of animals inside!



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Paper plate

Why not look at a you tube clip about under the sea and what you might find there?

### Food ideas:

Boat- or animal-shaped biscuits

Build a gingerbread ark together!

There are lots of Noah books out there if you want to enhance or reinforce the story.

Read books about rain and think about how it would feel to be in the rain for so long!

### Things you might talk about:

If you could choose, which animals would you like on your ark?

What did God promise?



# Revival Church Kids sessions: ideas (7-11s)

## NOAH BUILDS A BOAT & THE BIG FLOOD

### Games you might play

#### **Animals of the Ark**

Children are given an animal to be, but they're not allowed to talk! Make sure there are 2 of each animal. Set a timer. Find your pair and get in the ark before the door closes (or timer goes off)!

#### **Save the items!**

Have several "items" around the room. When you shout "the flood's coming!" the children have to "rescue" as many items as possible by grabbing them and standing off the ground. Points for items rescued, deducted points for items lost to the flood.

### Possible Activities:

Draw out a plan of the ark, looking at how you would split up the animals without the tigers eating the rabbits etc.

How many animals can you think of? Roughly how many animals in total do you think there were on the ark?

Look at the proportions of the ark. How big do you actually think it was? (The same size as 2 buses, for example). Then try and find a picture of how big it would have actually been (someone built a replica in Holland to stand in a park!)

Ark-building challenge: Provide various materials. You will also need some model animals (not too light!) and a tray of water. Children - in pairs - have to build a boat strong enough to carry 6 model animals for 1 minute without sinking. Test them out!

Maths alert! Read the passage & add up how long Noah and his family were actually in the ark (it wasn't 40 days!)

### Crafty ideas:

Build a replica ark from modelling material.

Make lollypop stick or finger puppet animals

Make doves

### Food ideas:

Make some boat- or animal-shaped biscuits!

Create a gingerbread ark together!

The dove plays a small part in this story – where else can you find doves in the Bible and what do they represent?

### Things you might talk about:

Why did God feel the need to destroy everything and everyone?

What would it be like to be on the ark for that length of time? Close your eyes and imagine it – what can you hear, smell, etc

How do you think Noah and his family felt after it stopped raining and they were just waiting for what would happen next?



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## Noah and the rainbow

### Games you might play

#### **Corners**

Stick a coloured balloon or piece of paper in each corner of the room. When the music stops, children have to run to a corner. The leader (without looking) calls out a colour and the children in that coloured corner are out.

#### **Catch the dove**

Attach a dove onto a long pole or piece of string. Children have to catch the dove without stepping out of the ark (draw or set a line somewhere that is ark on one side and flood on the other).

### Possible Activities:

We know the rainbow song but what are the real colours of the rainbow? (Red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, violet)

Have a go at making some paper doves

Have a look at some pictures of rainbows on the net - do they look like we expect them to? Do they have an ending?

Colour rainbow colours then go over with black crayon (you'll need a few!). When you write or draw on with pencil, it reveals the rainbow colours underneath!

### Crafty ideas:

Create a rainbow using handprints - each child has a colour and does lots of handprints. Put them up in a rainbow shape!

Make a rainbow mobile with lots of coloured strips of paper hanging from a top saying "God keeps His promises"

The rainbow song is one that most children will know. Why not try it using sign language?

### Food ideas:

Make a rainbow using skittles or coloured cheerios threaded on a strawberry lace!

### Books to read:

The Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister

### Things you might talk about:

How do you think it felt to get off the ark after all that time?

How did Noah know it was safe to leave the ark?



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#### **Catch the dove**

Attach a dove onto a long pole or piece of string. Children have to catch the dove without stepping out of the ark (draw or set a line somewhere that is ark on one side and flood on the other).

#### **Create a rainbow**

Have a selection of coloured things – dots, strips of material, paper etc., around the room. Children have to gather a full “set” to create a rainbow and put them in the right order.

### Possible Activities:

Make Rainbow friendship bracelets from coloured wool or loom bands

Think about promises - how important is it for you to keep a promise? Look at James 5 v 12

Try your hand at some origami doves - you can find instructions on the net.

What actually makes a rainbow? Can you make one? (Oil in water works, or a mist-sprayer with the sun shining through)

Get some coloured cellophane and torches - play around with what different colours you can make by putting more than one together. Can you make any colour?

### Crafty ideas:

Colour a large rainbow together for the wall with the message “God keeps His promises”

Make doves that can fly – who can fly theirs the furthest?

### Food ideas:

Make a rainbow using skittles or coloured cheerios threaded on a strawberry lace!

God keeps his promises – what else do I know of in the Bible where God has promised this, or kept his promise to people? Has God kept this particular promise? What was the actual promise He made to Noah?

### Things you might talk about:

How would it feel to be able to step off the ark after all that time?

What would you do if all of mankind was wiped out and there was only your family on the earth?

What did Noah do that made God so pleased with him?





# Revival Church Kids sessions: ideas (3-6s)

## A new Life & a new place for Abraham

### Games you might play

#### **Packing up**

Children have to gather a full set of items needed to go on a trip (eg. Toothbrush, torch, facecloth) – first one to have the full set wins!

#### **Blindfolded walk around the room**

It's hard when we don't know where we're going, but God can guide us!

### Possible Activities:

Provide lots of poles, sheets etc and let the children build tents - if they build a big one together, use it to retell the story - there's something magical about being in hiding somewhere together!

Why not go on whole camping trip together? Start by packing what you'll need in a bag and then pitching a tent. Build a campfire together (you'll need some sticks scattered around and some red / orange / yellow paper for the flames), then sing some campfire songs and talk about how it was for Abraham to live like that all the time without knowing where he was going!

### Books you might read:

Maisie goes Camping by Lucy Cousins

Curious George goes Camping by H A Rey

### Crafty ideas:

Make a rucksack from paper and all the things to go in it for a trip

Make a fake beard to wear (we presume Abraham had a beard!)

Make a card for someone that you don't see any more (or not very often) and send it to them.

### Food ideas:

"Toast some marshmallows by the fake campfire!"

Use Jelly babies to illustrate how many Abraham's descendants would be – then eat them!

### Things you might talk about:

If you had to pack everything up, what would you pack first? What would you take on your journey?





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## A new Life & a new Place for Abraham

### Games you might play

#### **When I went camping – memory game**

Children take it in turns to say when I went camping I took... then each adds an item to the list. Children have to remember what every child before them said and then add their own item.

#### **Blindfolded walk around the room**

It's hard when we don't know where we're going, but God can guide us!

### Possible Activities:

Provide sheets, poles etc and split the children into 2 teams - who can build the best "tent"? Whose stays up the longest?

How many different languages can you say "goodbye" in?  
How many different ways in English?

Why not have a real campfire outside? Or use a fire pit and toast marshmallows? (Judith P. has a fire pit if needed)

If you were never going to see the people in this room again, what would you say to them? Why not write them a little note?

Make a card to send to someone you no longer (or rarely) see - there was no post in those days so goodbye really was goodbye for Abraham, but we can post a card to someone to let them know we're thinking of them

### Crafty ideas:

Create a campfire together using twigs, paper and stones. Why not have a little sing-song around it?

Make an Abraham mask complete with fluffy beard!

### Things you might talk about:

How would it feel to pack up and leave all your friends, without really knowing where you were going to? What would you take?

Have you ever had to move on without really knowing where you were going to? (school, house etc)

### Food ideas:

Use Jelly babies to illustrate how many Abraham's descendants would be – then eat them!

Make a little edible baby from icing.

Look at the Goodbye poem here:

<http://pint-sized-treasures.com/best-tear-free-ways-to-say-bye-to-kids/>