



FAMILY BIBLE NIGHT

CENTERING YOUR FAMILY TIME AROUND THE FIREPLACE OF GOD'S WORD

WHAT YOU NEED:

- * Tape measure
- * Popsicle sticks
- * Hot glue gun or another glue of choice
- * Cardboard
- * Cardstock or construction paper

DEVOTION

Have you noticed all of the rainbows this week? I've seen at least 4, and every time I see one I stop and thank God for his wonderful promise....do you know what promise that is?

Younger Children- In the beginning God created a perfect world, but when people disobeyed Him, they ruined the perfectness He created. The people were sinful and didn't care about God. God was upset at the people, so He sent a flood. From a kids Bible, read the story about what God told Noah and his family to do, then answer the following questions: Did Noah obey God? How many of each animal were on the ark? How long did it rain? Was there any land above the water? Why does God send us a beautiful rainbow after it rains?

Older Children- Read Genesis 6:5-9:17 then answer the following questions: Was God angry? Why? Besides Noah, who else did God save? Did all of the water come out of the sky? My bible (ESV) has a Chronology of Noah's time in the ark table (pictured below). Look at the table, then answer the following questions: How many animals do you think were on the ark? How much food do you think they had to carry to feed the animals and themselves? Do you think the animals were locked up in pens, or did God tame them during this time? Imagine the smells on the ark, the sounds (of the storm and the animals), how it felt during the storm when the ark was rocking.

Chronology of Noah's Time in the Ark
 Dates are in the form of month, day, and Noah's year, as given in the text. Hence, 2/10/600 means the tenth day of the second month in Noah's 600th year. Months are calculated at 30 days each. Dates in parentheses are extrapolations from dates explicitly given in the text.

	Reference	Event	Date	Day
	7:4, 10	Announcement of the flood 7 days in advance	(2/10/600)	Sunday
Waters prevail: 150-day period	7:11, 13	Flood begins; Noah and family enter the ark	2/17/600	Sunday
	7:12	Flood lasts 40 days and ends	(3/27/600)	Friday
	8:4	Ark rests on mountains of Ararat after waters prevail and abate for 150 days total	7/17/600	Friday
Waters abate: 150-day period	8:5	Mountaintops eventually become visible	10/1/600	Wednesday
	8:7	Raven sent out (after 40 days of mountaintop visibility)	(11/10/600)	Sunday
	8:8	Dove sent out	(11/17/600)	Sunday
	8:10	Dove's second flight (7 days later); returns with olive leaf	(11/24/600)	Sunday
	8:12	Dove's third flight (7 days later); does not return	(12/1/600)	Sunday
	8:3	Waters fully abated; end of second 150-day period	(12/17/600)	Wednesday
Earth dries: 70-day period	8:13	Noah eventually removes the covering of the ark	1/1/601	Wednesday
	8:14-19	Earth dried out; Noah leaves ark	2/27/601	Wednesday
Total time in ark: 370 days				

To help put the size of the ark in perspective, go outside and measure how big the ark actually was. 510 ft. long, 85 ft. wide, 51 ft. high. You may need to go to a park, or ball field to accomplish this task!

ACTIVITY

Using popsicle sticks, glue, cardboard, and cardstock, build a replica of what you think the ark looked like. You can use online resources if you would like, or be creative!