#### Description:

During this fun Noah's Ark activity your family will work together, like Noah's family, to build an ark and gather animals–while learning why we should always follow the prophet!

# What you need:

■ A copy of the Build an Ark" activity (artwork included with this lesson), scissors, glue, tape, cardstock and stapler w/staples. Optional: Self Laminating sheets.

### Preparation:

- 1. Print out the artwork.
- 2. Cut out the animals. Optional: Pre-cut out ark pieces.
- 3. Optional: Laminate animals.
- 4. Hide animals around the room.

## Activity:

- 1. Ask: Who was Noah? (A prophet of God.)
- 2. Ask: What did Noah try to teach the people? (To repent and obey the Lord.)
- 3. Ask: Who listened to Noah? (Only his family.)
- 4. Ask: What did the Lord tell Noah He was going to do? (He was going to destroy every living thing on the face of the earth because the people were evil and would not listen.)
- 5. Ask: What did the Lord tell Noah to do? (Build an ark.)
- 6. Ask: Did Noah and his family listen to the Lord? (Yes.)
- 7. Explain: Let's pretend that we are Noah's family and we are going to build an ark. (Follow directions to build your ark. Give everyone an assignment according to their abilities, such as cutting out, gluing, stapling, etc.)
- 8. Explain: The Lord told Noah and his family to gather seven of all the clean animals. Clean animals are the animals the Lord provided for man to eat, such as cows and sheep. (Count the cows in the bottom of the ark.) Ask: How many more cows does this ark need?
- 9. Ask: What other kinds of animals did the Lord tell Noah and his family to gather? (A male and female of every kind of animal on the earth.)
- 10. Explain: Our ark isn't big enough to hold every kind of animal. Lets search and see how many pairs of animals we can find to put in our ark. (Tape the animals in the ark.)
- 12. Explain: After all the animals were gathered the Lord told Noah and his family to go into the ark so that they would be saved from the flood. (Put Noah and his family in the ark.)
- 13. Ask: What can the story of Noah and the ark teach us to do in our lives? (Discuss ideas. Emphasize that we should follow the prophets.)
- 14. Ask: What are some of the things the latter-day prophets have told us to do? (Discuss ideas. Examples: Storing and saving a one-year supply of food, sharing the gospel, etc.)
- 15. Bear your testimony of the importance of following the Prophet.

#### **Ark Instructions**

1. Cut out ark pieces.

2. Glue part (A) to part (B) by placing (B) over (A) and line up edge along white dotted line. Set aside.

3. Glue part (C) to part (D) by placing (D) over (C) and line up edge along vertical white dotted line.

4. Glue parts (C/D) and (E) to cardstock.

Note: Staples will always go along outside edges.

5. Staple part (F) to part (E). Do not staple along the bottom edge.

6. Staple parts (F/E) to part (C/D) by lining up edges of (C/D) along the white dotted lines. Do not staple along the bottom edge for ease in placing Noah's family and the animals in.

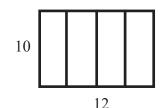
7. Staple part (A/B) to part (C/D) by lining up outside edges and forming a pouch.

8. Glue door together with print side facing out. Staple door along it's bottom edge to the ark.

9. Glue roof onto the ark.

10. Make a stand with a 12 inch x 10 inch piece of cardstock.

a. Fold into fourths.



b. Fold end pieces

inward and overlap to form a triangle. Staple or tape together.

c. Tape or glue the ark to the stand.



11. Lightly stuff the pouch with tissue along the outside edges to form a 3-D figure. Animals and Noah's family can now go through the door and "up to their decks" when you choose where to tape them on the ark artwork.



