

## The Story of Noah and the Ark

In this RE work you will be finding out about a very famous story from the Bible and thinking about rainbows and hopes for yourself.

A grown up or an older person might help you with the reading and your ideas.

You will need coloured pencils, pens, or crayons so you might like to get them ready now if you can.

## Story facts

The story of Noah is famous. Noah built a big boat, called an Ark to carry all the animals to safety when there was a huge flood. It is a very old story, over 3000 years old! You can find it in the Bible.

## Hope

The story of Noah is about hope. Here are twelve things people hope for.

<b>health</b>	<b>peace</b>	<b>kindness</b>	<b>love</b>
<b>family</b>	<b>safety</b>	<b>pets to love</b>	<b>friends</b>
<b>fun</b>	<b>donuts</b>	<b>holidays</b>	<b>fairness</b>

Choose which of the twelve things you think are most important. Colour in the 7 boxes that have the most important things people hope for inside of them. Can you choose a good colour for each of your 7 words? Red for love? Blue for peace?

## Read the story

You might like to ask a grown up to help you

### The story of Noah and the rainbow

God was very angry. When he looked at the beautiful world he had made, he saw the bad things people were doing to it and to each other. It made him very sad.

He decided the world needed a fresh start!

He had noticed one good man and his family and he decided that he would ask him to help. The man was called Noah.

God told Noah to build a boat. A boat big enough to take his family, and two each of all the different animals and birds in the world. What an enormous boat it must have been!

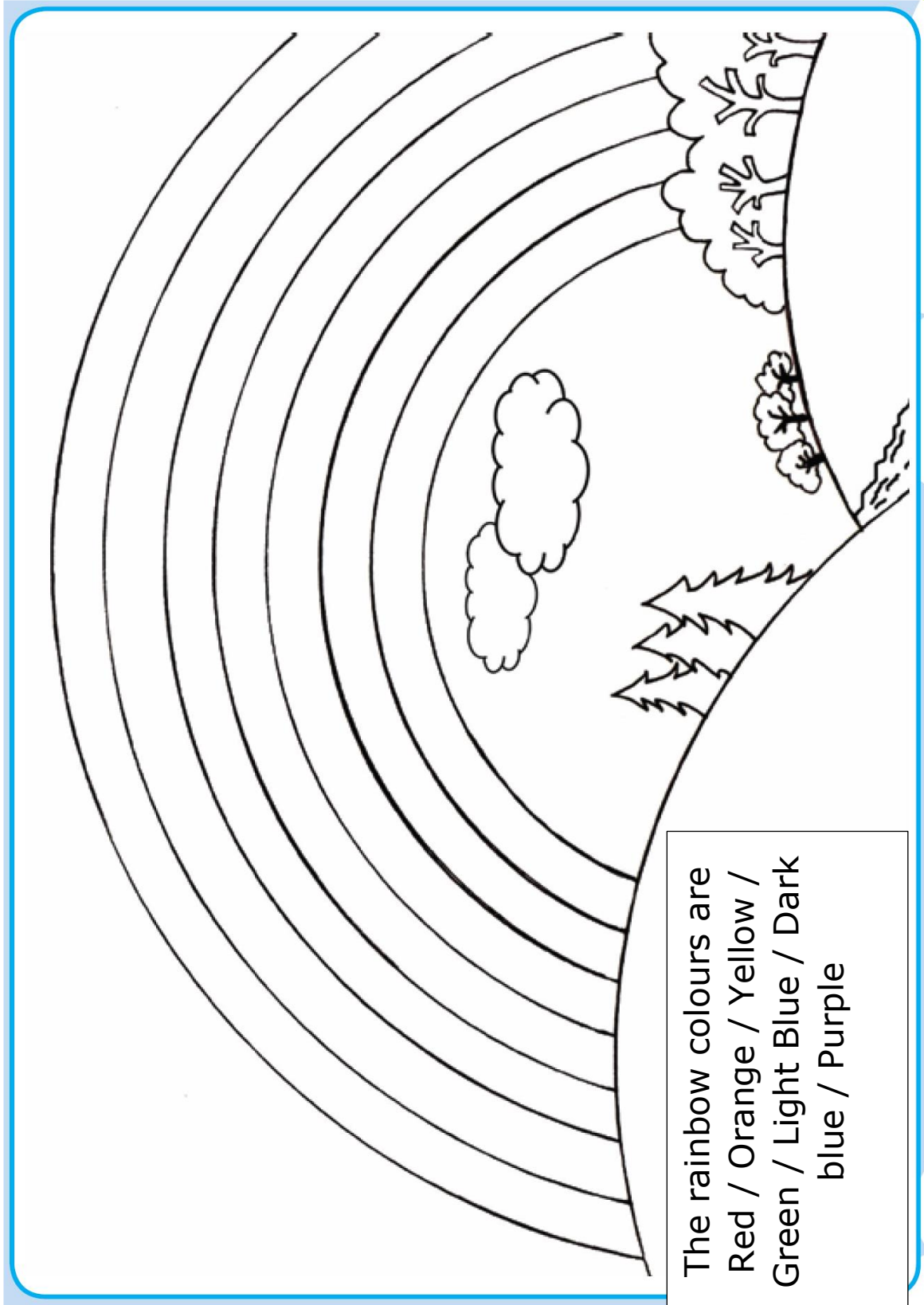
No sooner had Noah finished building this enormous boat, and gathering in all the different birds and animals, than the rain started. It poured and poured - day and night. The floods rose until no land could be seen. A great sea spread over the whole world.

The boat floated for days and weeks and months . . . until one day it stopped. It had found some land at last. The flood was beginning to go down.

Noah sent out a dove carrying their hopes for a fresh new earth! When she returned with an olive leaf, Noah felt hope rise in his heart. He sent her out again. This time she didn't return. He knew that at last she had found a new home and he thanked God.

In the clear blue sky a beautiful rainbow shone. Seven stripes of liquid light poured down. Noah saw this as a sign that never again would God destroy the earth. Noah's heart was filled with joy and thankfulness.





The rainbow colours are  
Red / Orange / Yellow /  
Green / Light Blue / Dark  
blue / Purple

## Making a rainbow of hopes

Look at the picture of the rainbow on page 3.

You are going to colour it in. But first remember the 7 words you chose of things to hope for on page 1.

Copy one of the words into each stripe of the rainbow (use a pen for this if you can).

Then colour in the picture with your pens, pencils or crayons.

Some people like to put a rainbow in the window of their home with a bit of blu-tac. Other people can see the rainbows when they go out for a walk. Talk to a grown up about this idea.



Ben is 8. He wrote some sentences about his hopes into the shape of a rainbow. Can you read them?