

Messy Church: Noah

Rainmakers

Put sufficient seeds/pulses/rice into large plastic bottles to make a rain-like noise when it is slowly upended, and supply paper or labels to decorate the bottle.

Gingerbread Noah

Decorate gingerbread people as Noah and his wife, using fondant icing (little rolling pins and blunt knives can be helpful here), writing icing, strawberry laces for hair, raisins, etc.

Animal Masks

Provide templates of animal masks for the children to colour/decorate and cut out. Add lengths of elastic or wool so that they can be worn.

Animal mask templates can be found online. See e.g.

www.firstpalette.com/Craft_themes/Animals/animalmasks/animalmask.html

Rainbow Spinner

Provide circles of card divided into segments - ideally seven, for the colours of the rainbow. The children colour each segment and then make the circle into a spinner, either by putting a pencil through the middle and spinning it like a top, or by using string (see e.g. www.lovemyscience.com/makingarainbowspinner.html), in which case both sides of the circle will need to be coloured (or stick two together).

Ravens & Doves

Draw a snowman-style body in the middle of a black or white paper plate, cut it out and use the remainder of the plate to create wings:

www.catholicicing.com/holy-spirit-craft-make-a-dove-from-a-paper-plate/

If you then dangle the bird on a piece of string attached to a stick, it's particularly effective.



The Ark

Use cardboard boxes, furniture or whatever else you have to hand to create an Ark-like construction in which you can all sit to hear the story. Even if you just go for a prow and steering wheel at the front, it can work very well.