

## Responsibility, EYFS (2) – Teacher guidance

In this worship children will revisit the story of Noah taking responsibility for the people and animals in the ark, then explore ways that they can be helpful / responsible and look after others.

### Gathering

#### Slide 1

Begin the worship by lighting a candle and following your school's usual gathering routine.

### Engaging

#### Slide 2

How would you look after these animals? Who has a pet at home? What do they do to take care of it? If you have a class pet then talk about how they need looking after.

#### Slide 3

Remind children of the story of Noah's Ark. Perhaps you could have some props (tools and wood for building, a bucket and broom for looking after the animals etc).

You could print off images from [Twinkl](#) or [DLTK](#) and ask the children to sequence the story. Or children could act out parts of the story.

What would it have been like to live in the ark with all those different animals?!

What jobs would Noah and his family have had to do to look after the animals?

Talk about feeding time, cleaning up the mess, protecting the smaller creatures etc.

### Responding

#### Slide 4

Last time we talked about things we could do to take responsibility / be helpful in school and at home. Who can think of anything else we could do?

#### Slide 5

How can we take care of God's world? Think of something practical you could do in school, such as planting seeds, watering the plants, picking up litter in the playground. If you have a class pet, talk about how to take care of them.

What about looking after people? Can they think of kind things they could do to be helpful in school?

What could children do at home? Discuss looking after pets, helping their parents or grandparents etc.

Plan a helpful activity together. It could be something eco-friendly, such as planting seeds, or the children could make cards for adults in school or at home (or for a local old-people's home?) Encourage the children to come up with their own ideas – but steer them towards doing something manageable!

If it's a natural fit, then you could link this to a book you've read recently, or a project that's already underway in your classroom.

## **Sending**

Finish with a simple prayer, asking God to help us be thoughtful and look after other people. You could use this prayer, or use your own words. Maybe include a prayer for the project you have planned, e.g. that people will enjoy the cards you've made, or that your seeds will grow well.

Dear God,  
Thank you that Noah looked after his family and the animals in the ark.  
Please help us to look after other people and animals too.  
Amen.

## **Follow Up Activities**

If you painted your own Noah's Ark, or made a cardboard box ark, perhaps the children could add something to it to show that they're going to try to be helpful / responsible in the week ahead. Could they each tie on a rainbow coloured ribbon? Draw their face? Add their name?

Some books about kindness and taking responsibility to share together:

*Kindness Makes Us Strong*, Sophie Beer

*All Are Welcome*, Alexandra Penfold

*Have You Filled A Bucket Today?* Carol McCloud

*The Selfish Crocodile*, Faustin Charles

*The Rainbow Fish*, Marcus Pfister

You may also like to continue with some of the follow-up activities from last week's worship.