Activity Tie-in: Water Safety

- Bible Verse - Genesis 6:9 - 9:17
- Lesson Theme - Noah's Ark. *God always keeps his promises.*

Before Devotion

- Bring animal crackers for the kids to snack on.
- Bring a lot of stuffed animals and set them around the room.
- Put tape (or any other material on the floor) in the shape of a boat in which all the stuffed animals can fit. (Make the boat small enough so that the kids will have to work hard in order to fit all the animals in).

Intro

- Ask the kids how many of them like to swim. (Talk about swimming, personal swimming experiences, water parks)
- Ask the kids what they would need to have in order to be safe in the water if they didn't know how to swim. (life jacket, raft, boat)
- Use this to lead into the story of Noah's ark.
    - Example - "For our lesson today we will talk about a huge boat that God used to save his followers from a lot of water. Our lesson for today comes from Genesis chapters 6-9."

Lesson

- Relate the story of Noah's ark.
- Be enthusiastic!!
    - Imagine yourself working hard to build the ark
    - Explain the dimensions of the ark (450 ft x 75 x 45) and how huge it was
    - Have the kids make raindrop noises when you explain how the rain fell for 40 days and nights
- When you get to the part about the animals going onto the ark, tell the kids to look around the room, find one animal, and work together to put the animals in the ark that you created on the floor.
- Tell the story all the way to part with the rainbow.
    - Make sure to note that it was only with God's protection that Noah survived the flood. No ordinary boat could have protected them.

Conclusion

- God saved his people from the flood
- Explain the meaning of the rainbow - God promised to never send a worldwide flood again
    - God kept this promise
- God keeps all of his promises
    - This includes his promise to send his son, Jesus Christ.
    - Shortly relate the gospel of Jesus.

Prayer

- You can make this into a “repeat-after-me” prayer if you would like.
    - Dear Jesus, thank you for your blessings. Thank you for saving Noah, his family, and all the animals that were on the ark. Thank you for keeping your promises, and for sending Jesus to die for our sins. Amen.

Games

- There are many games online relating to Noah’s Ark that kids will enjoy!