

Live From the Red Carpet

Purpose: “Noah’s Ark” is told from the perspective of a reporter talking with the animals as they board the ark. Using a different spin on the Bible passage, this skit shows Noah’s obedience in completing a project that would’ve surely made headlines today!

Passage: Genesis 7:1–9:17

People: Reporter

Props:

- microphone (or pretend with a comb or wooden spoon)
- 1 copy of the skit

Prep: You can play the role of the Reporter (or ask another volunteer to). Speak into the microphone (reporter-like) throughout the entire skit. Use the microphone to cue the audience to make animal noises.

Notes to Director: Prior to the skit, have kids practice sounding off as each of these animals: monkeys, elephants, lions, and laughing hyenas. Then practice the skit’s ending. Everyone will shout, “God shut the door!” and then clap one time, as if a door is shutting.

Have the Reporter hold the script as if it’s reporter notes. The more the person is familiar with the script, the better it will be.



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Reporter: *(Enters and then faces audience and talks as if looking into a camera.)* Good evening, and welcome to our live coverage of the Noah's Ark red carpet event! We've been following Noah as he's built this huge boat on dry land. *(Motions behind, toward the ark. Turns around and makes even bigger motion to show the ark is huge and then faces the audience again.)* Wow, that's big! Tonight—with rain in the forecast—two of every living creature will make their way to this gigantic vessel. Let's see if we can catch up to some of the animals now. *(Looks to the right and left.)* Oh, I think I see a couple of elephants approaching... Elephants! Elephants! *(Waves arms and takes a couple of steps to the side as if trying to catch the elephants' attention.)* Question, please. Everyone wants to know...How do you feel about stepping into the ark tonight? *(Holds microphone out and cues audience.)*

Audience: *(Makes elephant noises.)*

Reporter: *(Tilts head as if trying to understand the elephants.)* Oh. So you say it's a lot better than getting wet for 40 days and 40 nights. I'd not heard that forecast! What other details do you elephants know about the predicted rain? *(Holds microphone out and cues audience.)*

Audience: *(Makes elephant noises.)*

Reporter: *(Shakes head.)* Really? That bad? I've heard of widespread showers, but the entire earth?! Sounds pretty outrageous! Where'd you elephants find out about this boat, and how'd you get invited to climb on board? *(Holds microphone out and cues audience.)*

Audience: *(Makes elephant noises.)*

Reporter: *(Speaks to elephants.)* Oh, you have to go now? Yes, go ahead and make your way inside. I'd try to get a spot on the second floor myself if I were afraid of mice. Thank you for your time! *(Jumps to the side as if letting determined elephants through.)*

(Faces audience and talks as if looking into a camera.) And that's all we have from the elephant family, folks, but I think I see some other animals swinging by! Maybe they can tell us more. *(Nods head up and down and side to side as if watching monkeys swing toward the ark.)* Good evening, monkeys! I must say you're looking quite fabulous tonight! Tell our audience at home why you came here for this big event! *(Holds microphone out and cues audience.)*

Audience: *(Makes monkey noises.)*

Reporter: *(Tilts head as if trying to understand monkeys.)* Cupcakes? Noah said there'd be cupcakes on the boat? *(Holds microphone out and cues audience.)*

Audience: *(Makes monkey noises.)*

Reporter: *(Nods head.)* Yes, in fact, I *have* heard of “monkey on a cupcake”! But before you go in and enjoy those sweet treats, what do you monkeys think you’ll see inside of this ginormous boat? *(Holds microphone out and cues audience.)*

Audience: *(Makes monkey noises.)*

Reporter: *(Nods head again.)* Well, I’m sure there’ll be lots of places for you monkeys to swing! *(Turns toward ark and waves as if monkeys are boarding; then turns back.)* Those monkeys never fail to entertain. *(Looks to the right and left.)* Hold on, hold on! I think I see some lions making their way toward me now! *(Stands on tiptoes and looks toward back of room. Bows slightly.)* Hello, your highnesses! As kings of the jungle, you must have all the juicy details about tonight’s event! *(Holds microphone out and cues audience.)*

Audience: *(Roars like lions.)*

Reporter: *(Jumps as if startled by the loud roar.)* Oh yes. Sorry. I’ll try not to use the word *juicy* again. I’m sure it’ll be difficult to be close to all these animals without getting hungry. So what’s up with Noah building this big boat? Looks like it’s built to take quite a journey! *(Holds microphone out and cues audience.)*

Audience: *(Roars like lions.)*

Reporter: *(Speaks to lions.)* Wow. I knew Noah must be a hard worker to build a boat like this, but I had no idea Noah was the most righteous, most faithful man on earth. So, lions, was it Noah’s idea to start this enormous project? *(Holds microphone out and cues audience.)*

Audience: *(Roars like lions.)*

Reporter: *(Nods head.)* Noah was obeying God’s command, you say? How interesting! Thanks for sharing on your way to the ark. *(Waves to lions as they board the ark, and then faces the camera again.)* As usual, the lions are in the know. Noah and his family must certainly be special. The lions said God was unhappy with the bad things people were doing and decided to flood the whole earth. Many of us thought this was some kind of stunt or joke! *(Looks to the right and left.)* And speaking of jokes, here come the laughing hyenas! *(Waves to hyenas.)* Excuse me, laughing hyenas! Yes, hello...Do you know where I might find Noah? I’d love to speak to the man who hears God’s voice! *(Holds microphone out and cues audience.)*

Audience: *(Laughs like laughing hyenas.)*

Reporter: *(Tilts head to side as if trying to understand.)* No, I haven't checked to see if the hippos ate Noah. Very funny. Do you always joke around like that? *(Holds microphone out and cues the audience.)*

Audience: *(Laughs like laughing hyenas.)*

Reporter: *(Steps aside as if letting hyenas through.)* I think I'll follow you hyenas on board. I'd like to ask Noah what it feels like to do this huge project and what'll happen to those of us not invited inside. *(Takes a few steps as if trying to follow hyenas. Stands on tiptoes to try to see what's inside the ark. Sighs and then faces audience.)* Well, it's just awfully crowded in that ark. It looks as though the hyenas are the last to make their way inside. *(Turns around to face ark.)* Well, take a look at that! *(Turns back to audience.)* God shut the door! *(Claps.)* Say that with me!

Audience: God shut the door! *(Claps.)*

Reporter: Amazing! *(Takes a deep breath and then shrugs shoulders.)* Well, that's it, folks. All the animals are now inside what appears to be a lifesaving vessel for a big flood headed our way. Tune in for live coverage after the waters recede and we join them again for the exclusive post-flood after-party! Goodbye! *(Waves to audience and then exits.)*



Use these discussion points with your group following the skit.

1. Describe the loudest thunder you've ever heard. Now describe the closest you've been to a lightning strike. Explain whether you think storms are scary or cool, and why. Why do you think we sometimes feel frightened of storms?
2. Imagine you went to sleep tonight and had the most realistic dream you'd ever had in which God told you he wanted you to be a pro golfer. Explain whether you'd wake up and forget about it or go buy a set of clubs and why. What do you think it would take for you to believe such a dream was real?
3. Think about your life right now. What kind of direction do you think God has already given you? What are you building toward in your life right now, and why?
4. The flood was a sort of reset. Think of a time you had to reset your computer, tablet, or phone or a time you crashed a computer. How do you start over when that happens and you lose everything? How can you reset with God when you make a mistake or poor choice?



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