

# WEEK 4

## FOURS LESSON



Need to Know: *I Can Have Patience*  
Bible Story: *Noah (Genesis 6-9)*

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Circle Up

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1. WELCOME kids to our series, "On the Farm!"
  2. SAY: *My name is (YOUR NAME), and I will be your leader today! (SHOW Hat) I want to hear your name and your favorite farm animal, BUT you have to WAIT to tell us until you have the hat on your head!*
  3. TELL kids to close their eyes, then put the hat on a child's head.
  4. HAVE kids open their eyes, and then SAY the following to the child wearing the hat:
    - *Howdy! Tell us your name and your favorite farm animal.*
  5. ALLOW the child to respond.
  6. CONTINUE until each child has been introduced. Then, SAY:
    - *Thank you for waiting with a happy heart until it was your turn to share! That is the fruit of the Spirit growing inside your heart! It's called patience!*
    - *God wants to grow patience in our hearts so that you and I can always wait with a happy heart! Let me hear you say this after me: (Pause to allow kids to repeat)*  
*I Can* (thumbs to chest)  
*Have Patience* (tap pretend watch)
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Read the Bible

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1. SAY: *There is so much I love about being on the farm. It's where we hear the best Bible stories!*
  2. HAVE kids get ready to hear the Bible story by clicking on their listening ears and putting on their special eyes.
  3. SHOW and READ the **Bible Story Cards** to the group.
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Let's Practice

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1. SAY: *No matter what we're waiting on, God wants to grow patience in our hearts. Let's see if we can find ways to wait with a happy heart as we feed some horses.*
2. PLACE all **Horse Pictures** in the center of the group, horses facing UP.
3. HAVE kids take turns feeding the horses by tossing the "feed bag" (**beanbag**) onto a **Horse Picture**.
4. SHOW and READ the back of the selected **Horse Picture**, or the one that is closest to the "feed bag".
5. CONTINUE until all **Horse Pictures** have been read/shown.
6. Then, SAY:
  - *I love how you came up with so many ways that we can be patient and wait with a happy heart! If you can have patience, let me hear you say this after me: (Pause to allow kids to repeat)*  
*I Can* (thumbs to chest)  
*Have Patience* (tap pretend watch)

Memorize It

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1. SAY: *The Bible tells us that God wants to grow the fruit of His Spirit in our hearts. These aren't actual fruits, like apples or bananas, but they are good things that God helps us feel, say, and do! I want to teach this verse to you!*
  2. SHOW the group the **Memory Verse Card** and have them repeat the verse after you, as listed on the back of the **Memory Verse Card**.
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Let's Pray

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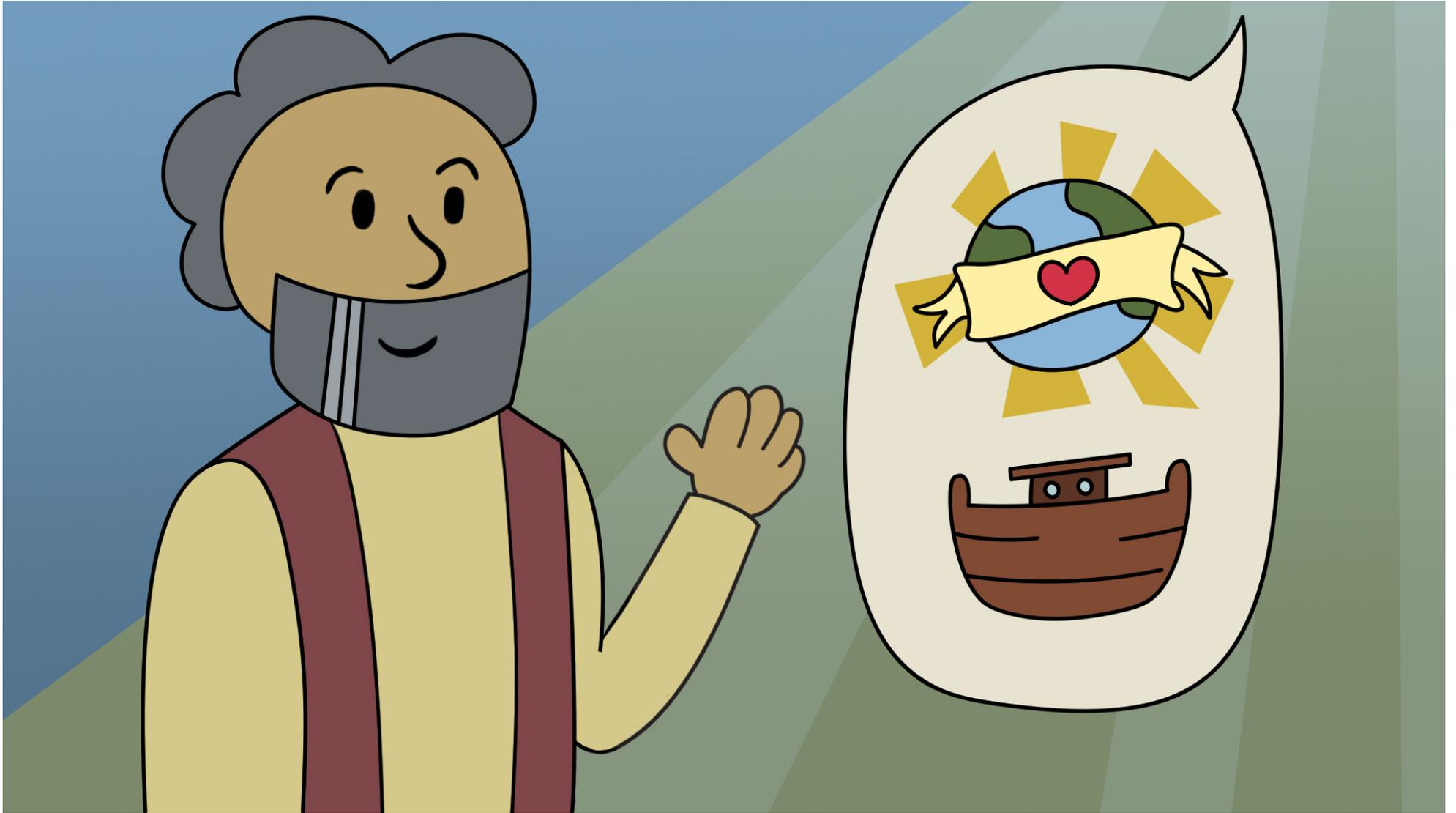
PRAY with your group, having them repeat after you in short phrases:

- *Dear God, thank you for being patient with me. Please help me to wait with a happy heart every day! Thank you for my snack. I love you! In Jesus' name I pray, amen.*
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Stay Together

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1. SANITIZE hands with **hand sanitizer** and PASS OUT **snacks**.
2. KEEP kids engaged until they are checked out by doing the following activities:
  - HAVE kids **color** both sides of their **Coloring Sheet**. As kids **color**, ASK the following:
    - *Have you ever been to a farm?*
    - *What kind of fruit do you like to eat?*
    - *Did you have fun today?*
    - *What did you learn?*
  - PLAY "Fast Passin' Feed Bag"
    - Play like "Hot Potato"
    - Start passing the "feed bag" (**beanbag**) around the circle as fast as you can!
    - While you are passing, you can SING "Old McDonald Had a Farm" or SAY today's Need to Know.
    - At the end of the song or Need to Know, have the child holding the "feed bag" say his/her favorite farm animal OR one way to wait with a happy heart.
    - Continue to play as time allows.
  - HAVE kids practice the memory verse again.



Noah  
Genesis 6-9

(Point to man.) *This is Noah.*

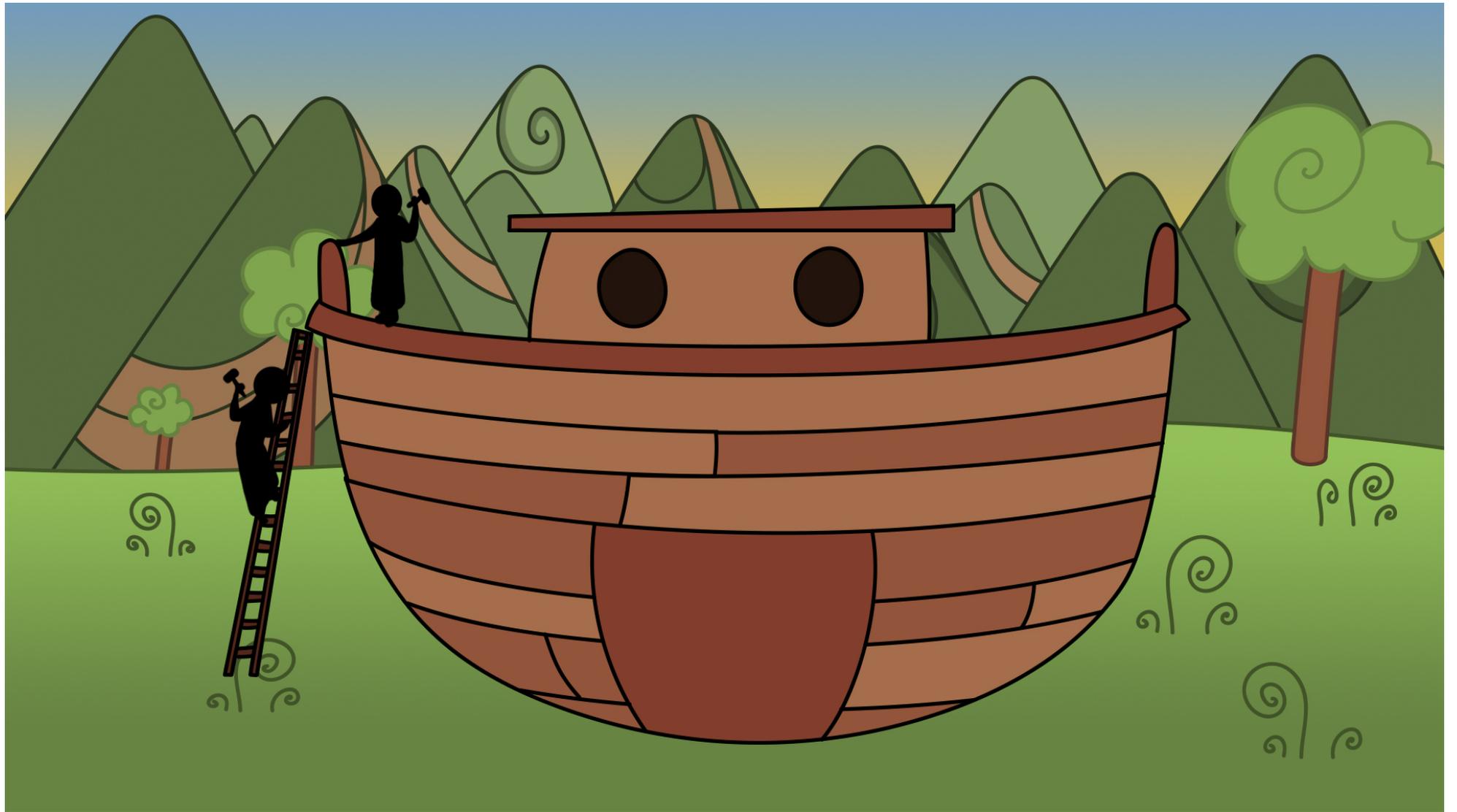
*Long, long ago the world was full of people who did not love God. In fact, Noah was the only one who loved and followed God.*

(Point to Earth.)

*God told Noah about His plan to start over on earth.*

(Point to ark.)

*God told Noah to build an ark, which is like a giant boat.*

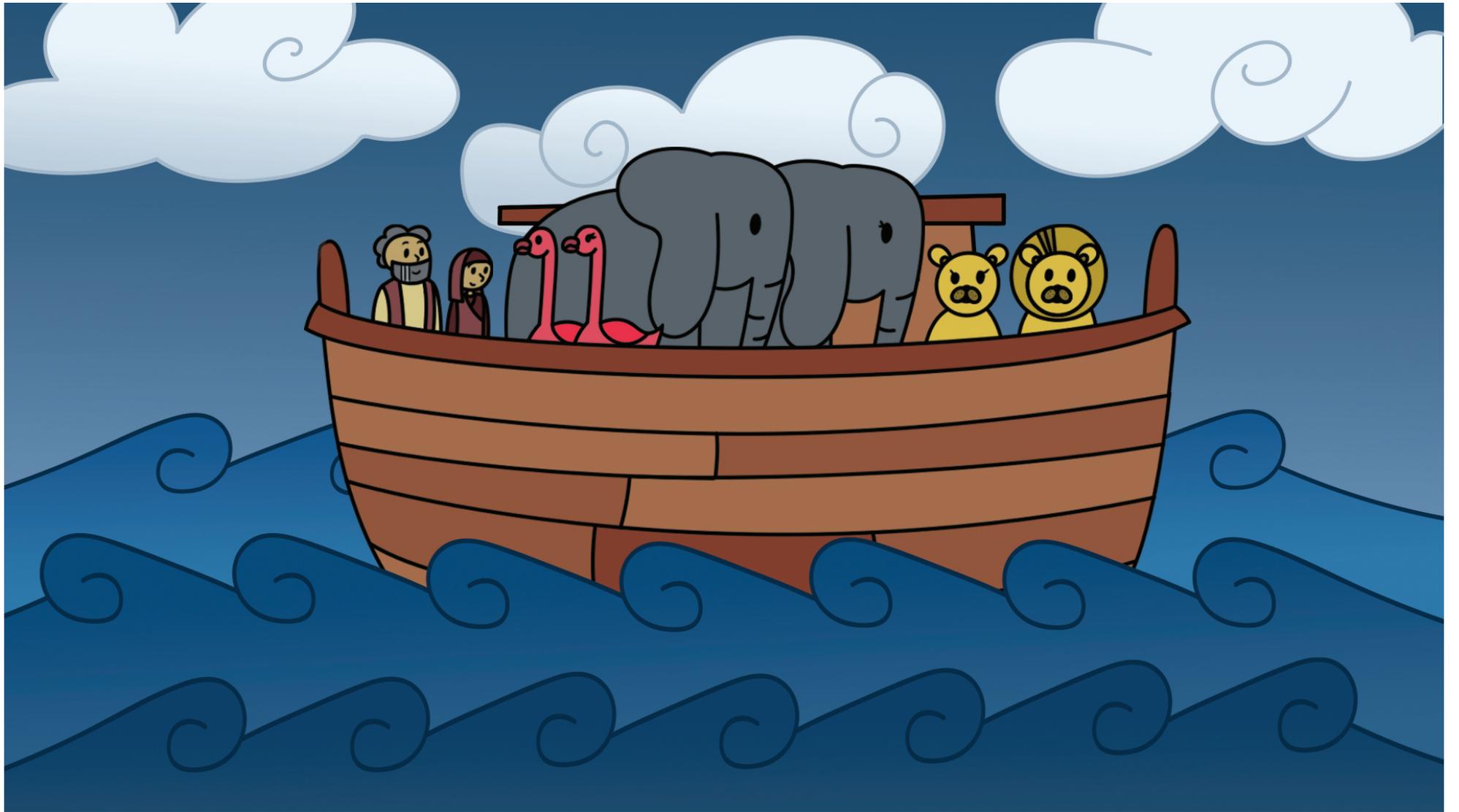


***So Noah and his family got to work building the ark.***

***Let's all pretend to hammer like we are working on the ark.  
(Everyone pretends to hammer.)***

***Good job! When the ark was all finished, God told Noah to get his family onto the giant boat. He also told Noah to let two of every kind of animal come on board.***

***Noah waited with a happy heart while all of the animals came from near and far to get on the ark.***

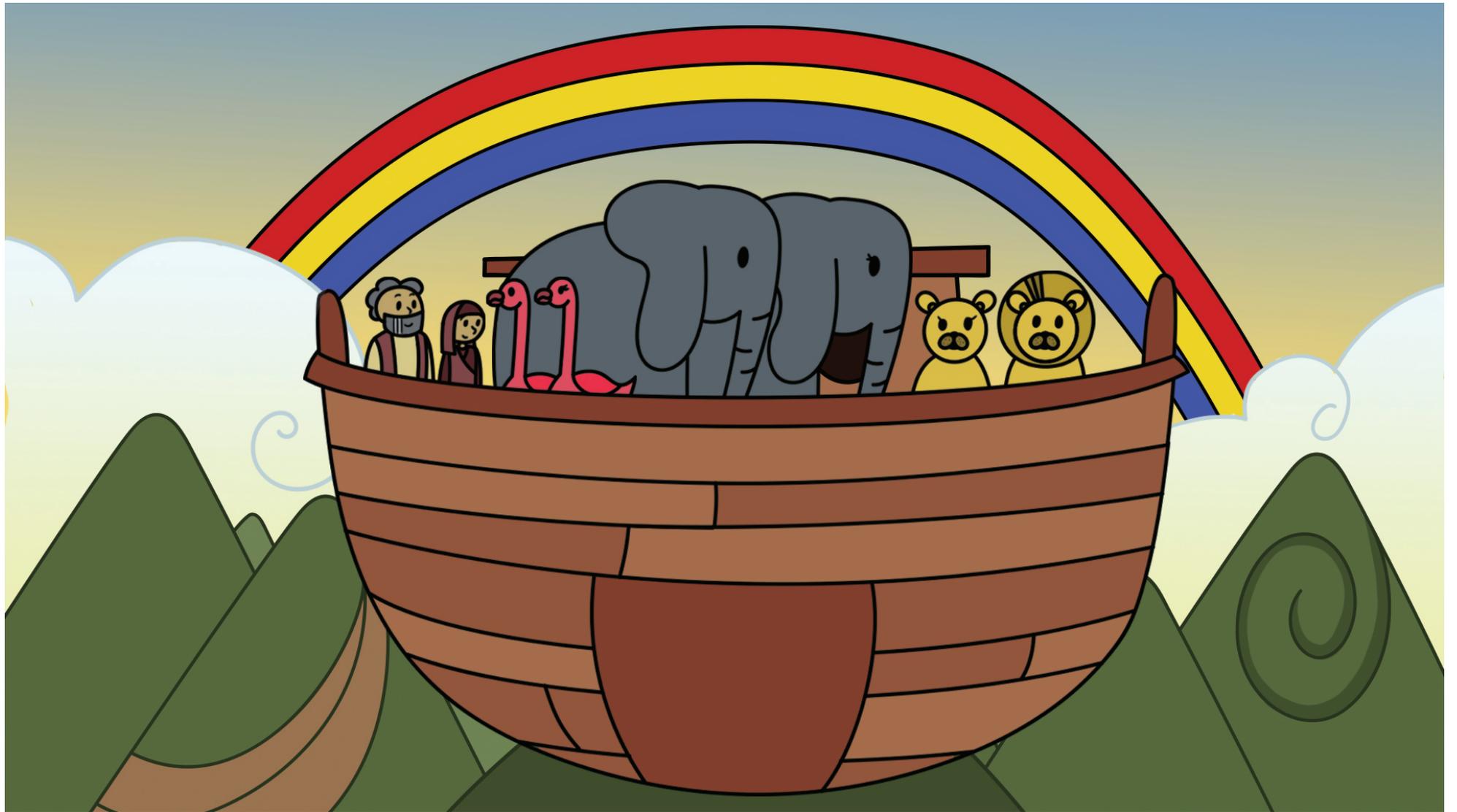


***Once everyone and all the animals were on board the ark, it started to rain.***

***Let me see you move your fingers like rain falling from the sky.  
(Everyone will make fingers move like rain falling.)***

***Noah, his family, and all of the animals were patient on the ark while it rained and rained for 40 days.***

***They waited with happy hearts for over 100 days until all of the water dried up! Then, they could get off of the ark!***



***Finally, the ark came to rest on top of a mountain. God told Noah it was time to get out of the ark. On that day, God put a rainbow in the sky and made a promise. God promised to take care of us and never flood the whole earth again.***

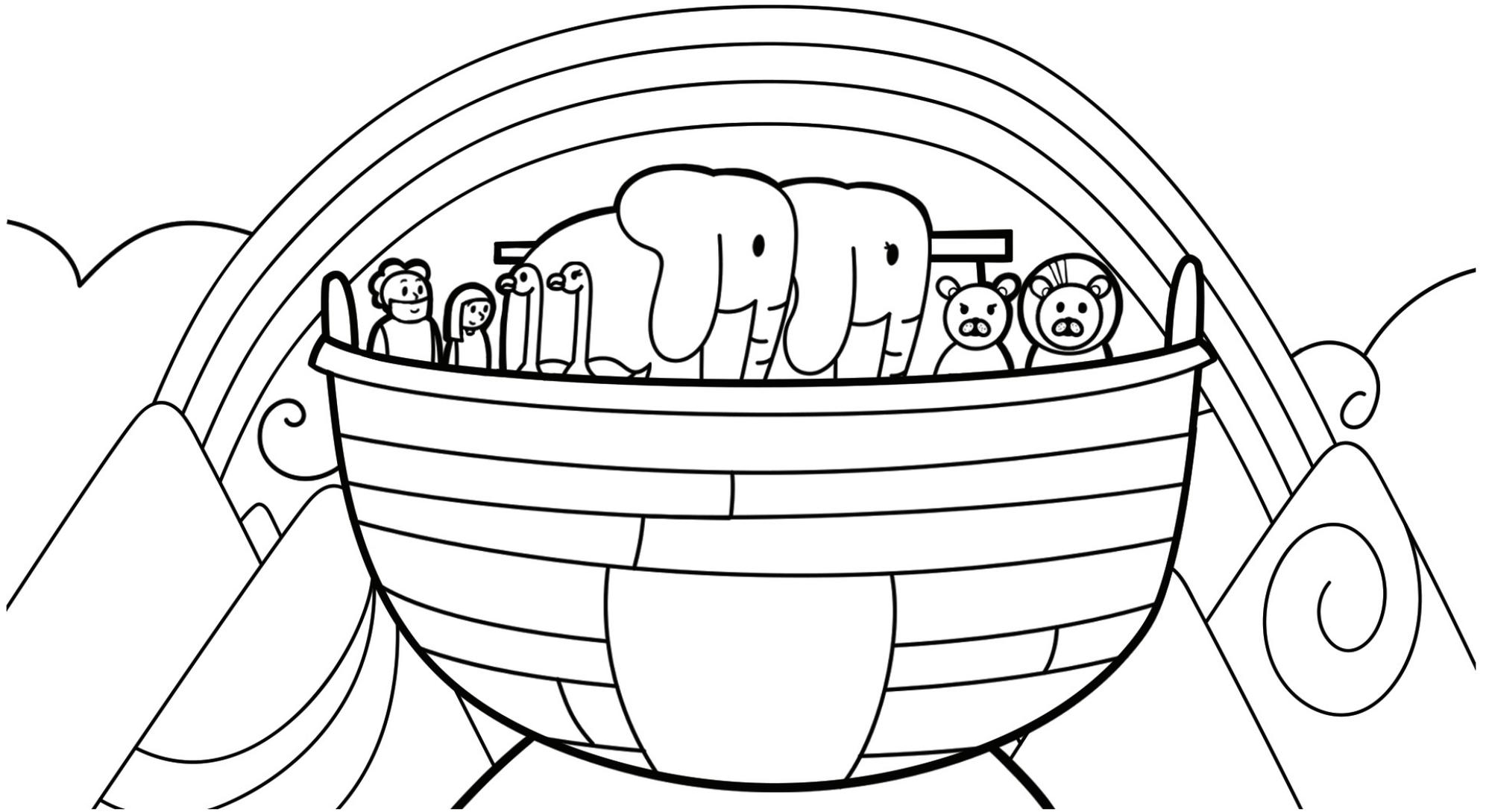
***God gave Noah good things because he was patient! God wants to give us good things, too, when we are patient and wait with a happy heart!***

***Let me hear you say this after me:***

***(Pause to allow kids to repeat.)***

***I Can*** (thumbs to chest)

***Have Patience*** (tap pretend watch)

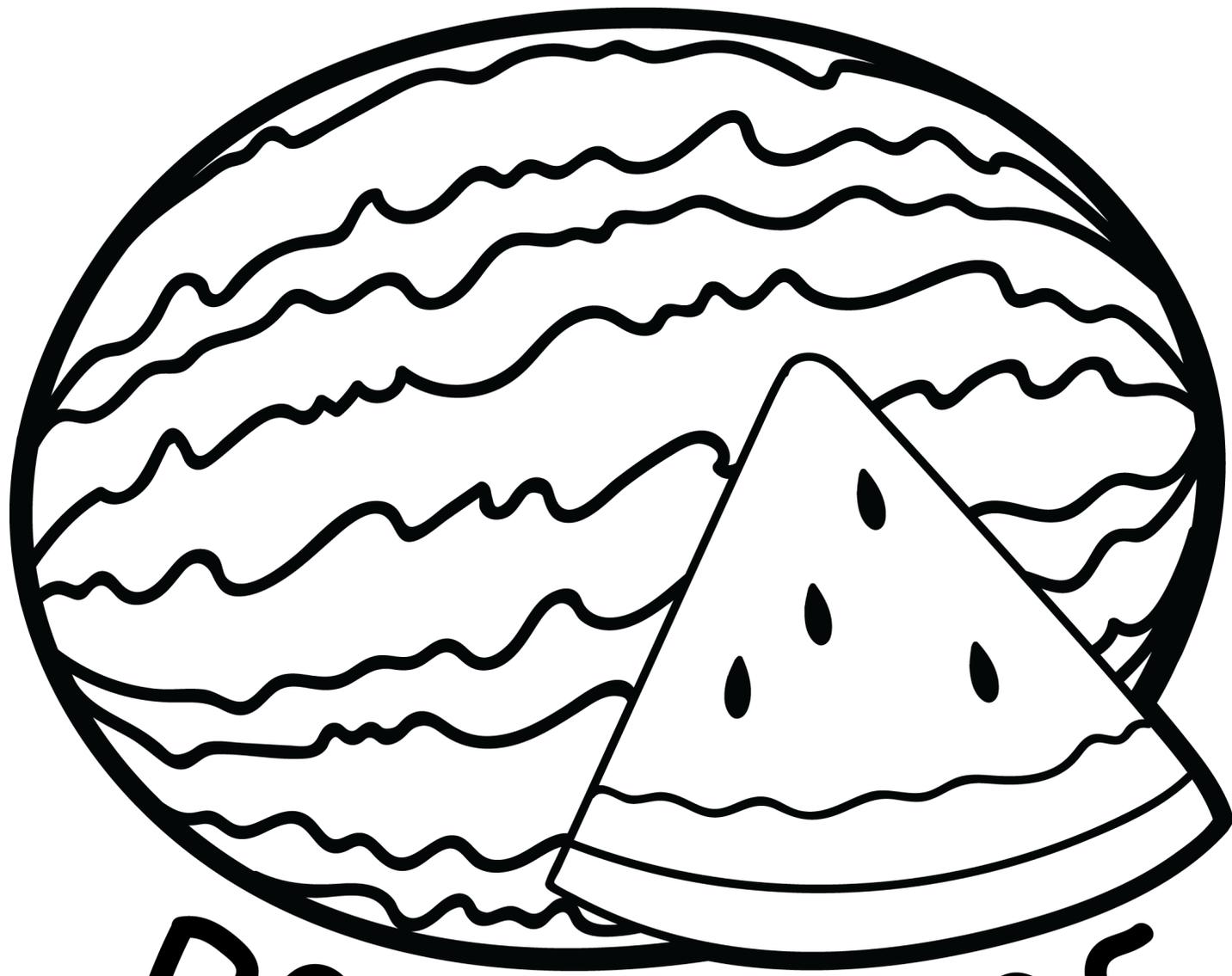


**Today's Need to Know: I Can Have Patience**

**Bible Story: Noah (Genesis 6-9)**

**Memory Verse:** "But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control." Galatians 5:22-23 (NLT)

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_



PATIENCE



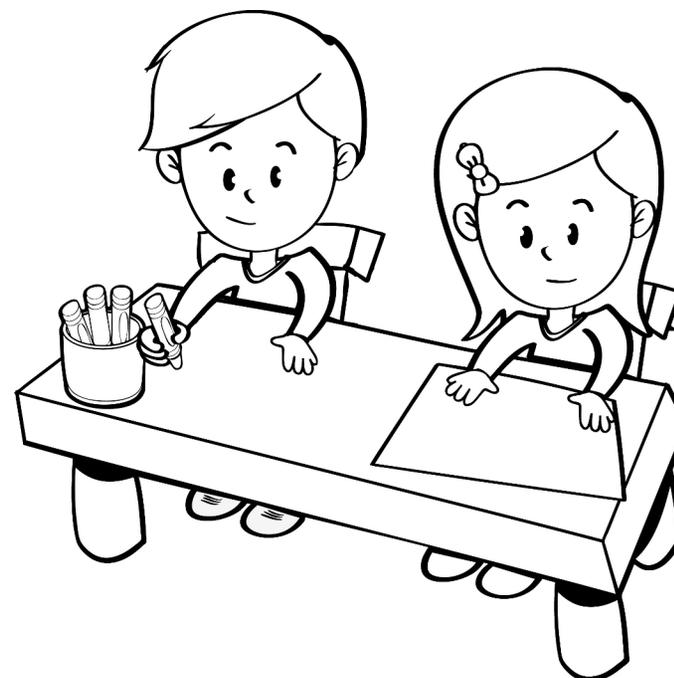


*Does this boy look like he is waiting for the swing with a MAD heart or a HAPPY heart? (Happy heart)*

*Yes! If you are at the playground and want to swing, should you wait with a MAD heart or with a HAPPY heart? (Happy heart)*

*You got it! What is something else you could do at the playground while you wait for a swing? (Allow responses.)*

*Good thinking! That is a great way to have patience and wait with a happy heart!*



*What does it look like these kids are waiting to do? (Color)*

*That's right! (Point to girl) The girl has paper, but she doesn't have any crayons. Should she wait on the boy to share his crayons? (Yes)*

*Good! But if she gets tired of having patience, should she take the crayons away from the boy? (No)*

*No way! Taking the crayons would not be waiting with a happy heart.*

*What is something the girl could do while she waits patiently for the crayons? (Allow responses.)*

*Good thinking! God wants us to have patience and wait with a happy heart.*





*What is this boy's dad doing?  
(Talking on the phone)*

*If he wants to ask his dad a question, should he  
INTERRUPT or WAIT until his dad is off the phone?  
(Wait, unless it's an emergency)*

*What's something quiet he could do while he  
waits? (Allow responses.)*

*If he does that, he will be having patience and  
waiting with a happy heart!*

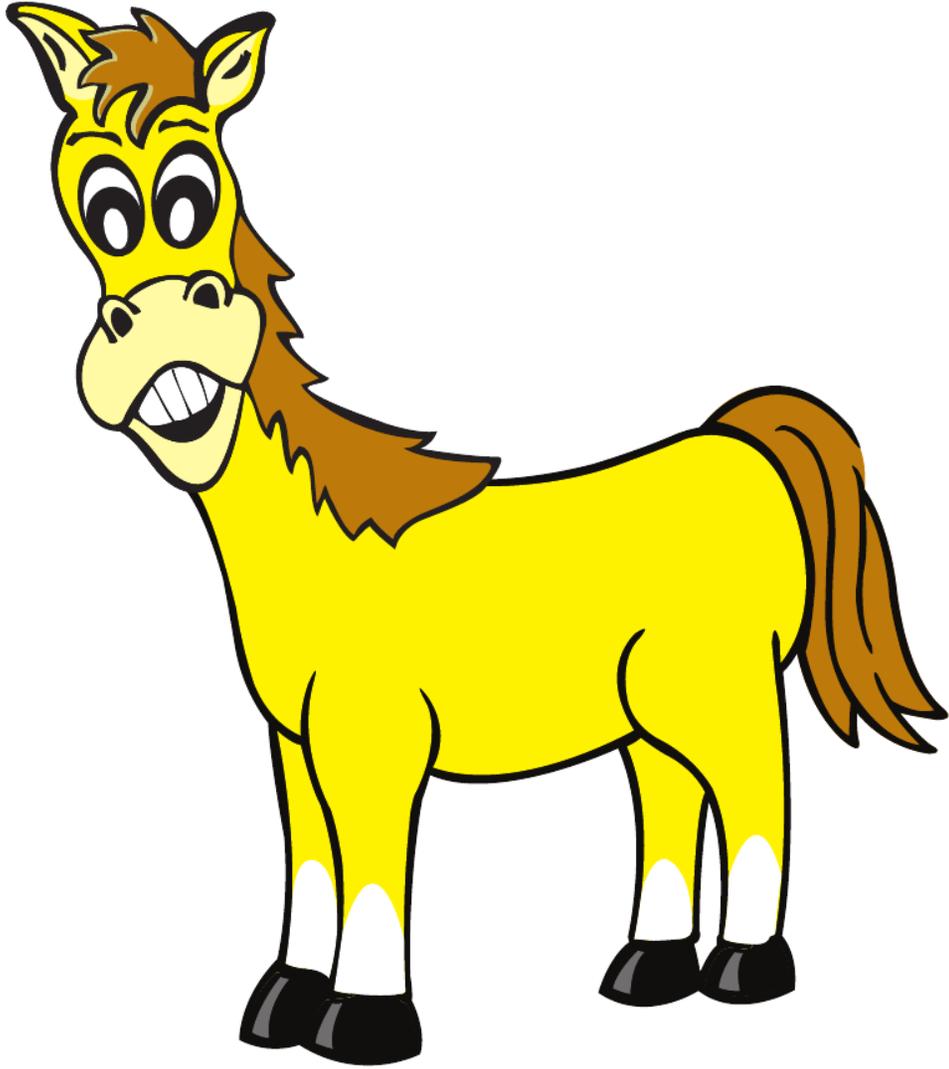


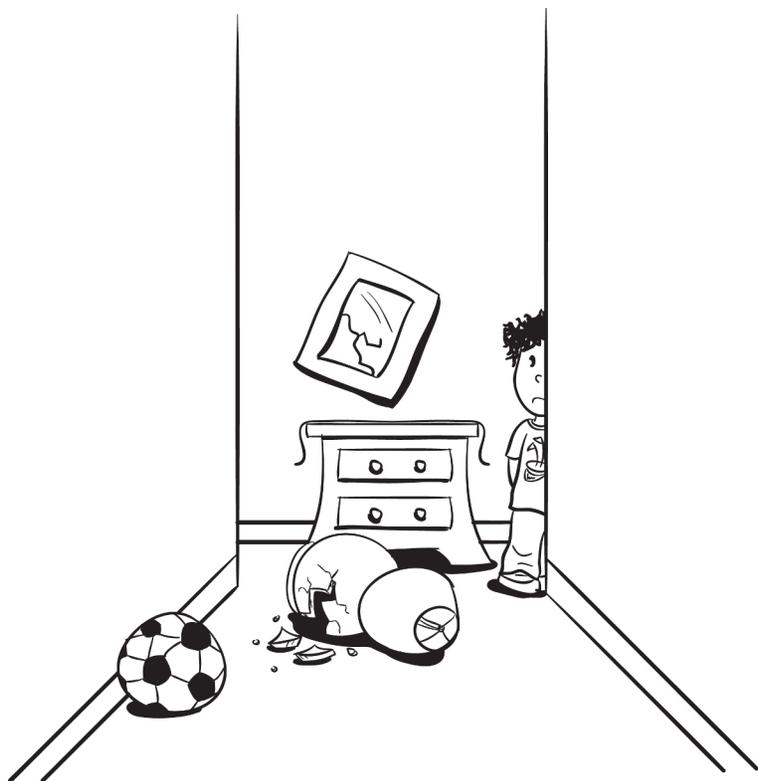
*Do you ever have to go to the grocery store with  
your mom? (Allow responses.)*

*If you want to run down the aisle to look at the  
cereal, but your mom tells you to wait by the  
buggy, what should you do? (Wait by the buggy)*

*That's right! When you wait by the buggy, should  
you wait with a MAD heart or a HAPPY heart?  
(Happy heart)*

*Yes! God wants to grow patience in us so that we  
can wait with a happy heart!*



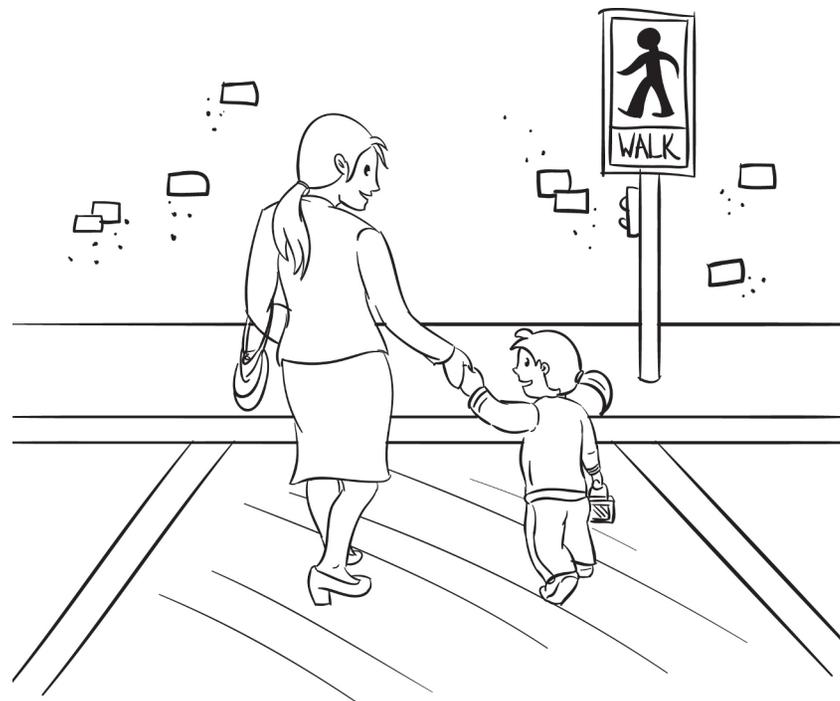


**Raise your hand if you have had something fall and break in your home. (Allow responses.)**

**If a lamp falls and your mom says, "Wait! Don't move," should you WAIT or should you RUN to your room? (Wait)**

**That's right! Your mom wants you to wait so that she can clean up the broken glass. If you don't wait, you could get hurt on the broken glass.**

**God wants to grow patience in our hearts so that we can be safe when things like this happen.**



**What are these girls doing? (Crossing the street)**

**Should the little girl WAIT for her mom to hold her hand, or should she RUN across the street? (Wait for her mom to hold her hand)**

**Can bad things happen if we do not wait? (Yes)**

**What might happen if she does not wait for her mom to hold her hand? (Allow responses.)**

**God wants to grow patience in our hearts so that we will make good choices that keep us safe.**