



NOAH'S ARK

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Two by two, all the creatures of the world came to the ark. This classic Bible story is a family favorite for two good reasons – beautiful animals and a beautiful message of redemption.

JEWISH CONCEPTS

One of the first stories many children hear is also one of the oldest: the story of Noah and the ark. Appearing in the earliest chapters of the Torah (the first five books of the Bible), versions of this tale can also be found in many other ancient cultures. The story of a flood overtaking the Earth and the subsequent redemption is powerful, but most kids are just interested in the animals! The story is so satisfying: two by two, critters of every kind “hop, creep, fly, and leap” into the ark, riding the stormy waters for 40 days and 40 nights, snug and safe from danger. No wonder this tale has had such staying power for millennia. To learn more, visit pjlibrary.org/noahsark.

As you share this ancient story with your little one, take a moment to notice the sweet details in this particular version. The ark “rocks like a cradle,” and the animals snuggle, nose, dream, and doze. When they finally are released back onto dry land, they roll, race, pounce, and chase! Talk with your child about how everyone on the ark must have felt when they were finally able to laugh and play outside again. And the next time you spot a rainbow, you can remind your child of the story of Noah, and take gratitude in sharing this “fresh new world” with yet another generation.

