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# CHILDREN'S PERFORMANCE IN VERSE AND SONG



## INSTRUCTIONS

This VBS course has replaced the ordinary theme song, campfire songs, and closing worship service with a mini-musical presentation that the children can perform for parents and friends or your entire congregation. It is ideal to present this as the closing worship service or on the final day of VBS.

Children will enjoy learning the songs and poetic lyrics of **Let's Build an Ark**. It is easy to learn and fun to present, plus there are no complicated costumes or scenery.

This file is in PDF and Word (so you can edit as you please).

Extra fun for the little ones.

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Five short sessions with the children during a VBS program leaves little time for complicated music or recitation. Therefore, the writers have included very easy songs and short poetic verses for the children to recite. The only costumed person is Noah. There's even a song and some recitation for the staff! Each grade level learns one exclusive song, plus the theme song is to be sung by all children and staff.

The songs include

- "Let's Build an Ark"** (All children and staff)
- "Tap, Tap, Tap"** (Preschool-Kindergarten)
- "In Came the Animals"** (Grades 1-2)
- "And the Rains Came Down"** (Grades 3-4)
- "It's a Rainbow World We Live In"** (Grades 5-6)

The children and staff also have a few short stanzas to recite.

- Six opening stanzas for pastor or adult speech choir (may be read)
- Two stanzas for Preschool-Kindergarten speech choir
- Three stanzas for Grades 1-2 speech choir
- Four stanzas for Grades 3-4 speech choir
- Five stanzas for Grades 5-6 speech choir (may be read)
- Three closing stanzas for pastor or adult speech choir (may be read)

## PROCESSIONAL

In this file you will find templates of animal masks for the little children to wear for the mini-musical. During the week have the children cut and color them. Attach a string to the sides of the mask and tie behind the child's head. (You can have some children working on this project while others are making animals for the ark model.) Make two masks for each animal so children can march in together in pairs.

Have all the children march to the front of the church (gymnasium or classroom) and stand or sit during the presentation.

## LENGTH

About 20 minutes.

## SUGGESTIONS

Feel free to print and distribute the musical text to your visitors. Why not videotape it and put it up on YouTube® for your children and their families to enjoy. (See "Internet/Website Ideas".)

# LET'S BUILD AN ARK

Written by Reynold R. Kremer

**NARRATOR:** These past few days your children have been studying a very special account in the Bible. It is a story with which many of us are familiar, although I think the children learned much more than just a Bible story about a great event. They learned that we have a just God, a loving God, and a promise-keeping God. Of course, the story we are speaking about is Noah and the flood. We've enjoyed studying the design of the ark and how it was made. We also talked about the different kinds of animals on board and the long wait Noah and his family had before they could finally leave that floating zoo. The children even had the opportunity to hear Noah, his wife, and his sons tell them what it was like living during the time of that great worldwide flood. Today we've invited Noah back and asked him to join our children in presenting a musical in verse and song titled **Let's Build an Ark**.

**OPENING:** *(Pastor or adult speech choir)*

When God made man and woman too,  
They shared a perfect life.  
The garden gift was fresh and new;  
There was no fear or strife.

Then sin came and destroyed it all;  
It brought such misery.  
Life changed after that dreadful fall;  
Gone was the harmony.

As years went by the evil grew,  
And sin was all around.  
The folk who loved the Lord were few;  
Just Noah could be found.

Then God looked down, and he was sad  
To see what man had done.  
His perfect world had turned so bad  
That judgment time would come.

God came to Noah late one day  
With this surprising quote:  
"This world has strayed so far away  
That you must build a boat.

"There'll be a flood with awesome rain  
That covers everything.  
Just you and your family will remain,  
And the animals that I'll bring."

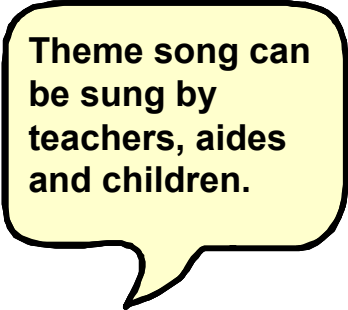
**SONG:** *(All children and teachers/aides)*

## **Let's Build an Ark**

Words and Music by Reynold R. Kremer

*(Teachers/Aides)*

1) Long, long ago in a faraway place  
God looked down on all the people with a frown upon his face.  
Sin and evil swept the land, and things had gone from good to bad.  
So he came to dear, old Noah then, and this is what he said:



**Theme song can  
be sung by  
teachers, aides  
and children.**

(All children)

**Refrain:**

**Let's build an ark; let's get started today.**

**I will show you how to build it in a very special way.**

**Get your ladder, saw, your nails and axe, your hammer, and your plane.**

**You must build it stem to stern before I send an awful rain.**

(Teachers/aides)

2) Down came the trees and up went the boat

As they sawed and nailed and tarred it well so it would stay afloat

Day and night they worked 'til it was done. They rarely went to bed.

Soon the rains would come; the ark would sail, 'cause this is what God said:

(All children)

**Refrain**


(Teachers/aides)

3) Soon it was done; there was no more to do.

So God marched in all the animals in couples, two, by two.

As the door was shut, the rains began; the worst was still ahead.

Yet they trusted God would see them through, 'cause this is what he said:



**Noah makes one last appearance.**

(All)

**Refrain**

**NOAH:** Hello! My name is Noah. I've spent some precious time with your children these past days, telling them my story about the great flood. You can find my story in Genesis, the very first book of the Bible. God told me to build an ark because he was about to destroy the wicked world. I was 500 years old at the time. God warned that if the people would not turn from their wickedness in 120 years, a great flood would destroy everything on the earth. God gave me instructions for the boat I was to build. My three sons, Shem, Ham, Japheth, and I had our work cut out for us.

**SPEECH CHOIR** (Preschool-Kindergarten)

Old Noah did as God had said;

He measured, thought, and drew.

While Shem and Japheth helped their dad,

Son Ham did his job too.

They sawed and planed and stripped the bark

From morn' til late at night.

Soon it was looking like an ark,

And that was quite a sight!

**SONG:** (Preschool-Kindergarten)

**Tap, Tap, Tap**

Words and Music by Karen Maio

**Refrain:**

Tap, tap, tap goes my little hammer.

Hack, hack, hack cuts my saw all day.

Tap, tap, tap 'til the ark is finished.

God said, "Build"; and I'm gonna obey!

1) I have my saw and hammer

And a great big pile of wood.

And I am gonna build an ark

The way God said I should.