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The Season of Creation is celebrated every year in September and finishes on 4th October (the feast of St Francis of Assisi). Organising a Noah Day during this season encourages all schools to get engaged and take action, although these resources can be used at any time of the year.

This pack has been created to help your pupils to plan and lead collective worship which has scripture at its heart using the structure:

- Gather
- Listen
- Response
- Mission

For each of these sections there are 12 options here for the pupils to choose from.

Before the pupils begin to plan, you might want to create a focal point for the collective worship. The possibilities include:

- a cloth reflecting the liturgical season (which would be green in September)
- a candle
- a cross
- the Bible

You may also wish to think about lighting, space and other resources.

The Bible passages are taken from the Good News Bible.

Links to useful resources can be found at the end of the pack.

How to plan and lead your act of collective worship

You'll need:

- One copy of the Planning Page
- One copy of the Preparing Page
- Four sets of cards. They are called 'Gather', 'Listen', 'Response' and 'Mission' and there should be 12 of each type. You will plan your collective worship by choosing one card from each group and placing them on the Planning Page.

Step 1

If you want to, you can start by asking the Holy Spirit to help you. You could do this by praying 'Come Holy Spirit, please give us your help.'

Step 2

Set out the cards on a flat surface in groups, so that all of the 'Gather' cards are together, all of the 'Listen' cards and together, all of the 'Response' cards are together and all of the 'Mission' cards are together.

Step 3

Choose one of the 'Gather' cards. At the start of the collective worship, everyone needs to gather together. Choose something that you think will help people to empty their minds of things that they might be worried about and to focus on the collective worship. Put the card onto the 'Gather' space on the Planning Page.

Step 4

Next, everyone will listen to a Bible reading. Choose one of the 'Listen' cards and place it onto the 'Listen' space on the Planning Page.

Step 5

Once people have heard the Bible reading, they will need to respond. Choose one of the 'Response' cards and place it onto the 'Response' space on the Planning Page.

Step 6

Finally, you need to give people an idea for something that they can go away and do. Choose one of the 'Mission' cards and place it onto the 'Mission' space on the Planning Page.

Step 7

Once you have chosen your four cards, there are some questions for you to answer on the Preparing Page. These questions will help you to get ready to lead your collective worship.

The Planning Page

Place the *Gather* card you choose here

Place the *Listen* card you choose here

Place the *Response* card you choose
here

Place the *Mission* card you choose
here

The Preparing Page

Your names:

When you lead your collective worship, who will do each of these jobs:

Introduce the collective worship:

**Tell people what they will be doing to
'Gather' and lead them in doing it:**

**Read the Bible passage when people
'Listen':**

**Tell people what they will be doing in
'Response', and lead them in doing it if
that is needed:**

**Tell people what 'Mission' they should try
to do after the collective worship is over,
and encourage them to do it:**

Any other jobs that will need doing:

**What resources do you need to get ready before you lead your collective
worship?**

Where can you get the resources from?

**Do you need to ask anyone for permission to use the resources or to help
you get them ready?**

**Are there any safety rules that you need to remember when you lead the
collective worship?**

GATHER

Play calming and reflective music.



GATHER

Sing together '*The Wonders I See*' by Bernadette Farrell.



GATHER

Sit in a circle with an image of the globe. Repeat:
'We praise you and bless you Lord and give you thanks'.



GATHER

Choose an image or object of creation that is meaningful for you and show it to the group. Explain what it is and what it means to you.



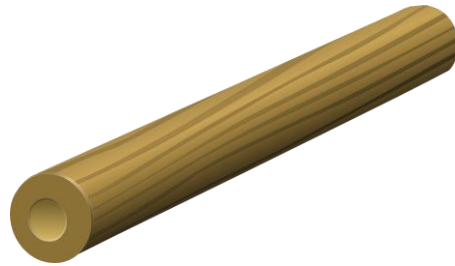
GATHER

Sing together '*Rise and Shine*'.
Do the actions if you want to.



GATHER

Shake a rainstick while everyone
settles and focuses.



GATHER

Hold the Bible in the air and sing
'*Alleluia*'.



GATHER

Read from *Canticle of the Sun*, by
St Francis of Assisi.



GATHER

Encourage everyone to reflect on the importance of water in our lives. Then pour water very slowly into a bowl.



GATHER

Sing '*Our God is a Great Big God*'. Add actions.



GATHER

Listen to music with the sound of waves. Encourage others to think about the power of water.



GATHER

Place a candle, cross, boat and rainbow on the focal point as a sign that Christ is our light, our life, refuge and our hope. Light the candle and make the sign of the cross.



LISTEN

This is the story of Noah. He had three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth. Noah had no faults and was the only good man of his time. He lived in fellowship with God, but everyone else was evil in God's sight, and violence had spread everywhere. God looked at the world and saw that it was evil, for the people were all living evil lives.

(Genesis chapter 6 verses 9-12)

LISTEN

God said to Noah, "I have decided to put an end to all people. I will destroy them completely, because the world is full of their violent deeds. Build a boat for yourself out of good timber; make rooms in it and cover it with tar inside and out. Make it 450 feet long, 75 feet wide, and 45 feet high. Make a roof for the boat and leave a space of 18 inches between the roof and the sides. Build it with three decks and put a door in the side. I am going to send a flood on the earth to destroy every living being. Everything on the earth will die, but I will make a covenant with you. Go into the boat with your wife, your sons, and their wives.

(Genesis chapter 6 verses 13-18)

LISTEN

Take into the boat with you a male and a female of every kind of animal and of every kind of bird, in order to keep them alive. Take along all kinds of food for you and for them." Noah did everything that God commanded.

(Genesis chapter 6 verses 19-22)

LISTEN

The LORD said to Noah, "Go into the boat with your whole family; I have found that you are the only one in all the world who does what is right. Take with you seven pairs of each kind of ritually clean animal, but only one pair of each kind of unclean animal. Take also seven pairs of each kind of bird. Do this so that every kind of animal and bird will be kept alive to reproduce again on the earth. Seven days from now I am going to send rain that will fall for forty days and nights, in order to destroy all the living beings that I have made." And Noah did everything that the LORD commanded.

(Genesis chapter 7 verses 1-5)

LISTEN

Noah was six hundred years old when the flood came on the earth. He and his wife, and his sons and their wives, went into the boat to escape the flood. A male and a female of every kind of animal and bird, whether ritually clean or unclean, went into the boat with Noah, as God had commanded. Seven days later the flood came.

(Genesis chapter 7 verses 6-10)

LISTEN

When Noah was six hundred years old, on the seventeenth day of the second month all the outlets of the vast body of water beneath the earth burst open, all the floodgates of the sky were opened, and rain fell on the earth for forty days and nights. On that same day Noah and his wife went into the boat with their three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth, and their wives. With them went every kind of animal, domestic and wild, large and small, and every kind of bird. A male and a female of each kind of living being went into the boat with Noah, as God had commanded. Then the LORD shut the door behind Noah.

(Genesis chapter 7 verses 11-16)

LISTEN

The flood continued for forty days, and the water became deep enough for the boat to float. The water became deeper, and the boat drifted on the surface. It became so deep that it covered the highest mountains; it went on rising until it was about twenty-five feet above the tops of the mountains. Every living being on the earth died—every bird, every animal, and every person. Everything on earth that breathed died.

The LORD destroyed all living beings on the earth—human beings, animals, and birds. The only ones left were Noah and those who were with him in the boat.

The water did not start going down for a hundred and fifty days.

(Genesis chapter 7 verses 17-24)

LISTEN

God had not forgotten Noah and all the animals with him in the boat; he caused a wind to blow, and the water started going down. The outlets of the water beneath the earth and the floodgates of the sky were closed. The rain stopped, and the water gradually went down for 150 days. On the seventeenth day of the seventh month the boat came to rest on a mountain in the Ararat range. The water kept going down, and on the first day of the tenth month the tops of the mountains appeared.

(Genesis chapter 8 verses 1-5)

LISTEN

After forty days Noah opened a window and sent out a raven. It did not come back, but kept flying around until the water was completely gone. Meanwhile, Noah sent out a dove to see if the water had gone down, but since the water still covered all the land, the dove did not find a place to light. It flew back to the boat, and Noah reached out and took it in. He waited another seven days and sent out the dove again. It returned to him in the evening with a fresh olive leaf in its beak. So Noah knew that the water had gone down. Then he waited another seven days and sent out the dove once more; this time it did not come back.
(Genesis chapter 8 verses 6-12)

LISTEN

When Noah was 601 years old, on the first day of the first month, the water was gone. Noah removed the covering of the boat, looked around, and saw that the ground was getting dry. By the twenty-seventh day of the second month the earth was completely dry.

God said to Noah, "Go out of the boat with your wife, your sons, and their wives. Take all the birds and animals out with you, so that they may reproduce and spread over all the earth." So Noah went out of the boat with his wife, his sons, and their wives. All the animals and birds went out of the boat in groups of their own kind.

(Genesis chapter 8 verses 13-19)

LISTEN

Noah built an altar to the LORD; he took one of each kind of ritually clean animal and bird, and burned them whole as a sacrifice on the altar. The odour of the sacrifice pleased the LORD, and he said to himself, "Never again will I put the earth under a curse because of what people do; I know that from the time they are young their thoughts are evil. Never again will I destroy all living beings, as I have done this time. As long as the world exists, there will be a time for planting and a time for harvest. There will always be cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night."
(Genesis chapter 8 verses 20-22)

LISTEN

With these words I make my covenant with you: I promise that never again will all living beings be destroyed by a flood; never again will a flood destroy the earth. As a sign of this everlasting covenant which I am making with you and with all living beings, I am putting my bow in the clouds. It will be the sign of my covenant with the world. Whenever I cover the sky with clouds and the rainbow appears, I will remember my promise to you and to all the animals that a flood will never again destroy all living beings. When the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between me and all living beings on earth. That is the sign of the promise which I am making to all living beings."

(Genesis chapter 9 verses 11-17)

RESPONSE

Reflect on the importance of water and thank God for it in your life. Pray for those who do not have safe water to drink or who have been affected by extreme weather such as floods or droughts.



RESPONSE

Reflect on the words from the scripture you have heard. Think of a word or phrase that is most meaningful to you or which you remember most. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you to understand its meaning.



RESPONSE

Draw an outline of an ark/boat. Inside it, put the names of your family and friends who keep you safe. Thank God for them and ask God to help you keep others safe and look after them in times of trouble.



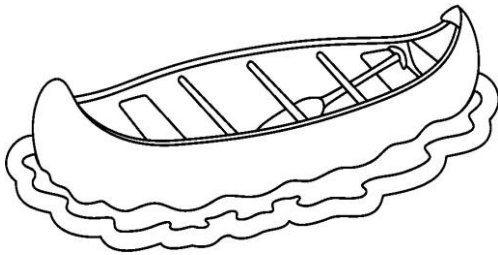
RESPONSE

Write your own prayer/canticle in the style of St Francis repeating the phrase: *We praise you Lord for...*



RESPONSE

Draw an outline of an ark/boat. Draw waves using blue lines and circles. On the waves, write about your sadness and worries. Inside the boat write '*Lord, I trust in you*'.



RESPONSE

It rained and poured for 40 days while Noah was in the ark. As a group, think of 40 things in your life to thank God for. When the list is complete, sing or say thank you to God.



RESPONSE

Draw an outline of a raincloud. Inside it write a sorry prayer to God for times when you have not taken care of creation or others.



RESPONSE

Compose a song of praise or thanks to God for creation, protection or for keeping his promises.



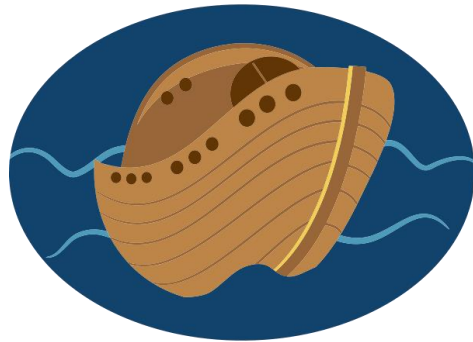
RESPONSE

**Write or draw what gives you hope.
Ask the Holy Spirit to fill you with
hope and then share this with others.**



RESPONSE

**Noah protected animals of all kind
by bringing them into the ark.
Reflect on how you can protect
plants, animals and humans through
your words and actions.
Ask Jesus for his help.**



RESPONSE

**Draw or write ways in which people
need to make changes to make the
world a better place. Ask for God's
help with this.**



RESPONSE

**Make a promise to do something
positive for creation and write/draw
this inside the outline of a heart.**



MISSION

Do something today that can help someone to feel less sad or worried and more loved and valued as a child of God.



MISSION

Care for God's creation by doing something positive in the garden.



MISSION

Look out for something in creation that fills your heart with wonder. Take a photo, make a sketch or store it in your memory. Give thanks.



MISSION

Write a rainbow poem or prayer promising to look after others and creation.



MISSION

Tell a parent about your plans to look after creation and get them involved if needed.



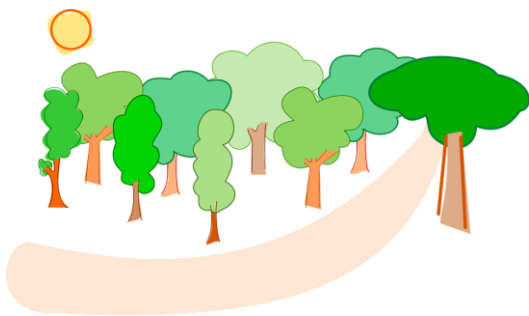
MISSION

Look around you and put litter or rubbish in the bin (remembering to be safe).



MISSION

Spend some extra time in creation (hug a tree, watch clouds, listen to wind/water...) Ask God to fill you with his peace and joy.



MISSION

Light a candle and say a prayer for someone who is in need or who is taking action because humans are not taking care of creation.



MISSION

Say or do something this week to work for justice, equality and diversity as God loves us all equally and made us in his own image.



MISSION

Do something kind/helpful this week for one of God's creations (animal, insect, plant, human).



MISSION

Say the Penitential Prayer (see resources) before you go to sleep for times when you have not looked after others and creation.
Ask God to help you be like Noah.



MISSION

Do something this week to help children in our world who do not have clean water or enough food.



Resources

The Wonders I See

See [youtube.com/watch?v=OgBab9gPKag](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OgBab9gPKag) or [youtube.com/watch?v=3ydaU34XgxA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3ydaU34XgxA)

Canticle of the Sun, by St Francis of Assisi (CAFOD)

See cafod.org.uk/Pray/Prayer-resources/Canticle-of-the-sun

Our God is a Great Big God

See [youtube.com/watch?v=eSTfM8M2Md8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eSTfM8M2Md8)

Penitential Prayer

See operationnoah.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/06/Intercessions.pdf