



We have had a great beginning to the year in Bible Story. It has been so fun getting to know all the students! Our first week, we introduced ourselves, the children were able to share something they wanted me to know about them and we read a book about counting our blessings.

During the next week, we read one of my favorite stories – Noah's ark. The children sat in an ark made of tape on the floor while I read the story – a pop-up book for the playgroups and a sweet rhyming story for the other classes. I then held up different stuffed animals and we talked about them and then placed them in a stuffed ark. Finally, we listened to The Unicorn song, danced, and did the motions. Lastly, the children shared with me what animal they would put on the ark.

Last week, we watched a cute puppet video of Jesus calms the storm. We talked about how it's okay to be afraid – that even grown-ups are afraid sometimes – but that we can always ask for help. As a class, we used a parachute to re-enact the story. We made small waves at first, then bigger and bigger. The children really seemed to enjoy that. In the older classes, the children also sat in my ark from last week and we took turns being the disciples and Jesus and re-enacting the story again.

This week, we will be reading a secular story called "The Gift That I Can Give". It is about how we are all born with special gifts from God that we can use to make others happy or to help others. We will talk about what they think their special gifts are and we will draw a small picture about it to hang up in the Bible room.

The week of October 18, we will have our first Sanctuary Visit of the year. Debbie Rossetti and I will be talking about the Sanctuary, enjoying the story of Noah's ark again and singing some songs to go along with it.

I am looking forward to a great year in Bible story and helping your children understand how much they are loved and how they can be amazing people in this world.

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