

Noah's Ark Mural

Overview

Create a mural to illustrate the story of Noah's Ark using coloring pages by the children's artist Jan Brett. A choice of 21 coloring pages is available at : https://janbrett.com/mural/on_noahs_ark_coloring_mural.htm. This flexible project can be finished in one session, or carefully painted and completed in several sessions. Instructions for the mural are on Brett's website.

Prepare to Teach

Read Genesis 6-8. To help you understand the story, see lessons 5-7 in *The Sower*, available at <https://swedenborgdigitallibrary.org/sower/gen/gen.htm>. Choose whether to read some sections of *The Sower* notes aloud beforehand, or to read as the children are coloring. Alternatively, pick a few ideas to talk about with the children as they work on the mural. Print out the paragraphs or ideas you choose and post them next to the finished mural, citing your sources. Prepare a title for the mural, or plan to have the children do so. If desired, play quiet background music as the children complete the project for a peaceful sphere.

Materials Needed

- print the pictures you want to use
- a piece of mural paper 3 x 6 feet (option: for a small mural, a poster board will do)
- title and quotes from *The Sower*, printed and ready to display
- colored pencils, crayons or markers (option: paints)
- glue or thumbtacks for displaying the mural
- a place to display the finished mural.

Directions

1. Briefly introduce the story. Read and discuss the story at the beginning of the lesson, or while children are working on the project.
2. Show children the title and quote that will be displayed with the mural, then introduce the project.
3. Have the children work together to do a nice job of coloring or painting the coloring pages. Start with Noah and the Ark. Then color the animals.
4. Cut around the shapes. Cutting does not need to be perfect.
5. When you have finished, have the children help put all the different pieces together for display, using glue or thumbtacks.
6. Make sure the mural is displayed where people can see it, so the children feel they have contributed something to the community.