

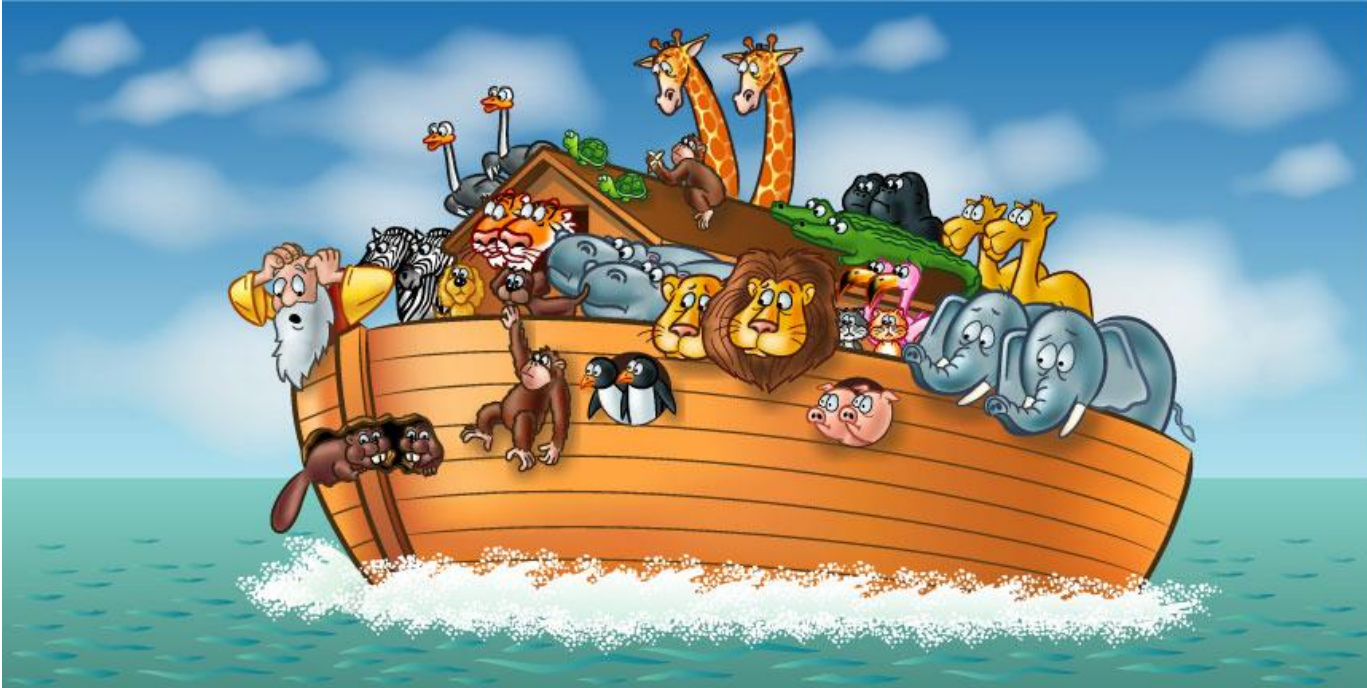
The Rainbow as a Symbol of Hope

The rainbow is a symbol of hope to Noah and his family and this same symbol has been used today as a symbol of hope in South Africa

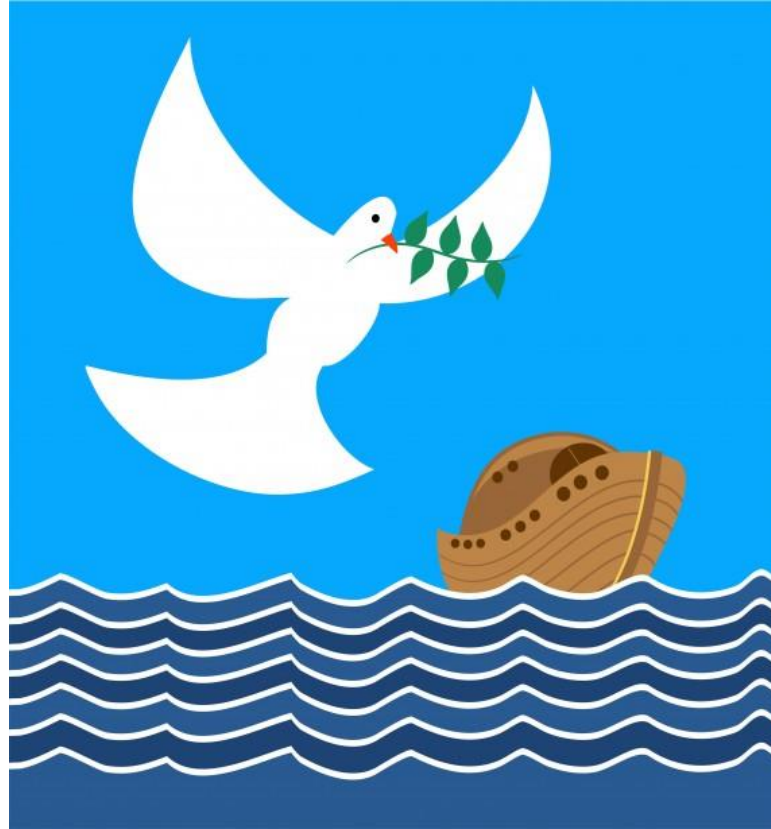
Rainbows

- What weather conditions do rainbows often appear?
- How do we feel when we see a rainbow?
- Rainbows are nearly always a sign that the storm is past and that the sun is returning again.
- The story of Noah's Ark is the story of how the first rainbow appeared in the sky.

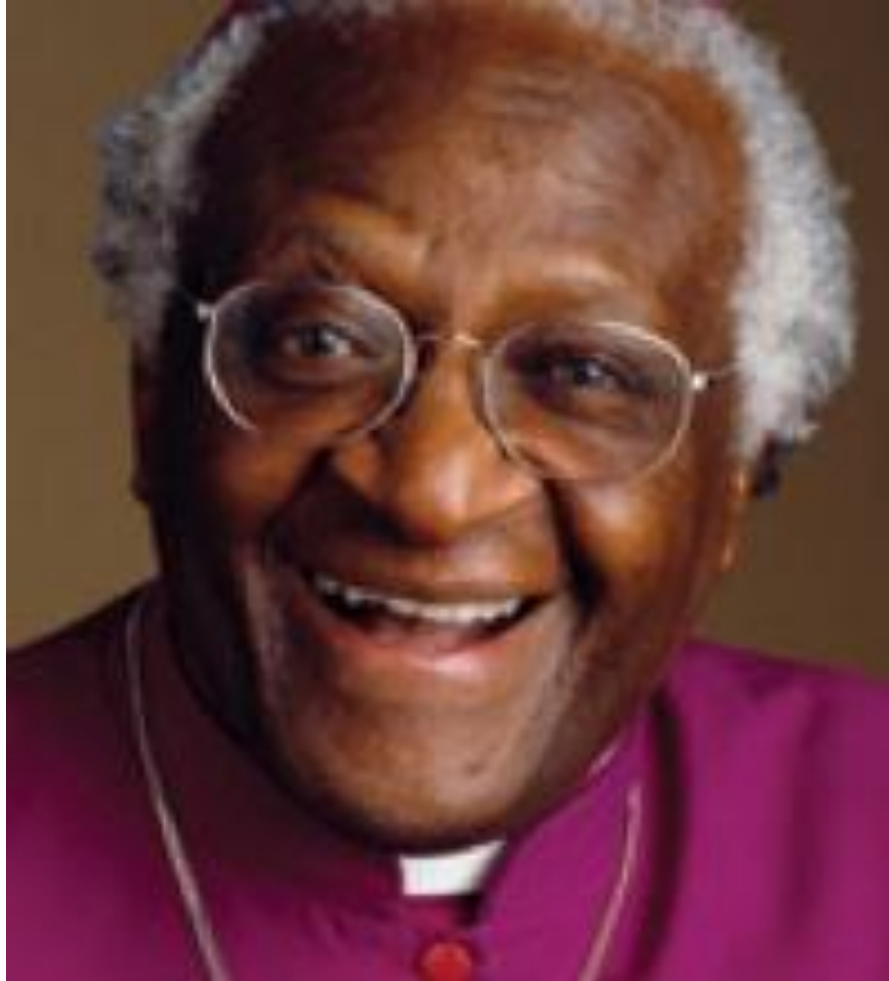
Noah's Ark Story



At the end of the storm



Desmond Tutu





His earlier life



- When he was growing up in South Africa people with different coloured skin were treated differently.
- They has a system called apartheid, which separated communities from each other.
- Desmond Tutu spent many years working for fairness for everyone in his country so that they would all be treated equally.
- He knew that God wanted everyone to have the same opportunities.

The Rainbow Nation

- He was a very famous man who used the symbol of the rainbow to talk about a new beginning and new hope for his people in South Africa.
- He said, “Look at your hands – different colours representing different people. You are the rainbow people of God. As you remember, the rainbow in the Bible is the sign of peace and hope.”



Hope



- For everyone in South Africa, just like Noah's family, the rainbow was a sign of a new beginning.
- Desmond Tutu also said, " We want peace, prosperity and justice and we can have it when all the people of God, the rainbow people of God, work together."

Prayers

- Dear God,

We thank you that you always promise us a new start and a hopeful future

Amen



School Prayer

- Almighty God

We pray that you help us to work together.

Help us to be kind and caring to each other.

We ask that you bless our school and guide us in our learning

Amen

Something for you to think about and reflect upon

- *“Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world.” Desmond Tutu*

