



**DAY ONE**

# **Noah and his lock-down in the ark**

## **Reading the Bible (Genesis 7:13-16)**

On that very day Noah and his sons, Shem, Ham and Japheth, together with his wife and the wives of his three sons, entered the ark. They had with them every wild animal according to its kind, all livestock according to their kinds, every creature that moves along the ground according to its kind and every bird according to its kind, everything with wings. Pairs of all creatures that have the breath of life in them came to Noah and entered the ark. The animals going in were male and female of every living thing, as God had commanded Noah. Then the Lord closed the door behind him.

## **Reflection time**

Noah and his family spent a long time in lock-down in the ark, together with one pair of each kind of animal.

- > How do you think things went in there with everyone? Were things peaceful? Boring? Chaotic?
- > What problems do you think came up? How did they deal with them?
- > How did your family experience the lock-down? Was it peaceful? Boring? Chaotic?
- > What were the most difficult moments? How did you deal with them?

God closes the door of the ark when everyone is inside. He protects them and promises he will always be with them.

> How do we experience God's being with us, as a family and individually?

## If my home was an ark

For Noah, his family and the animals, the ark was a refuge that protected them. Imagine your home is an ark!

Each family member chooses a corner of their home which is special for them, and builds a refuge there. (You can use sheets, chairs, cushions etc...)

After that you can visit each other, invite each other round for tea, pray together...)

God closed the door of the ark. What sign can you find that symbolises God's protection in your refuge?

## Guessing animals

Draw or find photos of different animals, at least one for each member of the family. Each person wears a hat. Each person takes one animal picture and sticks it on to someone else's hat without them seeing the animal.

Ask the others questions to find out what kind of animal you have on your hat! Answers can only be "yes" or "no".

Mime version: you can swap "yes or no" questions and answers with mime. No animal sounds allowed, that would be too easy!

If you would like to share your experiences with the Olinda team, or if you would like to talk personally to one of the team, you can write us or send us a short video of your experiences at **[olindateam@taize.fr](mailto:olindateam@taize.fr)**

