

# TK & KINDERGARTEN FIELD TRIP: NOAH'S ARK EXHIBIT AT THE SKIRBALL MUSEUM

We are thrilled to share the exciting adventure that our Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten students embarked upon recently! On Tuesday, our young learners had the incredible opportunity to visit the Noah's Ark exhibit at the Skirball Museum, and it was an experience filled with learning, fun, and valuable lessons.

## Building, Adding Animals, and Caring for Them:

As the students entered the exhibit, they were greeted by the impressive sight of Noah's Ark. They eagerly engaged in activities such as building, adding animals two by two, and even feeding and cleaning up after them. These hands-on experiences allowed our children to immerse themselves in the story of Noah and understand the importance of responsibility and stewardship.

## Learning the Purpose of the Rainbow:

One of the most significant moments of the trip was when the students learned about the purpose of the rainbow according to the Bible. They discovered its significance as a symbol of God's promise to never flood the earth again. To reinforce this lesson, the children were introduced to the verse from Genesis 9:16, "When the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth."



*Tricia Spangler who has a child in both TK and Kindergarten said “the field trip was an amazing hands on experience to reinforce their learning of the ark and the promise that God gives with the rainbow, and heighten the kids enjoyment in learning by bringing the classic Bible story to life.”*

#### Developing Sustainable Habits:

Through interactive exhibits and discussions, our students also learned about the importance of sustainable habits for life. They explored concepts such as conservation, recycling, and caring for the environment, instilling in them a sense of responsibility towards the world around them. In fact, most of the Ark and manipulatives were made with recycled materials!

#### Fostering Independence and Cooperation:

The field trip provided an excellent opportunity for our students to develop independence as they navigated through the exhibit with their peers. They learned to work together, communicate effectively, and solve problems collaboratively, fostering a cooperative and Christlike relationship with one another.

*Ashley Barnes, a parent in Transitional Kindergarten said “Our visit to the Noah’s Ark exhibit at the Skirball center not only deepened our biblical understanding, but also imparted valuable lessons about compassion, friendship, and resilience. The exhibit beautifully illustrated the importance of helping others, fostering kindness, and reminding us even in challenging times, there is always a light at the end of the storm.”*



### Connecting Learning to the Story of Noah's Ark:

Every activity and experience during the field trip was carefully designed to connect with the story of Noah's Ark. From building the ark to caring for the animals, each task reinforced the values of faith, compassion, and obedience exemplified in the biblical narrative.

Overall, the Noah's Ark exhibit at the Skirball Museum offered our students a rich and immersive learning experience that not only deepened their understanding of a beloved biblical story but also imparted valuable life lessons. We are grateful for the opportunity to provide our students with such enriching experiences and look forward to more adventures in the future.

*“My favorite part was the climbing structure in the ark, and we could see the animals and play around them. The school bus was also cool!” -Betty Funk*

*“My favorite part was hearing and talking about Noah’s story. I love that Noah listened to God and built the ark to save the animals. I loved being able to play the drums in the ark too.” -Daniela Deh Gratzia*

*“I loved the nursery experience they had in the ark where we got to take care of the baby animals and feed them, just like they would have to do on the ark.” -Katalina Pena*

*“I loved getting to load the animals two by two into the ark. My favorite animal is a lion and I had fun putting the lions upside down into the ark.” -Vincent Massara*



