

Measuring the Ark

Materials

- Large, open area (510 feet or larger)
- 50-foot or 100-foot measuring tape

Instructions

Walk students to one end of the area. Choose an object to represent the bow (front end) of the ark. Assign a student to pull the measuring tape out and run until it ends. Have that student stand there to mark the spot. Have the other students run or walk to that first mark. Tell the students to look back at the "bow" and notice how far away it is already. Repeat using the measuring tape and looking back until you have measured out 510 feet.

You may also want to have the students start at one point and run to 85 feet away. This is how wide the ark was from one side to the other. You could do the same for the height of 51 feet although it is harder to picture this measurement is actually height.

Ark measurements: 510 feet long, 85 feet wide, 51 feet high

Suggested Discussion

The ark was NOT just a little, bitty boat, was it? The ark was a big ship. It had plenty of room for all of Noah's family, the animals, and everything else they needed. God knew exactly what was going to happen during the flood. So he gave Noah the instructions to build an ark that was big and strong and would not sink.