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Why not make an edible ark? Use a banana, or a piece of celery if you prefer. Slit the banana along its length so that the cut does not go right through (you do not need to do this with the celery!). Fill with something scrummy like peanut butter or cream cheese. We used ice cream! Now use a pack of Animal Biscuits and stand the animals in the filling so it looks like they are on an ark.

A cubit is about the distance from your elbow to the tip of your middle finger. Try measuring some distances in cubits. How big do you think Noah's ark was?



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"Understand what I am telling you. I will bring a great flood of water on the earth. I will destroy all living things that live under heaven. Everything on the earth will die. I will make a special agreement with you. You, your wife, your sons, and their wives will all go into the boat. Also, you will take two of every living thing on the earth with you into the boat. Take a male and female of every kind of animal so that they might survive with you. Two of every kind of bird, animal, and creeping thing will come to you so that you might keep them alive. Also bring every kind of food into the boat, for you and for the animals."

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