

Uh oh! There are Termites on Noah's Ark!

What's it about?

Noah collects all the animals two-by-two. But what happens when two tiny wood-eating termites arrive? Will they be welcomed on the ark?

What can my students learn from the story?

The Littlest Pair is a great way to introduce the following to your students:

- That the smallest things can make a big difference
- The biblical story of Noah and the flood
- The Jewish value of *tza'ar ba'alei chayim* (compassion for all creatures)
- Giving everyone the benefit of the doubt

Discussion Questions

- Have you ever been scared of something big? Something small?
- How do you think the two termites felt when they weren't welcomed by the other animals?
- Can you think of a time when you thought one way about something, and then you changed your mind?

Suggested Activities

- Invite students to bring in their own stuffed animals from home and use them to act out the story from the book. You can also use them to act out their own stories that demonstrate moments of *tza'ar ba'alei chayim*-having compassion for all creatures.
- Make a grab bag full of pairs of objects: little balls, mittens, socks, plastic toys. Ask each student to pick an object as they enter your classroom. At the set time, ask the children to try to find their "pair," the person who has the same object.



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