



The Ark

The Ark presents

**Story Islands
&
Wilhelma The Tortoise**

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The Adventures of Wilhelma

This activity sheet includes some simple and fun visual art ideas to spark your imagination and help you get creative at home.

The Ark is home to many wonderful artworks. Wilhelma the Tortoise, pictured below, is one of them. The following activities have been inspired by Wilhelma and her story.

Wilhelma is a wooden sculpture made of Brazillian Mahogany. A sculpture is a 3D artwork, which you can look at from many angles. She was made by artist Imogen Stuart, and she was made in such a way that children could sit on her back. There are many carvings on her shell which tell the story of her past and her many happy memories.

If you'd like to read Wilhelma's Story, it is included at the end of the activity sheet. Otherwise you can get started and learn more about her along the way!

Carry Your Memories

Wilhelma has memories from her life carved on her shell.

"...Wilhelma carries on her back some of her happy memories. She remembers the bison and mammoth of earlier times. But most of all she will never forget the great moment while they were still floating in the vast sea cooped up in the ark, when a rainbow appeared on the sky..."



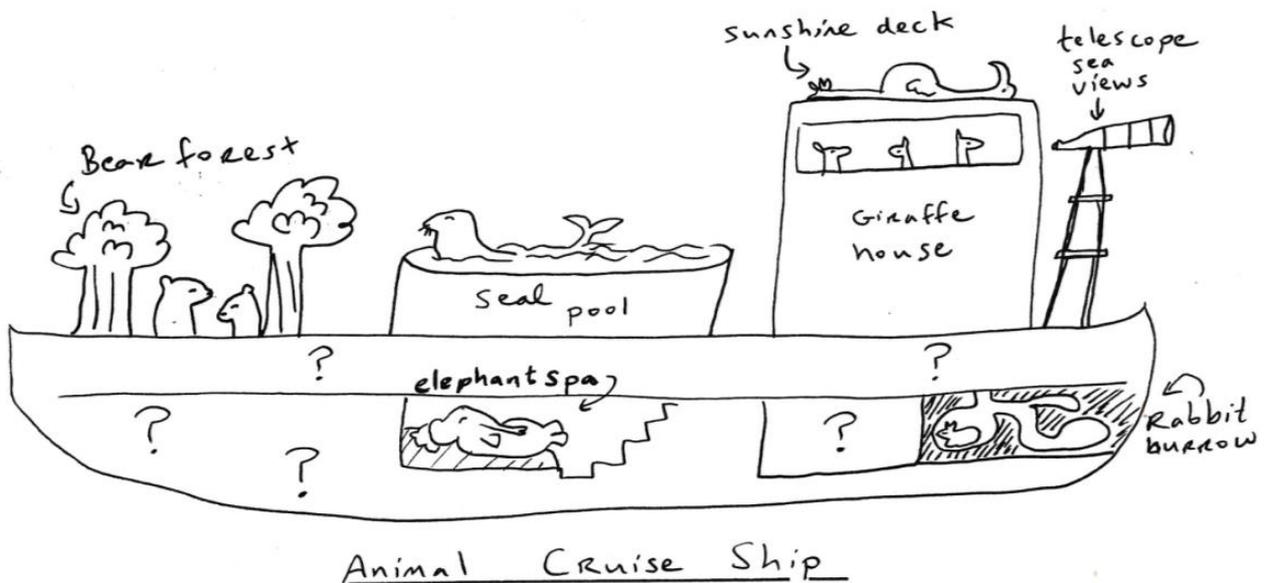
Imagine you had a shell on your back decorated with your happy memories...

What type of shell will you wear? What memories will you draw?



Animal Cruise Ship Design Challenge

In Wilhelma's story, she describes how she went on journey by boat. She travelled for a long time on this boat with all kinds of other animals. It was quite cramped on the boat with all the other animals. Could you design a better boat for animals taking a long journey at sea? They will need food, toilets, entertainment and leisure facilities!



Island Habitats and Inhabitants



Wilhelma's boat finally finds land, and all the animals emerge from the boat onto the beach. Perhaps they've found a new island.

Islands come in all shapes and sizes. Their habitats and inhabitants can be fascinating too. Imagine you are a great adventurer travelling the oceans. How many different kinds of islands do you discover and explore?

Combine a word from box A, B and C for the name of an island and then draw it!
e.g. Singing Ice Forest Island

A	B	C
Cloud Making	Sculpture	Island
Singing Ice	Frog	
Frozen Lake	Castle	
Rainbow Sands	Mountain	
Tumble Down	Forest	
Jumping Lizard	Volcano	
Changeable Weather	Factory	



Top tip!

Find sea sounds and sea-themed music to listen to while you work.

The Story of Wilhelma

This is Wilhelma the Tortoise. She has just stepped out of The Ark - which is also the name of a large boat. There is some water behind her and on the beach are shells and pebbles. In front of her is land and some mice play already. There are also some flowers in bloom. Wilhelma looks very serious. She is completely



worn out and exhausted: it was a terrible ordeal to be cooped up so long with so many animals. The pushing and shoving, the constant noise: each animal had his/her own demands and complaints, the darkness and the dirt, the smell, not enough food, bickering and fighting for it. No rest and no quietness. But the worry and fear were the worst. Will we drown? What will it be like if we survive?

Wilhelma carries on her back some of her happy memories. She remembers the bison and the mammoth of earlier times. But most of all she will never forget the great moment while they were floating in the vast sea cooped up in The Ark, when a rainbow appeared on the sky. It was an unforgettable sight, seeing the glorious rainbow with Noah on deck with outstretched arms and perched on his hand a dove with an olive branch in her beak. This meant of course that the dove had found land for all of them to step out of The Ark and live a normal life again.

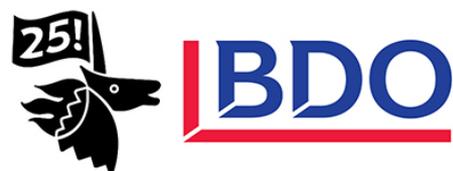
We would love to see the artworks you create inspired by Wilhelma's adventures at sea. If you would like to share them with us, please ask a grown-up to send them to us by email at thearkdublin@gmail.com.

For more adventure with Wilhelma and Duffy Mooney-Sheppard, check out our video workshop online [here](#).

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