

SA1132382

Antique Noahs Ark - with 27 animals, birds and figures

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1132382****Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Description

A late 1800s/early 1900s painted Noahs Ark, which also includes approximately 27 figures, animals, and birds. All hand painted with character, a few with damage to the leg but most are fine and stand. It measures 30cm w the ark section, 42cm including the ends of the base x 13cm w x 17.5cm h. Noah's Arks were very popular children's toys in the 19th century and most wealthy families would own one, which would be permitted to be played with on a Sunday only! The majority of Noah's Arks were made in Germany and there were basically three different types. A flat bottom one, pictured here, a round bottom one and a bottom in the shape of a boat. The animals went in and out of the ark via either the roof or a sliding side panel, and were decorated by either painting, lithographics or the finest ones were straw work, illustrated here. These antique wood and straw arks were made with individual pieces of straw and would be stained to give a multi coloured effect. Noah's Arks were not made by big toy companies, in the main it was a cottage industry with families literally making one or two particular types of animals hence the different expressions that can be found on the an...

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