

Story 4 : Noah's Ark

Main Bible verse
[Genesis 9:16]

When the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it.
I will remember that my covenant will last forever. It is a covenant
between me and every kind of living creature on earth."

Many years passed since the days of Adam and Eve and the number of people on earth increased. However, God saw how man's wickedness on the earth had increased, and His heart was filled with pain.

However, there was one good man on earth. He was called "Noah"

Noah loved his neighbors and loved God. He always walked with God.

One day, God told Noah to build an ark. As commanded by God, Noah began to build a big ark.

Noah built a big ark as commanded and instructed by God so that two of all living creatures, male and female, could enter it. On the day God spoke, all kinds of animals entered the ark.

The ark was filled with animals. Of the people, only Noah, his wife, and their three sons, Shem, Ham and Japheth and their wives (eight in total), entered the ark. As the door of the ark closed, rain began to pour from the sky.

It was as if there was a hole in the sky - rain kept pouring day and night.

The waters rose and covered all of the earth. The rain finally stopped on the 40th day.

One day, Noah sent out a dove but the dove could not find a place to set its feet and returned to Noah in the ark.

Seven days later, Noah again sent out the dove.

This time the dove returned with a freshly plucked olive leaf in its beak.

Then Noah knew that the water had receded from the earth. 370 days passed before the water dried up completely from the earth. God spoke to Noah.

"Come out of the ark with your family Noah." Noah and his family came out of the ark. Noah built an altar to the Lord and brought Him an offering of thanks. God set His rainbow in the clouds.

This rainbow was a sign of His covenant that He would never again destroy the earth with the waters.



Activity 1.

Answer the following questions.

a. Who was Noah?

b. Why did God choose Noah?

c. Who entered the ark?

d. Read *Genesis* 6:9-14 and answer: Why did God want to destroy the earth?

- Read and memorize the main Bible verse. (*Genesis* 9:16)

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Activity 2.

Find what God said to Noah.

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