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NOAH AND THE GREAT FLOOD

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©2007 Bible for Children, Inc. License: You have the right to copy or print this story, as long as you do not sell it. Noah was a man who worshiped God. Everyone else hated and disobeyed God. One day, God said something shocking.

> "I will destroy this wicked world," God told Noah. "Only your

"Only your family will be saved."



God warned Noah that a great flood would come and cover the earth. "Build a wooden ark, a boat big enough for your family and many animals," Noah was ordered. God gave Noah exact instructions. Noah got busy!

Probably people mocked as Noah explained why he was making an ark.

> Noah kept building. He also kept telling people about God. Nobody listened.



Noah had great faith. He believed God even though rain had never fallen before. Soon the ark was ready to be loaded with supplies. Now came the animals. God brought seven of some species, two of others. Birds great and small, beasts tiny and tall made their way to the ark. Perhaps the people shouted insults at Noah as he loaded the animals. They did not stop sinning against God. They did not ask to enter the ark.

Finally, all the animals and birds were aboard. "Come into the ark," God invited Noah. "You and your family." Noah, his wife, his three sons and their wives entered the ark. Then God shut the door!

Then the rain came. A great downpour soaked the earth for forty days and nights.



Floodwaters poured over towns and villages. When the rain stopped, even the mountains were under water. Everything that breathed air died.

As the waters rose, the ark floated on top. It may have been dark inside, maybe bumpy, maybe even scary. But the ark sheltered Noah from the flood. After five months of flooding, God sent a drying wind. Slowly, the ark came to rest high in the mountains of Ararat. Noah stayed inside another forty days as the water lowered. Noah sent a raven and a dove out of the ark's open window. Not finding a dry, clean place to rest, the dove returned to Noah.

A week later, Noah tried again. The dove came back with a new olive leaf in its beak. The next week Noah knew the earth was dry because the dove did not return.



God told Noah it was time to leave the ark. Together, Noah and his family unloaded the animals.

How grateful Noah must have felt! He built an altar and worshiped God Who had saved him and his family from the awful flood. God gave Noah a wonderful promise. Never again would He send a flood to judge human sin.

> God gave a great reminder of His promise. The rainbow was the sign of God's promise.

Noah and his family found new beginnings after the flood. In time, his descendants repeopled the whole earth. All the nations of the world came from Noah and his children. Noah and the Great Flood A story from God's Word, the Bible, is found in Genesis 6 to 10

"The entrance of Your Word gives light." Psalm 119:130

The End

This Bible story tells us about our wonderful God who made us and who wants us to know Him.

God knows we have done bad things, which He calls sin. The punishment for sin is death, but God loves us so much He sent His Son, Jesus, to die on a Cross and be punished for our sins. Then Jesus came back to life and went home to Heaven! If you believe in Jesus and ask Him to forgive your sins, He will do it! He will come and live in you now, and you will live with Him forever.

If you want to turn from your sins, say this to God: Dear God, I believe that Jesus died for me and now lives again. Please come into my life and forgive my sins, so that I can have new life now, and one day go to be with You forever. Help me to live for You as Your child. Amen.

Read the Bible and talk with God every day! John 3:16