



Noah's Ark

(Genesis 6 vs 5 - 9 vs 17)

God had created a **beautiful world** but everywhere he looked he saw people hurting each other and thinking and doing evil things. This made God sad and **broke his heart** to see the people he created acting this way. So God decided he needed to start over again to make the world **peaceful and happy**.

There was only one man on the earth who God was pleased with. **His name was Noah**. He was a good man who did what God told him to do.

One day God spoke to Noah and said "I have decided to start all over again because everyone thinks only about evil things and constantly harms one another. I need you to make a boat, called an **ark**, for I am going to flood the earth. Make it big enough to hold your wife, your sons and their wives and two of every kind of **animal** on the earth and every kind of **bird** in the sky." God also told Noah to bring enough food for his family and the animals too. So Noah did everything exactly as God had commanded him.

When the boat had been built and everything was ready, God told Noah enter the boat with all his family, for he was going to send the **rain** in seven days. When Noah, his family and all the animals were inside the boat **God shut the door**.

It rained for **40 days and 40 nights** until the flood covered the whole earth.



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The waters rose lifting up the ark so it began to float. The flood waters were so great that they covered the **mountains**. The flood covered the earth for **150 days** but God hadn't forgotten about Noah.

So God sent **wind** to blow over the earth and the waters began to go down. The clouds in the sky stopped their rain. At the end of the 150 days the water had gone down so much that the boat touched the land again and came to rest on a **mountain** called Ararat.

Later, after the waters had gone down even more, **Noah opened a window** in the Ark. He sent out a **raven**. The raven went back and forward until the waters had dried up. He also sent out a **dove** to see if the land was dry, but the dove could find no place to land so it **returned to the Ark**. Noah waited another 7 days and sent the dove out again. This time it returned to Noah with an **olive leaf** in it's mouth. Noah knew that this meant that the waters had gone down from the earth. He waited another 7 days and sent out the dove again but this time it did not come back to the boat.

When the **earth** had finally dried, God called to Noah "Come out from the ark". So Noah and his **family** and all the **animals** left the boat.

Noah built an **altar** to God and sacrificed a special **offering** on it. This pleased God.

God then spoke to Noah again "I'm going to paint a **RAINBOW** in the sky as a reminder of my special promise to you that I will never let a flood destroy all the life on the earth again".