

NOAH'S ARK



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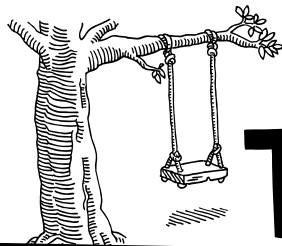
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THURSDAY

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TODAY'S BIBLE READING: Genesis 9:8–17

A RAINBOW WITH A PROMISE

Did you know that God made a promise to the animals? Did you know that God made a promise to the birds?

God said to Noah, “I promise that I will never send another flood to drown you.” Then God showed that he meant what he said. He put a beautiful rainbow in the sky.

Of course, that promise is for you too. Every time you see a rainbow, you can remember God’s promise to the animals and the birds. And you can remember his promise to you.

God will never destroy the whole world with a flood again!

ASK YOURSELF
 What did God promise? Who did God make his promise to?

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²⁴Then Noah woke up from his sleep that was caused by the wine. He found out what his youngest son had done to him. ²⁵He said,

"May a curse be put on Canaan!
He will be the lowest of slaves to
his brothers."

²⁶Noah also said,

"May the LORD, the God of Shem,
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²⁷May God add land to Japheth's territory.

May Japheth live in the tents of Shem.

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²⁸After the flood Noah lived 350 years. ²⁹Noah lived a total of 950 years. And then he died.

A LIST OF NATIONS

10 Here is the story of Shem, Ham and Japheth. They were Noah's sons. After the flood, they also had sons.

THE SONS OF JAPHETH

²The sons of Japheth were Gomer, Magog, Madai, Javan, Tubal, Meshek and Tiras.

³The sons of Gomer were Ashkenaz, Riphath and Togarmah.

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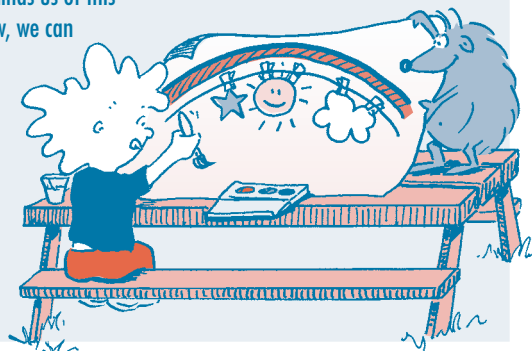
KIDS' QUESTION

WHY DID GOD PUT A RAINBOW IN THE SKY?

The rainbow was a sign of God's promise to Noah. It rained for forty days while Noah, his family, and the animals were on the ark. Then the flood waters went down bit by bit. It took many months for the ark to come to rest on dry land once again. Then Noah and his family as well as the animals left the ark. They offered a sacrifice to God, and God promised that he would never send a flood again to destroy the earth. The rainbow in the clouds reminds us of this promise. Whenever we see a rainbow, we can remember God's promise to never flood the earth again.

CHECKOUT Genesis 9:11-15

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Did You Know?

How long was the world covered with water?

8:3 Noah left the ark about a year after he had entered it. When Noah came out, he built an altar. He sacrificed animals there to thank God for saving his family.



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Thank God

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Live It!

GENESIS 8:20–22; 9:12–17



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along the ground. I am very sad that I have made human beings.”⁸ But the LORD was very pleased with Noah.

Noah and the Flood

⁹ Here is the story of Noah’s family line.

Noah was a godly man. He was without blame among the people of his time. He walked faithfully with God.¹⁰ Noah had three sons. Their names were Shem, Ham and Japheth.

¹¹ The earth was very sinful in God’s eyes. It was full of people who did mean and harmful things.¹² God saw how sinful the earth had become. All its people were living very sinful lives.

¹³ So God said to Noah, “I am going to put an end to everyone. They have filled the earth with their harmful acts. I am certainly going to destroy them and the earth.”¹⁴ So make yourself an ark out of cypress wood. Make rooms in it. Cover it with tar inside and out.¹⁵ Here is how I want you to build it. The ark has to be 450 feet long. It has to be 75 feet wide and 45 feet high.¹⁶ Make a roof for it. Leave below the roof an opening all the way around that is a foot and a half high. Put a door in one side of the ark. Make lower, middle and upper decks.¹⁷ I am going to bring a flood on the earth. It will destroy all life under the sky. It will destroy every living creature that breathes. Everything on earth will die.¹⁸ But I will make my covenant with you. You will go into the ark. Your sons and your wife and your sons’ wives will enter it with you.¹⁹ Bring a male and a female of every living thing into the ark. They will be kept alive with you.²⁰ Two of every kind of bird will come to you. Two of every kind of animal will also come to you. And so will two of every kind of creature that moves along the ground. All of them will be kept alive with you.²¹ Take every kind of food that you will need. Store it away as food for you and them.”

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7 Then the LORD said to Noah, “Go into the ark with your whole family. I know that you are a godly man among the people of today.”² Take seven pairs of every kind of ‘clean’ animal with you. Take a male and a female of each kind. Take one pair of every kind of animal that is not ‘clean.’ Take a male and a female of each kind.³ Also take seven pairs of every kind of bird. Take a male and a female of each kind. Then every kind will be kept alive. They can spread out again over the whole earth.⁴ Seven days from now I will send rain on the earth. It will rain for 40 days and 40 nights. I will destroy from the face of the earth every living creature I have made.”

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Genesis 6:9–16; 7:6–10

Noah worked on the ark for a long time. We don’t know how old he was when the Lord told him to build the ark. But when he finished building it, he was 600 years old. Then Noah, his family and all the animals entered the ark. When they were safely inside the ark, the Lord sent the flood.

Genesis 7:2–3

All the animals didn’t go into the ark in pairs. Noah took seven pairs of each of the clean animals. These were the animals he could sacrifice to the Lord. There were also seven pairs of each of the birds. The other animals all went into the ark in pairs.

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Genesis 7:1–10



Crafty wants you to make an ark with animals. Here is how. You can use an ink pad or make your own. To make one, put some craft paint in a bowl. Then put cotton balls or a few layers of paper towels on top of the paint. Let the paint soak into the cotton balls or towels. Press your finger into the paint, then press it on a sheet of paper. Make an outline of the ark.

Make fingerprints in front of the ark. Each fingerprint makes the head or body of an animal. Use crayons or pencils to draw the rest of the animal. See how many kinds of animals you can make this way.

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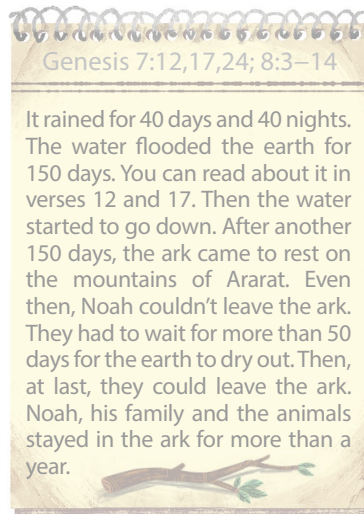
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