

Noah's Big Boat

A Bible Story for Kids

Find it in the Bible: Genesis 6:1-22, Genesis 7:1-24, Genesis 8:1-22, Genesis 9:1-17

Characters: Noah, God, Noah's wife, Shem, Ham, Japheth

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A LONG TIME after Adam and Eve, the world had become very bad. People were mean and did wrong things all the time. It made God very sad.

But there was one man who still loved God. His name was Noah. Noah tried to do what was right.

God told Noah, 'I'm going to send a big flood to wash the world clean. But I will keep you safe. Build a big, big boat called an ark!'

Noah obeyed God. He started building. BANG, BANG, BANG went his hammer! The boat was HUGE—as long as one and a half football fields! People probably laughed at Noah. 'Why are you building a boat? There's no water here!' But Noah kept building.

When the ark was done, something amazing happened. Animals started coming! Two of every kind—elephants, giraffes, lions, bunnies, birds, bugs—all walked, flew, or crawled into the ark. Noah's family went in too: Noah, his wife, his three sons, and their wives.

Then God shut the door. DRIP, DRIP, DRIP... then POUR! Rain fell and fell for forty days and forty nights. Water covered everything, even the mountains! But inside the ark, everyone was safe and dry.

After a long, long time, the rain stopped. The water went down. Noah sent out a dove, and it came back with an olive leaf! The ground was getting dry!

When they came out of the ark, Noah thanked God. Then something beautiful appeared in the sky—a RAINBOW! God said, 'This rainbow is My promise. I will never flood the whole earth again.'

Every time you see a rainbow, remember: God always keeps His promises!