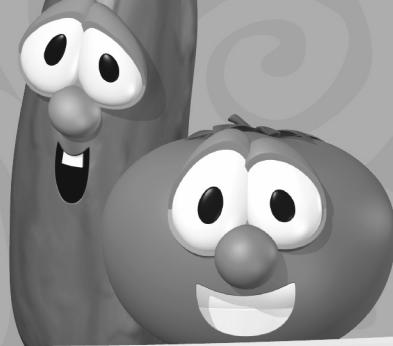


# Noah's Ark



## What is the STORY about?

God asked Noah to build a giant boat called an ark. The world had become so full of evil that God decided to flood it! Noah was a righteous man, and he obeyed God so God gave Noah a plan to help his family during the flood.

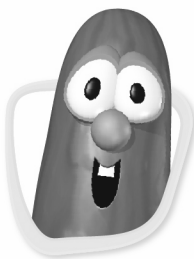
Noah's son, Shem, had just gotten back from his honeymoon and he wasn't sure he liked this new plan. Noah's family spent a year on the ark while Shem kept trying to make his own plans! But God showed Shem and the whole family that He knew everything was going to be okay and they could trust Him.

- *A Lesson in Trust*
- *Key Passage: Genesis 6-9*
- *Running Time: 50 Minutes*



## What do you THINK?

- **How did Shem feel about God's plan? Why do you think he felt that way?**  
(Shem didn't like God's plan. He wanted to follow his own plan!)
- **Why did God flood the earth?**  
(Because the people had become so sinful and the world was full of evil. Genesis 6:5-8)
- **How do you think Noah felt when God told him to build a giant boat?**  
(Answers will vary, but probably confused! But Noah was righteous and did what God said. Genesis 6:22)
- **Which animal do you think was the loudest on the boat?**  
Make the sound that animal makes on the count of 3: 1, 2, 3!



## What does the BiBLE say?

The story of Noah and the ark can be found in Genesis 6-9. Read the story in a translation that is easy for kids to understand OR tell it in this condensed version.

Noah was a righteous man who lived in a world that was very un-righteous... in fact, it was so full of sin and evil that God decided to flood the world that He had made! But God had a plan to make sure that things would be okay in the end. He asked Noah to build a big ark and put two of every kind of animal with his family inside it. Noah did just what God asked, and after Noah, his family, and the animals were in the ark, the rain started. It rained for 40 days and 40 nights, and the entire earth was covered in water.

When it finally stopped raining, Noah sent a raven out to find land, but it came back to him. Then he sent a dove, and it came back too. A week later, Noah sent the dove again, and it came back with an olive branch. This meant that the water had started to go down! The flood was ending. God put a rainbow in the sky and made a promise to Noah that He would never flood the earth again.

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## ACTIVITY

After reading the story of Noah, play a floating game! Have each person find 2 objects in the house. They can be anything you don't mind getting a little wet! (Things like a spoon, a marker, a rubber duck, an empty plastic bottle, or an apple.) Then fill up the bathtub, a sink, or a large bowl with water. Take turns seeing which objects float and which objects sink right away!



## What can we DO?

God wants us to trust Him, even when things are hard, scary, or confusing! Noah must have been scared and confused when God told him to build a big boat because He was going to flood the world. But throughout the Bible, God showed His people (including Noah!) that He was always trustworthy and always had a plan. Have a conversation about trusting God starting with the following questions:

- Can you think of another story in the Bible where someone had to trust God even when they didn't know what was going to happen?
- How does it feel to know that God has a plan for you, and you don't have to worry about what is going to happen?

**Look up these verses in your Bible and read them aloud.**

- **Psalm 56:3 NIV** "When I am afraid, I put my trust in you"
- **Isaiah 26:3 NIV** "You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you."
- **Romans 8:28 NIV** "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."

## 3 Things to remember about Noah

1. Noah **TRUSTED** God.
2. Noah **FAITHFULLY** followed God's instructions.
3. God **SAVED** Noah and his family from the flood.

## KEY VERSE

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight." **Proverbs 3:5-6 NIV**

## KEY NUGGET

I can trust God even when I don't know his plan, because I know He is always good.

