

Noah's Ark



Many years passed from the time of creation. People had children who had children until the world was filled with people.

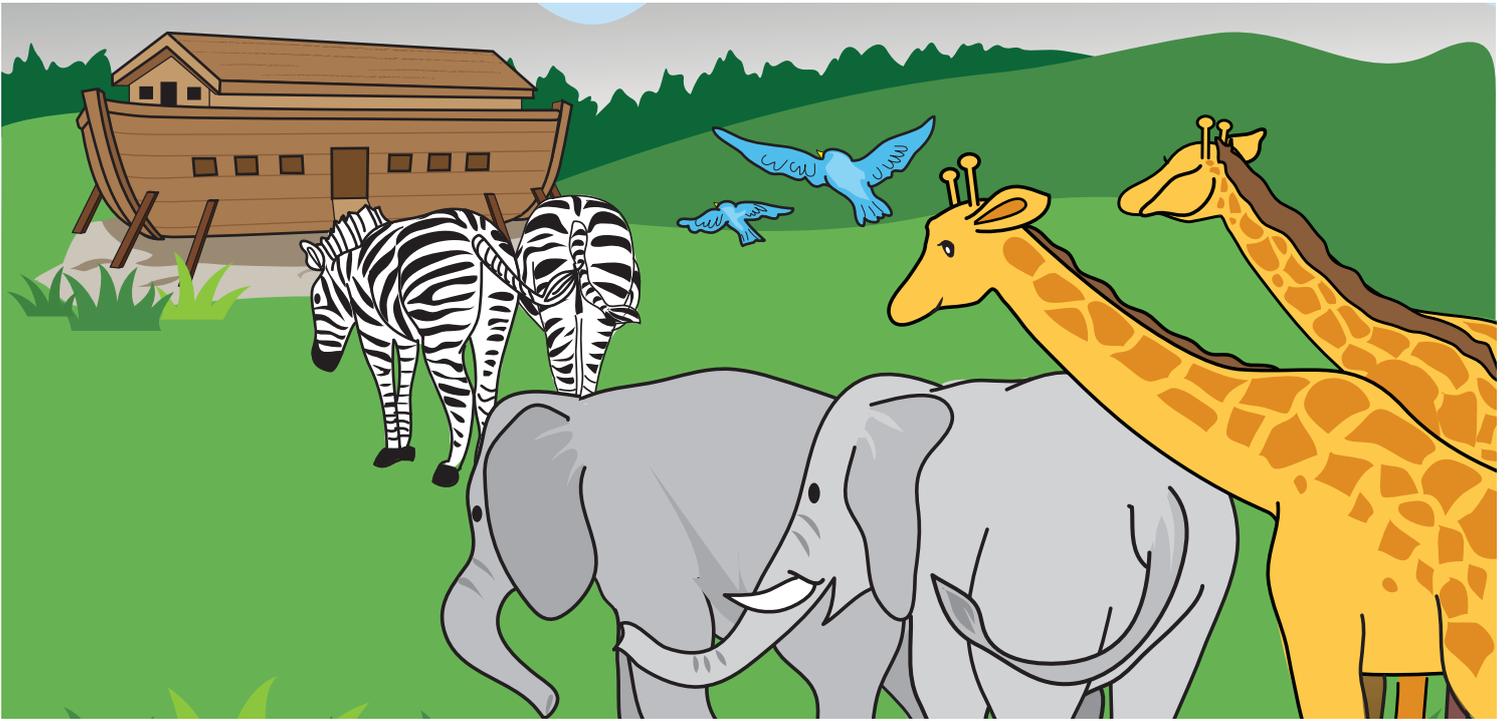
Sadly, the people were very evil. The things they did were so wicked God regretted that He had made humans. He decided that He would destroy everything that lived on the ground.

Only one man lived in a way that pleased God and God favored him. His name was Noah, and he had three sons named Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

God said to Noah, "The world is so violent and wicked that I have decided to destroy it. Make an ark of wood. Coat it with pitch to make it waterproof. Put lots of rooms inside of it and make a roof to cover it. I am going to create a flood to destroy the world, but I will save you, your wife, your sons, and their wives. Take two of every kind of animal inside the ark and lots of food."

Noah listened to what God said, and he built the ark.

Noah spent many years building the ark. After he finished, God told him, "Go into the ark with your family and the animals. In seven days, I will send rain and the earth will be filled with water."



Noah did just as God said. He entered the ark with his family, male and female pairs of animals, and seven of clean animals. After they were inside, God Himself shut the door to the ark.

For forty days and forty nights, rain fell. The ark floated and every land creature not on the ark died.

After many days, God sent a wind to make the waters recede.

Noah sent out a raven to see if the waters were gone, and then he sent out a dove. The dove returned, because there was nowhere for it to land.

