

Lesson 2: Trust

Today's Bible Story

As more and more people filled the earth, human beings forgot about God, and their hearts turned evil. Looking down on the world, the Lord saw this and felt very, very sad. "I'm sorry I made human beings." Reluctantly, he decided, "I will wipe them from the face of the earth, along with everything I have made."

But God chose one man from among all the others. His name was Noah, and he was favored by God.

One day, God said to Noah, "Build an ark out of gopher wood. Give it three decks, and a roof. Find two animals of every kind — a male and female of each. Make sure the ark is large enough to house all of them, as well as your own family. Find some plants of each kind that grows, and store them up. Be sure to gather plenty of food, too, and bring extra animals for food. A huge flood is coming that will destroy the earth. But I will make a covenant with you and will keep you safe."

Even though the weather was dry, Noah trusted God. He built the giant boat and did everything God asked. People who saw it must have thought he was crazy! But when the large boat was finished, God said to Noah, "In seven days, the rain will start. Go now, and bring in all the animals. It's time for you to get into the ark."

Once again, Noah obeyed God. He gathered the pairs of animals and ushered them into the ark. Then he brought his wife aboard, as well as their three sons and families, and God shut the door behind them.

Soon, the rain began. After it started, it did not stop. For 40 days and 40 nights, it poured. Before long, water covered the face of the earth. Yet the ark stayed afloat. Through the days of rain and flood, God kept Noah and his family safe on the ark, along with the animals and everything else that was with them.



From Genesis 6-8

Bible Rhyme

God saw that people everywhere
had turned from him and did not care.
But Noah was a faithful man,
the only one in all the land.

So God told Noah, "Build a boat,
and seal it well, so it will float.
"Collect some food, and also find
two animals of every kind."

Well, Noah did what God had said,
and, feeling raindrops on his head,
he brought those animals on board
to keep them safe while waters poured!

God commanded Noah to bring two of every animal on the ark – a male and female of every species – so they would be saved from the flood. Can you match the male and female of each type of animal shown below? Draw a line between them.



- What is the total number of animals shown above? _____
- How many of these animals are mammals? _____
- How many birds are in the picture? _____
- How many reptiles do you see? _____