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Scripture

The Faithful Version

Noah Told to Build Ark

Genesis 6

And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and when daughters were born to them, that the sons of the mighty ones saw the daughters of men, that they were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves from all whom they chose.

And the LORD said, "My spirit shall not always strive with man in his going astray, for he is but flesh, and yet his days shall be a hundred and twenty years." There were tyrants on the earth in those days, and also after that, the sons of God came in to the daughters of men, and they bore children to them. They were mighty men who existed of old, men of renown.

And the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And the LORD repented that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. And the LORD said, "I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, and the crawling thing, and the fowl of the air; for I repent that I have made them."

But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD. These are the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man and perfect in his generations, for Noah walked with God. And Noah begat three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth. Now the earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with

violence.



And God looked upon the earth, and behold, it was corrupt—for all flesh had corrupted its way upon the earth. And God said to Noah, "The end of all flesh has come before Me, for the earth is filled with violence through them. And, behold, I will destroy them with the earth.

Make an ark of cypress timbers. You shall make rooms in the ark, and you shall pitch it inside and outside with pitch. And this is the way you shall make it: The length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits, the breadth of it shall be fifty cubits and its height thirty cubits. (A cubit is about 18 inches.)

You shall make a window in the ark, and you shall finish it to a cubit from above; and you shall set the door of the ark in the side of it. You shall make it with lower, second and third stories.

And behold, I, even I am bringing a flood of waters upon the earth in order to destroy all flesh—in which is the breath of life—from under heaven.

Everything which is upon the earth shall die.

But I will establish My covenant with you. And you shall come into the ark—you and your sons and your wife, and your sons' wives with you. And you shall bring into the ark two of every kind, of every living thing of all flesh, to keep them alive with you; they shall be male and female. Two of every kind shall come to you to keep them alive—of fowls after their kind, and of animals after their kind, of every crawling thing of the earth after its kind.

And take for yourself all that is eaten as food, and you shall gather it for yourself; and it shall be for food, for you and for them." Noah did so, according to all that God commanded him, so he did.

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The Flood Genesis 7

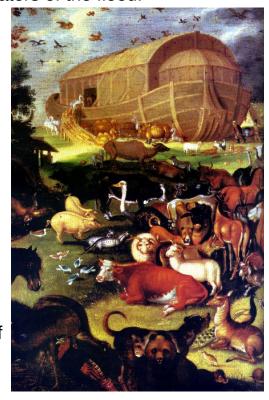
And the LORD said to Noah, "You and all your house shall come into the ark; for you, I have seen righteous before Me in this generation. You shall take with you every clean animal by sevens, the male and female. And take two of the animals that are not clean, the male and female.

Also take of the fowls of the air by sevens, the male and the female, to keep their kind alive upon the face of all the earth; for in seven more days, I will cause it to rain upon the earth forty days and forty nights; and I will destroy from off the face of the earth every living thing that I have made."

And Noah did according to all that the LORD commanded him. And Noah was six hundred years old when the flood of waters began upon the earth. And Noah went in; and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives went with him into the ark because of the waters of the flood.

Of the clean animals, and of the animals that were not clean, and of the fowls, and of every thing that crawls upon the earth, two by two they went unto Noah into the ark, male and female, as God had commanded Noah. And it came to pass after seven days, that the waters of the flood came upon the earth.

In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on this day all the fountains of





the great deep were broken up, and the windows of the heavens were opened. And the rain fell upon the earth forty days and forty nights.

On this same day, Noah and Shem and Ham and Japheth, the sons of Noah, and Noah's wife, and the three wives of his sons with them, entered into the ark. They went in, and every animal after its kind, and all the livestock after their kind, and every crawling thing that crawls upon the earth after its kind, and every fowl after its kind, every bird of every sort.

And they went to Noah into the ark, two by two of all flesh in which is the breath of life. And they that entered went in male and female of all flesh, as God had commanded him; and the LORD shut him in. And the flood was upon the earth forty days, and the waters increased and bore up the ark, and it was lifted up above the earth. And the waters prevailed and increased greatly upon the earth; and the ark floated upon the face of the waters.

And the waters prevailed exceedingly upon the earth, and all the high hills that were under the heavens were covered. The waters prevailed fifteen cubits upward, and the mountains were covered.

And all flesh that moved upon the face of the earth died—of birds, of livestock, of animals, and of every crawling thing that crawls upon the earth, and every man — And all who breathed the breath of life, of all that was upon the dry land—died. And every living thing which was upon the face of the earth was destroyed, from man to livestock, and to the crawling things, and the fowls of the heavens. And they were destroyed from the earth, and only Noah remained alive, and those that were with him in the ark. And the waters prevailed upon the earth a hundred and fifty days.

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The Flood Subsides

Genesis 8

And God remembered Noah, and every living thing, and all the animals which were with him in the ark. And God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters subsided. Also the fountains of the deep and the windows of heaven were stopped, and the rain from heaven was restrained. And the waters receded from off the earth continually, and at the end of the hundred and fifty days the waters had gone down.

And in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, the ark rested upon the mountains of Ararat. And the waters decreased continually until the tenth month; and the tops of the mountains were seen in the tenth month, on the first day of the month.

And it came to pass, at the end of forty days, that Noah opened the window of the ark which he had made. And he sent forth a raven, and it kept going out and returning until the waters were dried up from off the face of the earth. He also sent forth a dove from him, to see if the waters had gone down from off the face of the earth; but the dove found no rest for the sole of her foot, and she returned to him into the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. Then he put out his hand and took her, and pulled her to him into the ark.

And he waited yet another seven days; and again he sent forth the dove out of the ark. And the dove came to him in the evening, and, lo, in her mouth was an olive leaf plucked off.





So Noah knew that the waters had gone down from off the face of the earth. And he waited yet another seven days, and sent forth the dove; and she did not return again to him any more. And it came to pass in Noah's six hundred and first year, in the first month, the first day of the month, that the waters were drying up from off the face of the earth. And Noah removed the covering of the ark and looked, and, behold, the face of the earth was drying!

And in the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the land was fully dry. And God spoke to Noah, saying, "Go out of the ark, you and your wife and your sons and your sons' wives with you.

Bring out with you every living thing that is with you—of all flesh, of fowl, of livestock, and of every crawling thing that crawls upon the earth—so that they may breed abundantly in the earth, and be fruitful and multiply upon the earth."

And Noah went out, and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives with him. Every animal, every fowl, and every crawling thing, all that crawls upon the earth after their families, went forth out of the ark. And Noah built an altar to the LORD, and he took of every clean animal, and of every clean bird, and offered burnt offerings on the altar.

And the LORD smelled a sweet savor; and the LORD said in His heart, "I will not again curse the ground for man's sake—although the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; and I will not again smite every living thing as I have done. While the earth remains, seed-time and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease."

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A Fresh Start

Genesis 9:1-17

And God blessed Noah and his sons, and He said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and replenish the earth. And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth, and upon every bird of the air, upon all that moves on the earth, and upon all the fish of the sea. Into your hand they are delivered.

Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you, even as the green herb I have given you all things. But you shall not eat of flesh with the life in it—which is its blood. And surely the blood of your lives will I require. At the hand of every animal will I require it, and at the hand of man. At the hand of every man's brother will I require the life of man. Whoever sheds man's blood, his blood shall be shed by man—for He made man in the image of God.

And you, be fruitful and multiply. Bring forth abundantly in the earth, and increase in it." And God spoke to Noah, and to his sons with him, saying, "Behold I, even I establish My covenant with you, and with your seed after you; And with every living creature that is with you—of the birds, of the livestock, and of every animal of the earth with you—from all that go out from the ark, to every animal of the earth.

And I will establish My covenant with you. Neither shall all flesh be cut off any more by the waters of a flood. Neither shall there any more be a flood to

destroy the earth."

And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant which I make between Me and you and every living creature with you, for everlasting generations: I set My rainbow in the cloud, and it shall be the sign of the covenant between Me and the earth.

And it shall be, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the rainbow shall be seen in the cloud. And I will remember My covenant, which is between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh.

And the rainbow shall be in the cloud. And I will look upon it that I may remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is upon the earth."

And God said to Noah, "This is the token of the covenant which I have established between Me and all flesh that is upon the earth."



Bible Story

Noah and the Flood

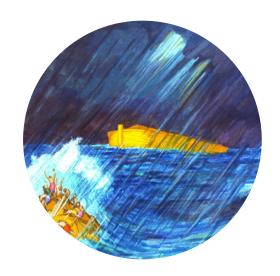
A long time after God made people on the earth, they started to behave badly. They stopped being kind and loving to each other as God had told them. Instead, they quarreled and fought with each other. Sometimes they hurt each other very badly, even killing others.



God was not happy with all these horrible things they kept doing. So, He decided to send a flood to cover the whole earth. The flood would be so big that all the people, and the animals living on the land, would drown. But then, God looked down from heaven and saw one man who was doing the right things. His name was Noah. He was a righteous man, so God decided to save him and his family from the flood. So, God told Noah about the flood that was going to come.



He also told him to build a large boat, called an ark, to save himself, his family and anyone else who wanted to get into the boat. Noah obeyed God. He told his wife, their three sons, and their wives about what God said was going to happen. Together they began building the ark.



Other people asked them why they were doing this. Noah told them about the flood that was coming. He warned them to turn to God. The people did not believe him. They thought he was a crazy old man and laughed at him. It took a very long time to build the ship. But at last it was done.

Noah began putting lots of food into the boat. Then an amazing thing happened. The animals from all over the earth began arriving to go onto the ark. They came together by sevens, and the unclean animals two by two. So, there were two lions, two elephants, two monkeys, two birds, and so on. The people found this to be very strange. Again, Noah told them that they should turn to God. But they did not.

When Noah, his family and all the animals went into the boat, God shut the door. Then the rain began to fall, and the water was so much that it covered the earth. All the wicked people who were left outside the boat died. Only Noah and his family were saved.

Noah and his family spent nearly a year on the ark with all the creatures God had saved. God remembered them, and made the water gradually go down. To find out if there was dry land, Noah sent out a raven and a dove but they returned because there was no dry land. He sent the dove out again after seven days and it





returned with an olive leaf in its mouth showing there was dry land. Noah waited another seven days and sent the dove out again. This time, it didn't return. It had found plenty of dry land.

It had taken a long time for the water to dry up, but then Noah, his family and the animals came back out of the boat. God told Noah that he would never again destroy the earth with a flood. To show that he meant this, God put a beautiful rainbow in the sky for them to see. So every time you see a rainbow, you can remember God's promise to Noah and all of us.



Bible Memory Verse

Ages 4 - 5

Genesis 6:18

But I will establish My covenant with you.

Ages 6 - 7

Genesis 6:18-19

But I shall establish My covenant with you. And you shall come into the ark - you and your sons and your wife, and your sons' wives with you.

Ages 8 - 9

Genesis 6:18-20

But I shall establish My covenant with you. And you shall come into the ark - you and your sons and your wife, and your sons' wives with you. Two of every kind shall come to you to keep them alive - of fowls after their kind, and of animals after their kind, of every crawling thing of the earth after its kind.

Another Chance

The flood that covered the world at the time of Noah was a terrible thing. Every living creature on earth died except those kept safe on Noah's ark. God promised He would never flood the earth again and He wanted another chance to have people live the right way. So, He started the human family again through Noah. In the same way, God made possible another chance at life for people who disobeyed Him, through His Son Jesus Christ. Only Jesus Christ could pay the penalty for our sins.

Do you remember that God told Adam and Eve not to eat the fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil? He told them that if they did, in dying they would surely die. He also gave them the opportunity to eat from the tree of life. If they had done this, they would have lived forever and never died.

Sadly, they chose to eat from the tree of knowledge of good and evil, and as a result they and all people born after them, would die too. God knew humans needed to be rescued from their awful situation. So, God sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to die instead so that everyone can have a chance to live again.

Jesus, our Passover Lamb, was killed as a sacrifice for our sins. God brought him back to life afterwards and He lives forever. Because of Him, God will do the same for all who accept and follow Jesus Christ and obey Him as Jesus did. God tells us that for those who have died, it is like being asleep. He has the power to wake them up and make them alive again. So, God will give all people a chance to choose to be obedient and live forever. It is the same chance that Adam and Eve had to eat from the tree of life and live forever.

- 1 Corinthians 15: 20. But now Christ has been raised from the dead; He has become the firstfruit of those who have fallen asleep.
- 21. For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead.
- 22. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.
- 51. Behold, I show you a
- mystery: we shall not all fall asleep, but we shall all be changed
- 52. In an instant, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

Coloring Page



Animals board the ark.

Coloring Page



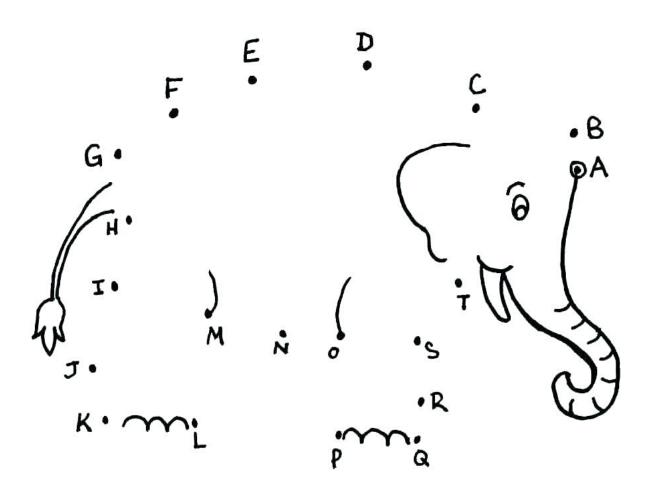
Noah's dove returns showing land.

Coloring Page



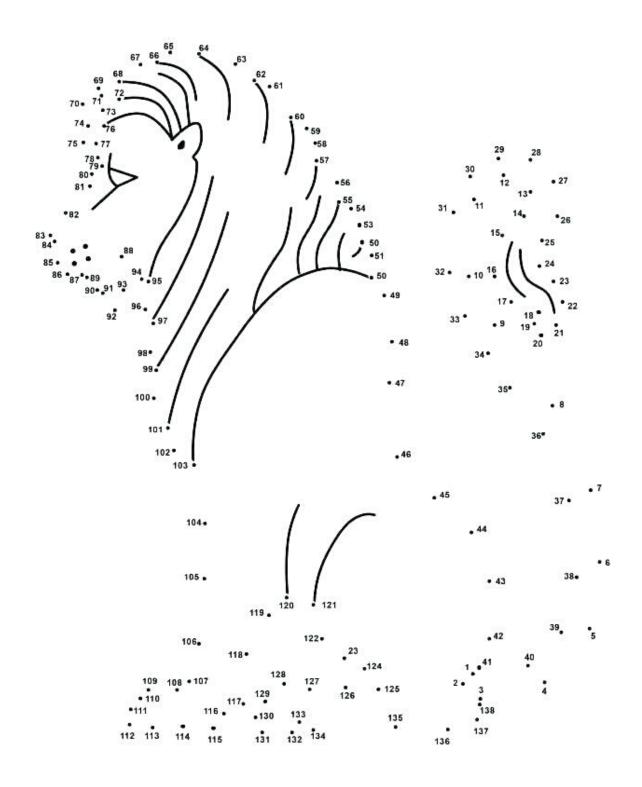
God sends a rainbow as a sign.

Join the dots and color me in!



Is there room for me on the ark?

Join the dots and color me in!



What about me? I'm a vegetarian! Really!

Word Search

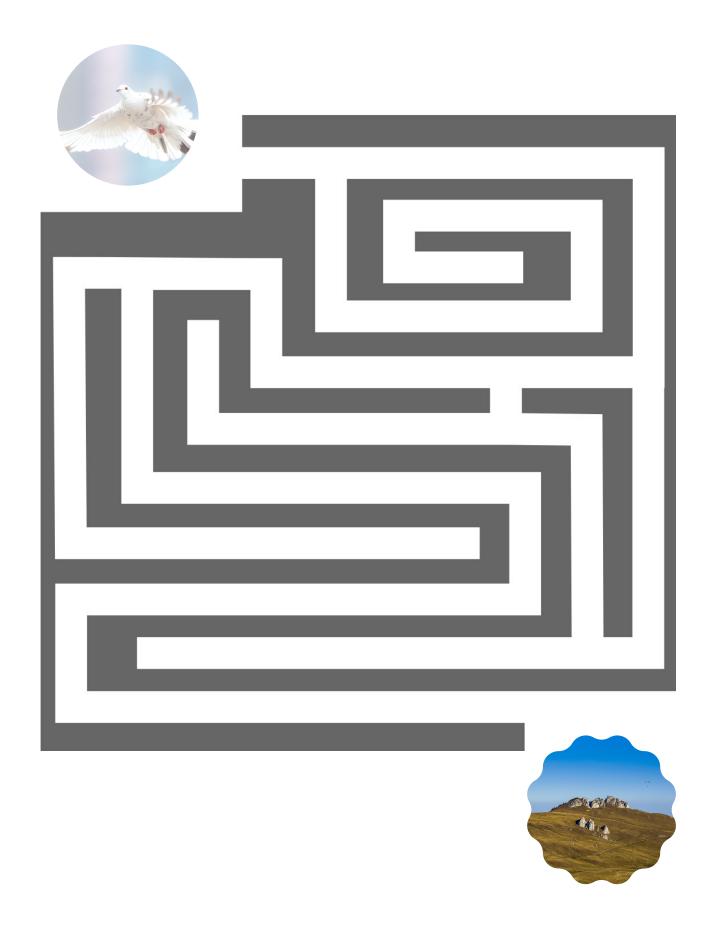
Noah and the Flood (Genesis 6 and 7)

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GRACE **EARTH RIGHTEOUS** CORRUPT **FORTY HEAVENS** COVENANT WATERS WICKEDNESS FL00D NOAH CRAWLING **MOUNTAINS** REPENT F00D **FLOATED ASTRAY CYPRESS**

Locate words across and down.

Help the Dove find Land.



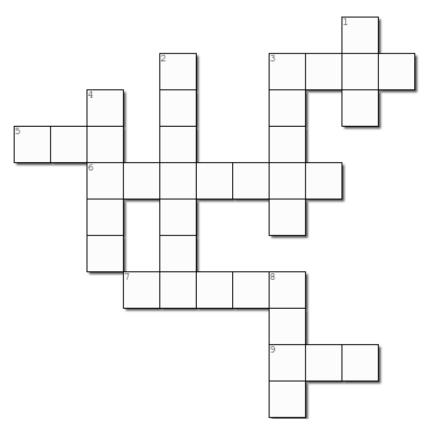
Matching

Put the pictures in order

Draw a line from pictures to numbers in order of events.

3 4 5

Have fun with this crossword!



Across

- 3. Noah put lots of _____ in the boat.
- 5. How many of each unclean animal did Noah bring into the ark?
- 6. What did God put in the sky when the water dried up?
- 7. How many of each clean animal went into the ark?
- 9. What did God tell Noah to build?

Down

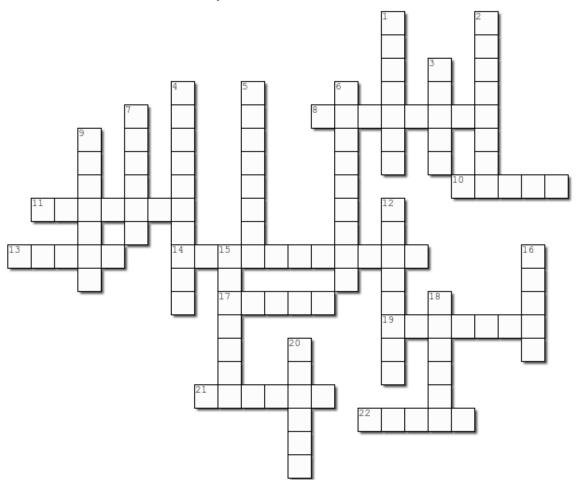
- 1. Who shut the door of the boat?
- 2. People did not _____ Noah.
- 3. What terrible thing did God bring on the earth?
- 4. For how many days did it rain?
- 8. What man did God save?

Try this Harder Crossword

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Genesis 6 - 9

Complete the crossword below.



Across

with you.'
to the LORD.'
years old.'
of your lives will I require."
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vere dried up.'
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Down

1. 'Make an ark of timbers.'
2. God said to Noah and his sons, 'Be and
multiply.'
'But Noah found in the eyes of the LORD.'
4. 'the of man was great on the earth.'
5. 'the earth was filled with'
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heaven were stopped.'
7. 'I am bringing a flood of upon the
earth.'
9. 'I set my in the cloud.'
12. 'men began to on the face of the earth.
15. 'Now the earth also was before God.'
'And the waters prevailed upon the earth a hundred
and days.'
18. ' the ark rested upon the mountains of'
20. 'You shall take with you every clean animals by

Story Time

The Promise

Sally loved her small country school. Her friend Ellie called it "Prison Elementary School" because she would rather be anywhere else. But Sally and her brother Tom were very happy there and they could often be seen skipping and laughing on their way to school. Today there was no school at all and Sally frowned as she looked down at the school from a nearby hill.

"Yuck!" Ellie grabbed Sally's arm in a tight hug. "That water's disgusting." The river had overflowed, and the floodwater was muddy and rubbish was floating in it. Rain had been falling steadily for over a month and the small town had gone from wet to soggy to covered with water. Ellie had learned about Noah and the ark at church and in a shaky voice told Sally that the whole world might be flooded because it had happened before.

Sally realized that it could get very bad indeed because although the rain was light now, it was still falling. She looked down at the school from higher ground and saw the animals in the field standing in a foot of water. She hoped someone would come and move them, but she knew the roads had been closed and thought the owners might not be able to get through.

A friendly hand pulled on her hood, sending droplets of water everywhere. She glanced up and saw her Dad smiling down at her. "Glad you girls are wearing your raincoats," he said, glancing around at a lot of wet people nearby. Sally saw that Dad was not panicking, so she relaxed a bit. "We'd better drop you home too, Ellie. I don't think I want to leave you here on your own," he said.

"Ellie didn't seem to want to leave. "No one is home. I'll be okay here," she told him. Dad glanced around and noted strangers and a film crew. "I am dropping Sally at my parents' home. I can't leave you here, Ellie. Come on."

Ellie looked a bit shocked, but Sally could have told her there was no point arguing with her Dad. She was going to meet Grandma and Grandpa. "Grandma makes great cookies," Sally coaxed her. "Yum!"

When they walked in the front door, sure enough the smell of newly baked cookies wafted from the kitchen. The house was warm, and Sally could hear Tommy asking, "Are they ready to eat yet? I've been patient for the last five minutes!" Grandpa and Grandma laughed. "If you say so, Tommy," Grandpa chuckled.

Hi Grandma, Grandpa, Tommy!" Sally called, dragging Ellie into the kitchen. Grandma glanced at Ellie, who was hiding behind Sally.

"Who is your friend, Sally?" she asked, eyebrows raised. Everyone turned to Ellie. Sally gave Ellie a hug. She knew how shy Ellie could be when she didn't know anyone. "This is my friend, Ellie," Sally explained. "Dad didn't want to leave her on the hill with a bunch of strangers."

"Good morning, Mrs James, Mr James," Ellie said. "Nice to meet you, Ellie," Grandpa welcomed.

"Why were you on the hill, Sally?" Grandma asked. "It's wet and cold and there's nothing you can do about the school flooding."

Sally looked across at Ellie, not quite sure what to say. Ellie blushed and admitted that she had asked Sally to meet her there because she was worried. "What if the water keeps rising and the whole world is flooded, like in Noah's time?" she asked. Tears pricked her eyes.

Grandpa looked at Ellie sympathetically. "I can help you there, Ellie. We'll talk about it." He grinned at Grandma and pointedly looked at the cookies that were now cooling on a rack on the bench. "Maybe I should pour the kids some drinks and pour us a cup of coffee?" He didn't wait for her answer, going straight to the cupboard and taking out three glasses. "You staying, Rob?" Dad shook his head. "No, gotta go and help evacuate the animal shelter. Be back for dinner though," he smiled. "You kids be good," he added before walking out the door.

Grandma took a plate of cookies and placed them in the center of the large kitchen table. Sally put out side plates for everyone. Grandpa put the drinks on the table. Sally felt a floating sort of relaxed feeling. There were no other cookies on earth like Grandma's cookies. They made her feel really good.

Everyone sat down and Grandpa thanked God for the cookies and drinks. Ellie looked a bit shocked. "I didn't think people would thank God for cookies," she blurted and then looked very embarrassed. Everyone laughed but Grandpa looked at Ellie seriously. "Well, I like to thank God for everything," he said. "And even though these are cookies, my wife makes them with healthy ingredients." Sally laughed at Ellie's face. She knew they looked too yummy to be healthy.

Grandpa glanced out the window and pointed. "Look, Ellie! That's why you don't have to worry about God flooding the earth," he smiled. Ellie looked a bit confused.

"God gave the rainbow as a sign that he would never do that again." Grandpa explained. Ellie didn't look convinced. "But, it still floods! God still lets it flood, doesn't he?" Ellie exclaimed.

Grandpa took a sip of coffee and smiled at her. Would you like to hear my version of the story?" Grandpa asked. Ellie nodded.



"Long, long ago, God created our world. He first made night and day, oceans and land, plants and animals and when the earth was ready for human beings, he made a man. He called him Adam because that means 'red earth.' Or to put it bluntly, he was made from dirt. All the animals had mates, but Adam was all alone, so God made Adam a wife. He put them in a beautiful garden, more like a national park in size, and told them to take care of it. The garden had everything in it they needed to live a happy life. They could eat of every tree in the garden except for the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. But we all know how that turned out. They chose to do what they wanted and ate that forbidden fruit and God kicked them out of the Garden of Eden. They were on their own.

Now, you can imagine if people kept doing what they wanted, without obeying God, how bad things might get on Earth. How bad do you think things might have gotten in the 1650 years from Adam and Eve to the flood? People were living their normal lives, but they were lying, cheating, stealing and murdering and they wouldn't repent, or change, from their ways."

Things have changed a lot in America in just fifty years, haven't they Grandpa?" Sally interrupted. Grandpa nodded his head.

"That's right, Sally." Ellie and Sally looked at each other with wide eyes. It must have been very bad back then. Grandpa continued. "Did you know that Noah was a preacher sent by God to warn these people?



God was so disgusted with their behavior that he was sorry he had made human beings and he decided to destroy every creature that lived on land. But He gave people a chance to repent. He saw that Noah was righteous and obeyed Him, so He told Noah his plan. He commanded him to build a huge ship to save his family and the creatures He would send to the ark. Noah preached to the people and warned them of the flood.

But they didn't listen, so God rained on the earth for forty days and forty nights and the springs of water that were underground spurted up like fountains. The water rose higher and higher until the highest mountains were covered with water. The ark floated on this water for 150 days before the flood began to go down. Altogether, Noah and his family were in the ark for almost a year before they stood on dry ground again. God promised them and all human beings that he would never again flood all the earth and gave them the sign of a rainbow.

So, when floods occur around the world, remember that they are not sent by God to destroy human beings. And every time you see a rainbow you can remember that God keeps his promises.

"Thank you, Mr James," Ellie said. "That really helps."

She looked out the window and sighed as she considered the rainbow.

"I know God keeps His promises. I didn't realize that the rainbow is like his signature on, on..." Ellie scrunched up her face as she tried to find the word.

"I think you mean a 'contract' or a 'legal agreement', Ellie. Yes, God made a deal that He will not break." Grandpa nodded his head.

"Amen," said Grandma smiling at the rainbow.

"Amen," they all agreed.

Prayer from Psalm 73

Dear Father in Heaven,

You are so good to your people, to those who are pure in heart. Help me to be pure in heart. Help me not to want what other people have.

When people go through hard times without you, they do not have you to help them. But I know that I have You to help me. You hold my hand and lead me safely through life.

I do not need anything else. You are my ark, my place of safety during the storms and difficulties of life.

Thank you very much, In Jesus Christ's name, Amen.



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