



Noah and the Ark

The Beginner's Bible

About the Book

A long time ago Noah and his family were the only people in the world who loved God. God told Noah to build an ark to save his family and the animals of the world. When it was done, the rain started. The earth flooded. After a time the water dried up. Noah, his family, and the animals left the ark. God sent a rainbow to tell Noah that He would never cover the whole earth with water again.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. How was Noah different from everyone else? (See pages 4–7.)
2. What did God tell Noah to build? What was it called?
3. What did God send to fill the ark?
4. Why did God send a rainbow? What does it remind us of today?

EXTENSION ACTIVITIES:

Hide God's Word in Your Heart: Have readers memorize Genesis 9:11 (NIV). God is speaking: "Here is my covenant I am making with you. The waters of a flood will never again destroy all life. A flood will never again destroy the earth." Use motions and repetition to memorize this verse.

Rainbows: God always keeps His promises, even those He made a long time ago. We learn about the first rainbow in the story about Noah. God says the rainbow is a symbol showing that God will never flood the whole earth again. Using various colors of tissue paper and construction paper, have readers create a "stained glass" rainbow. Hang it up with some yarn. Write "God keeps His promises!" at the bottom.

Build It: Noah lived a long time ago. The Bible tells us that people lived a lot longer then. The ark probably took Noah a long time to build. It had to be big enough for a lot of animals. Just recently an ark like Noah's ark was built so that we can see and feel what it might have been like. With readers visit the ark online (it is in Kentucky) and talk about what it might have been like.* Try building your own ark out of materials available—toothpicks and marshmallows, popsicle sticks, cardboard, paper, tape, etc.

*"Noah's Ark," Ark Encounter, accessed July 11, 2017, <https://arkencounter.com/noahs-ark/>.

God Glasses: Talk about God's promises such as God protects those who love Him. Use pipe cleaners to create glasses to wear. As they put them on, create a booklet with words and/or pictures for God's promises shown on pages 12 and 32. Have them look at the booklet through their glasses. Then have them keep them on as you ask about their own lives. Are these promises still true? Will God protect you at school? Will God be with you when you have to try something new? You don't have to have the glasses on for God's promises to be true, but maybe they will help you remember what God has promised.

