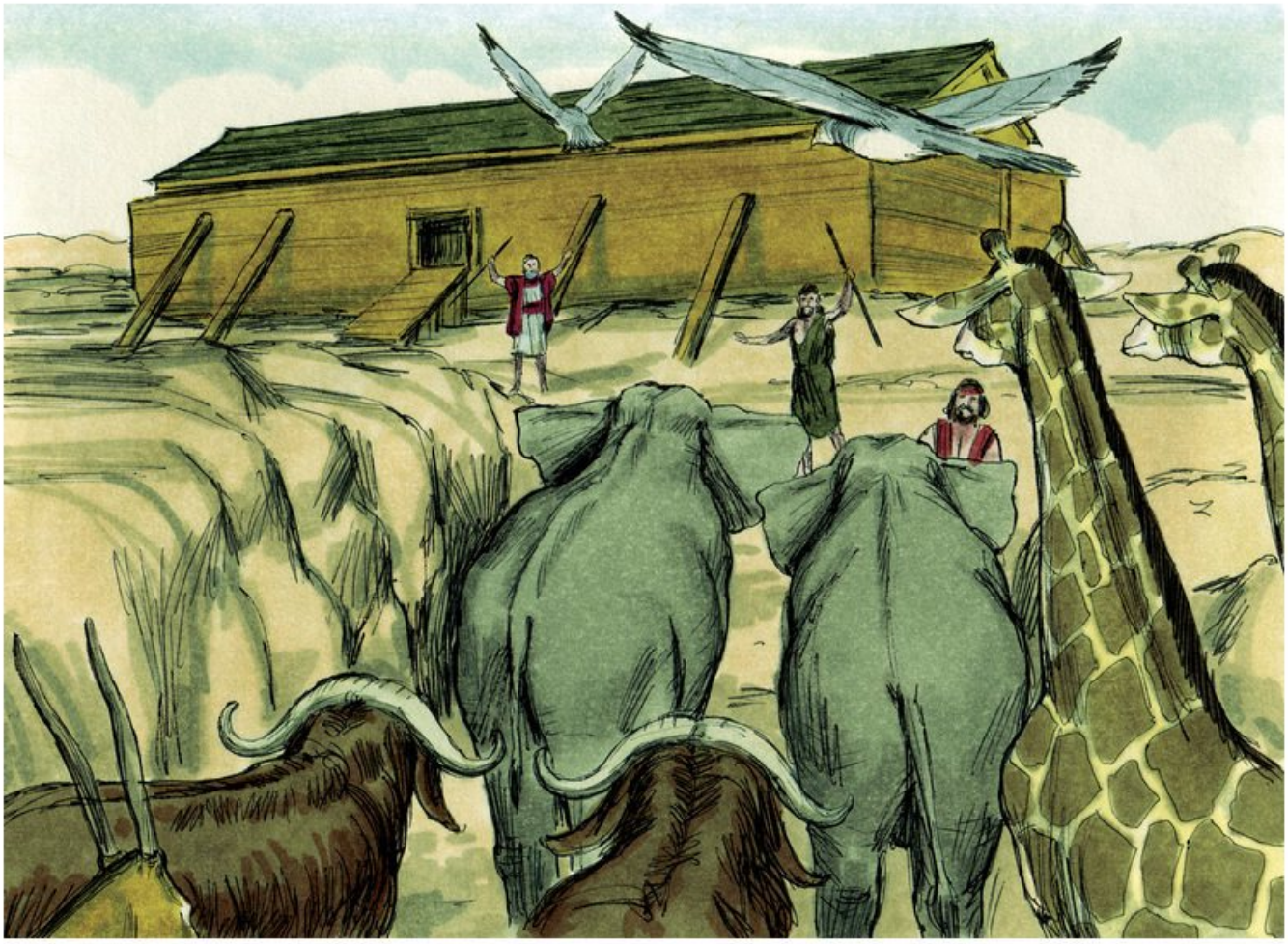
GENESIS TO REVELATION | BIBLE ACCOUNT

Noah Builds the Ark

Genesis 6:9-7:24



YOUR BIBLE READING

Noah listened to God and prepared the ark as instructed.

Inside: two extended reading pages, a thoughtful reflection, creative activities and a grown-up guide.

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Preparing the Ark

Genesis 6:9-7:24



The earth was filled with violence, but Noah walked with God. God told Noah that a great flood was coming. He gave Noah instructions for a large wooden ark, with rooms, a roof, a door, and three levels. Noah did what God commanded. Noah's different way of living is set against a world damaged by violence. The instructions describe an actual shelter with space for people, animals, and supplies during the flood.

The ark would carry Noah, his wife, his sons, and their wives. God also told Noah to bring animals and to gather food for the people and animals. Noah prepared for the long time they would spend inside the ark together. The animals were not all limited to one pair: Genesis also describes extra clean animals and birds. The purpose of bringing them aboard was to keep creatures alive.

When the time came, Noah's family entered. Animals came as God had commanded, and God shut them in. Rain fell for forty days and forty nights. Water also burst from the deep. The rising flood lifted the ark until it floated above the ground. The family does not control the flood or steer it away. Their preparation places them inside the ark, while the water rises and lifts the vessel from the land.

The water rose over the mountains. The people and land creatures outside the ark died, a terrible loss in the story. Noah and those with him remained alive inside. The ark carried its passengers across the floodwaters, and the waters stayed high for many days. The account ends this section with the flood still covering the earth. The return to dry ground belongs to the next part of Noah's story, after more waiting.

Remember: Careful listening can lead to careful action.

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A Serious Story About Life

Genesis 6:9-7:24



An ark is the large vessel God tells Noah to build. Its rooms and levels distinguish it from a little open boat. The people and animals will need a place to remain through a long disaster, not merely a ride across a stream. Food is part of the instruction from the beginning. Shelter and supplies belong together in the work Noah is given to do.

Noah responds by doing what God commands. The account does not tell us about neighbors laughing at him, and it does not describe children helping him hammer boards. Those scenes may appear in pictures, but they are not details we need to add to this passage. The written story gives enough to understand his task: build, gather food, bring living creatures, and enter when the time comes.

The rain lasts forty days and forty nights, but the whole experience is longer than the rain. Water remains high after the skies stop pouring. Keeping those two periods distinct helps us read carefully. The ark is a place where the family and animals remain alive while the world around them changes. The later journey toward a dry earth is still ahead at this stopping point.

This is also a story of devastating loss. Naming that gently is part of taking the passage seriously. The deaths outside the ark are not a reason to laugh, cheer at suffering, or imagine that ordinary disasters reveal which children were good. Within Genesis, the flood belongs to an account of judgment on a violent world. Readers can bring sadness and questions to that difficult part rather than cover it with cheerful animal pictures alone.

Pause and think: Which detail about the ark's preparation helps you understand the care involved?

THINK, NOTICE & GROW

Think About Preparation and Care



Look at the three kinds of preparation in the account: shelter, living creatures, and food. Which one had you noticed first? A drawing of the ark can include shelves of supplies or separate rooms without claiming that the Bible gives every room's arrangement. Distinguishing a helpful picture from a stated detail is one way to become a careful reader.

For a present-day example, families sometimes prepare a bag for a storm or another emergency. A trusted adult decides what is needed, such as water, medicine, or contact information. Helping with a small task can be useful, but keeping a whole family safe is an adult responsibility. Children are not to blame when a disaster overwhelms people's plans or resources.

If the losses in this story trouble you, talk with someone you trust. You may feel sad for people and animals while still listening to the account. Compassion does not spoil a Bible story. It helps you remember that lives matter. You can also notice the work of caring for those who depend on others for food, shelter, and protection.

A SMALL STEP FOR TODAY

Noah prepares the ark as instructed, and the flood account asks readers to take both preserved life and terrible loss seriously.

Which detail about the ark's preparation helps you understand the care involved?

Read, Remember & Create

Name: _____ Date: _____

1 Think about the reading

1. What did Noah gather besides the animals?

2. Who shut Noah and his companions inside?

2 Put the ideas in order

Write 1, 2 and 3 for the order these ideas appear in the reading.

- ☐ Noah's family and the animals entered.
- ☐ The flood rose and the ark floated.
- ☐ God gave Noah instructions for the ark.

3 Draw a meaningful picture

Draw a cutaway of the ark showing rooms for animals and food.

Tell someone how your picture connects to the reading.

Read & Grow Together

Read and learn with context

This English edition is designed for ages 6-10 with an adult. Read both extended readings together, or enjoy one each day. Pause at unfamiliar words, invite questions and use the reflection page to connect the story with everyday life. These are retellings and lessons with explanations; read the listed Bible passage for context. Poetry, parables, letters and symbolic visions are identified by type.

Remember this

Careful listening can lead to careful action.
Original memory thought, not a direct Bible quotation. Related passage: Genesis 6:22

A thoughtful conversation

The flood includes real loss within the biblical story. Name death gently and allow questions. Genesis 7 specifies extra clean animals; avoid saying there were only two of every kind.

Activity answers

1. Food for the people and animals.
2. God shut them in.
Sequence boxes, top to bottom: 2, 3, 1. Personal responses and drawings will vary.

Optional prayer

If you wish: God, help me listen carefully and care for living things.

Print and share

Each pack has 6 pages. Print on A4 at Actual Size (100%). The worksheet is page 5. You may print just that page, or use the separate 150-page activity book. The collection contains 150 packs in Bible book order, 15 volumes and one ZIP. Catalog pack IDs stay the same when new readings are added.

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