

# The Story of Noah

**SCRIPTURE:** Genesis 6:14 – 9:17

**MEMORY VERSE:** My God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:19

**CHARACTERS:** Noah, wife, sons/wives, animals, weather person

It had been a long time since God had made the world and everything in it. There were many people on the earth, but they did not love God or obey Him. God said, "I will destroy everything that I made."

But there was one man who loved God. His name was Noah. God spoke to Noah and said, "I am going to destroy all the people on the earth. I will send rain for forty days and nights. All the earth will be covered with water. But Noah, because you love me and obey me, I will not destroy you and your family."

Then God said to Noah, "I want you to build an ark. (An ark is a VERY large boat) You must build it like I tell you. Before it begins to rain, take your wife and your three sons and their wives into this boat. I also want you to take two of some kinds of birds and animals into the ark. Take seven pairs of animals and birds which men use most. You must also take plenty of food for all the people and the animals.

When the people saw Noah building a boat, they laughed at him. When the boat was ready, Noah, his family and the animals all got inside. God shut the door of the boat.

The rain began to fall. It rained and rained and rained!! For forty days and forty nights it rained. Water covered the grass, then the trees, then the highest mountains. Water covered the entire earth. All the people and animals that were not in the boat died. God took care of Noah and his family just as he had promised.

After the rain stopped Noah sent a dove out to see if the water had dried up enough to come out of the ark. When the dove returned with a green olive leaf in its beak, Noah knew it was time to leave the ark. After leaving the ark, Noah built an altar (place to worship) and he thanked the Lord. God made a promise to Noah that never again would He destroy the earth with water. God made a rainbow in the sky as a sign of His promise.

**God always keeps his promises!!**