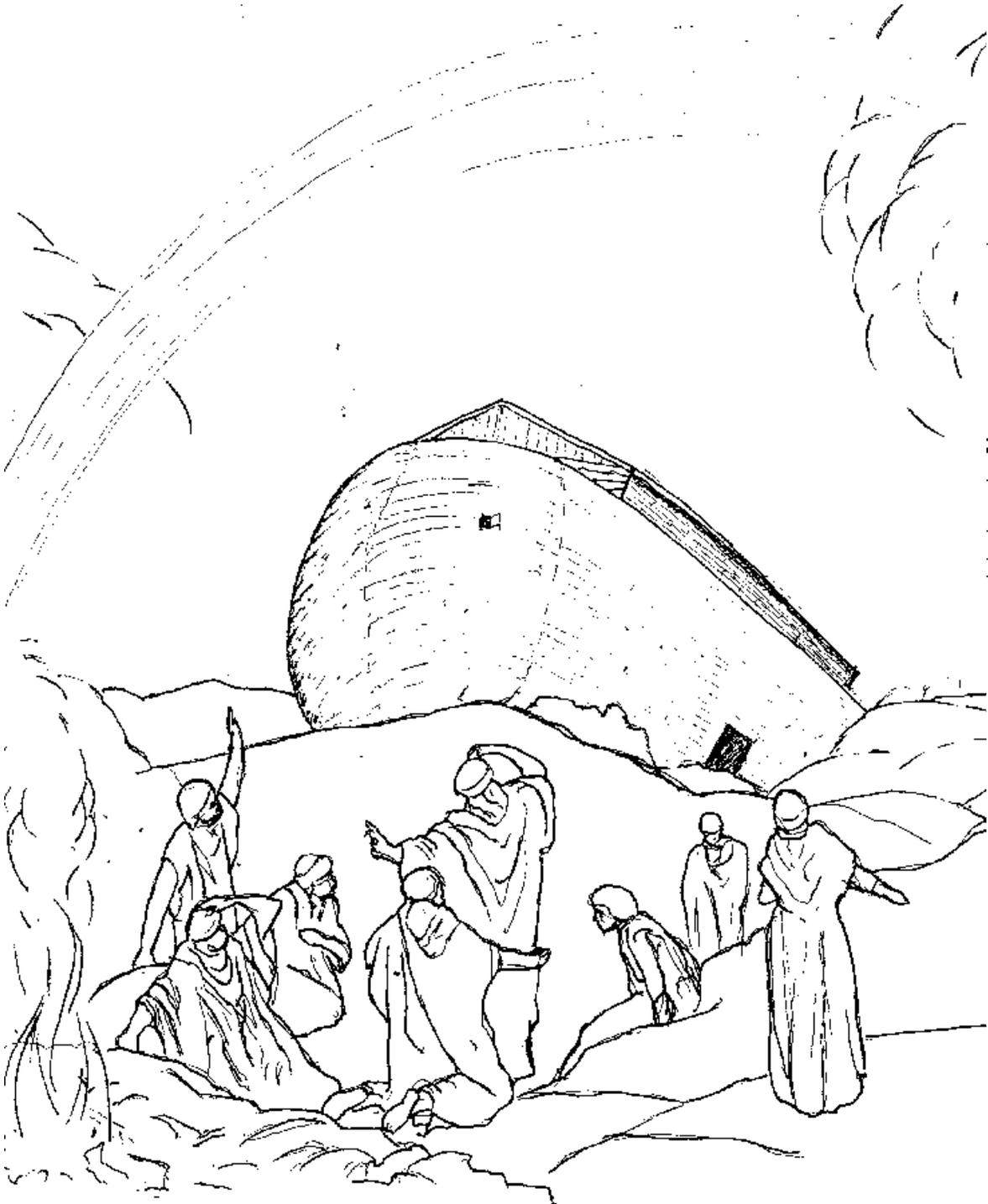


Noah & the Flood

Genesis 6-8



Color a rainbow in the sky above the ark. There is a hint of one already in the picture.



The Story

Adam and Eve had many children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and so on until the earth was full of people. Unfortunately, as there got to be more people on the earth, the people forgot more and more about God. The Lord saw that the people on earth were very wicked and in their hearts were always thinking only evil. The world was getting more and more wicked in God's sight and was filled with crime.

The Lord was sorry He made people on the earth, and He felt sick at heart. "I will wipe off the ground the people I created," the Lord said, "people, cattle, creeping things, and birds of the air, because I am sorry I made them."

But the Lord was gracious to Noah. Noah believed in God and loved God. Noah walked with God. Noah had three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

So God said to Noah, "I have decided all people must die because they've filled the world with crime, and now I'm going to destroy them and the world. Make yourself an ark (large boat). Make three levels on the ark, full of rooms. Cover it inside and out with pitch. (This would make it waterproof.) The ark should be 450 feet long (1½ times the length of a football field), 75 feet wide, and 45 feet high. Make an opening near the top for light and put a door in the side.

"I'm going to bring a flood on the earth to destroy all things that live and breathe under the sky. Everything on earth must die.

"But I will make a promise to you: You will go into the ark with your wife, and your three sons, and their wives. Take two of every kind of animal, male and female, into the ark with you to keep them alive. And get every kind of food for you and the animals and take it on the ark."

Noah did this. He did just as God

ordered him.

"You and your whole family," God said, "go into the ark, because I have seen how you believe in me and love me. Take with you seven of the clean animals and two of every other kind of animal, and seven of the birds. There will be seven days left and then I will make it rain for forty days."

Noah did just as the Lord ordered him. He and his wife, his three sons and their wives went into the ark to escape the flood. God sent all the animals to Noah and Noah put them on the ark. Then the Lord closed the door behind them.

For forty days the rain poured down on the earth. Water also came up from under the earth. As the waters increased, it raised the ark up so that it floated on the water. The water rose over the whole earth and even the highest mountains were covered.

Every living thing, animals and people, on the earth died. Only Noah and those with him on the ark lived.

God thought of Noah and every wild and tame animal with him in the ark, and so God made a wind blow over the earth, and the water went down. The waters continued to go down until the ark rested on a mountain.

Noah let a dove fly away to find out if the water on the ground had gone down. But the dove came back because she couldn't find a place to set her foot down that wasn't covered with water. A week later he let the dove fly out again. This time she came back with a fresh plucked leaf of an olive tree! Then Noah knew the water had gone down. When he let the dove out a week later, it did not return to the ark.

Then God spoke to Noah, "Come out of the ark, you and your family. Bring out with you the animals. Let them spread

out on the earth, have young and fill the earth." God told Noah's sons, "Have children and become many and fill the earth."

Noah built an altar to the Lord and made a burnt offering to thank God for saving him and his family.

The Lord said, "Never again will

there be a flood to destroy the world. This is the sign of my promise: I will put My rainbow in the clouds. Whenever the rainbow is seen in the clouds, I will remember My promise and never again will the water flood the whole world and destroy every living thing."

God cleansed the earth which had become corrupt and violent.

Activity One - Match the part of the story with the meaning for your life. Write the letter from the column on the right in the correct blank in the column on the left. Your answers should make a word.

_____ The people of Noah's day were wicked and deserved death.

_____ Noah believed in God.

_____ God saved Noah and his family in the ark.

_____ God gave Noah and his family life after the flood.

_____ Noah thanked God for saving him and his family.

R. God saved me by sending Jesus to die for me.

M. I sin every day and deserve death in hell.

Y. I thank God for saving me.

E. I believe in God.

C. God gives me eternal life.

By God's grace we are able to trust in our Savior Jesus Christ for salvation.

Activity Two - Review the story by completing the Crossword Puzzle. The words in the WORD BOX will help you.

PROMISE	DIED	RAINED	BUILD	PEOPLE
RAINBOW		ANIMAL	FAMILY	FLOOD

A
cross (Shows God's Mercy)

1. The ___ reminds us of God's promise.
2. God saved Noah and his ___.
3. God sent 2 of every ___ to the ark.
6. God told Noah to ___ an ark.
7. God made a ___ not to flood the whole world again.

Down (Shows God's Judgment)

1. It ___ for 40 days.
2. God sent a ___ to cover the earth.
4. All living things ___ that were not on the ark.
5. God destroyed all ___ but Noah and his family because of their sin.

Activity Three - Read Ephesians 2:8-9 and think about the questions.

Ephesians 2:8-9 - For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.

Did Noah ever sin?

Then why did God save Noah and his family when all other people died?

Passage

Romans 6:23- For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Look at Romans 6:23 above. Decide which words show God's judgment and which words show God's mercy. Write the words from the passage in the correct blanks.

Judgment – Sin is bad. Because we sin we deserve death.

Mercy – God loves us and makes a way to save us.

Hymn - TLH 652 v. 1, 4

I lay my sins on Jesus, the spotless Lamb of God;
He bears them all and frees us from the accursed load.
I bring my guilt to Jesus to wash my crimson stains
White in His blood most precious till not a spot remains.

I long to be like Jesus, meek, loving, lowly, mild;
I long to be like Jesus, the Father's holy Child.
I long to be with Jesus amid the heav'nly throng
To sing with saints His praises, to learn the angels' song.

Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father, we see that we sin much everyday. We know that we deserve death as a punishment. Thank You for sending Jesus, whom You punished in our place on the cross. Fill our hearts with the Holy Spirit that we may learn to obey You. Thank You for giving us eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.