

Noah and his trust in God with a reminder of God's promise to us.



Let's begin by opening your BIBLE and reading Genesis 6 verses 9-16.

"Noah was a godly man. He was without blame among the people of his time. He walked with God. Noah had three sons. Their names were Shem, Ham and Japheth. The earth was very sinful in God's eyes. It was full of mean and harmful acts. God saw how sinful the earth had become. All of the people on earth were leading very sinful lives. So God said to Noah, 'I am going to put an end to all people. They have filled the earth with their harmful acts. So make yourself an ark from cypress wood. Make rooms in it.

The ark that Noah built was not your average-sized boat. It was one and a half times the length of a football field, and four stories high. It was as large as some of the ships that sail the oceans today. It was built exactly the way God told Noah to build it.

But greater than the ark was Noah's obedience to God. Think of what it must have been like for Noah and his family. They were building a huge boat in an area that was not near a lake or the ocean. It was too large for anyone to move it to a lake or the ocean.

Do you think Noah cared what people thought? He probably felt just like some people today might feel that people were laughing at him and trying to make him feel foolish. He must have had many days when he asked God if it was really necessary for him to build this boat.

Now read Gen. 6 verse 22 in your BIBLE.

We know that Noah loved God, so he remained obedient. Noah did exactly what God had commanded Him to do."

Seven days later it began to rain and it continued for 40 days and 40 nights. The water covered the highest mountains but Noah and his family along with all the animals remained safe, just like God promised they would. They stayed in the boat for almost a year.

Genesis 9:11

God said, "Here is my covenant that I am making with you. The waters of a flood will never destroy all life again. A flood will never destroy the earth again".

Genesis 9:16

God said, "When the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it. I will remember that my covenant will last forever. It is a covenant between me and every kind of living thing on earth".

Questions to think about.

Why did Noah build the ark? **He was obedient to God.**

What is the sign that will remind us of His promise? **The Rainbow**

What is God's promise to us? **Never to flood the earth to destroy all life again.**

God gives us stories like Noah's so that we will have the same faith. When we accept Jesus into our hearts, we receive God's Holy Spirit. We can talk directly to God, and when we pray, we can hear God's calling. The more we listen to God, the more we'll see God at work in our lives, and the more we see God's work, the greater our faith will be. And the greater our faith, the greater things God can do through our lives!

Dear God,

Thank you for the story of Noah. We pray that Noah's faith will inspire our own. Help us to obey you, just like Noah and his family did.

In Jesus' name, Amen