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# Noah's Ark

—4th story—

**Narration** Many years passed since the days of Adam and Eve and the number of people on earth increased. However, God saw how great man's wickedness on the earth had become and His heart was filled with pain.

**G o d** The world is full of violence and evil. I regret making man on the earth. I will wipe them from the face of the earth.

**Narration** However, there was one good man on earth. He was called Noah. Noah loved his neighbors and loved God. He always walked with God. God chose Noah.

**G o d** Noah, I am going to bring floodwaters on the earth to destroy all life on it. But I will establish my covenant with you - I will save you and your family and two of all living creatures, male and female. You are to build yourself an ark at the top of the mountain.

**Narration** As commanded by God, Noah began to build a big ark of cypress wood. But the people mocked him.

**M a n** Huh~ Noah has finally gone crazy~! He is building an ark at the top of the mountain where there is no water~!

**W o m a n** Hohoho, indeed, he is mad~ he says floodwaters are coming. Rain when the skies are this clear? He is crazy~!

**Narration** Noah built a big ark as commanded and instructed by God so that two of all living creatures, male and female, could enter it.

**G o d** Seven days from now, I will bring rain to the earth for forty days and forty nights.

**Narration** On that very day, two of all living creatures entered the ark - elephants, lions, giraffes, even birds of the sky - the ark was filled with animals. Of the people, only Noah, his wife and their three sons, Shem, Ham and Japheth and their wives (eight in total), entered the ark.

**Narration** As the door of the ark shut closed, rain began to pour from the sky.



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It was as if there was a hole in the sky - rain kept pouring day and night. The waters rose and covered all of the earth. Nothing was left on the earth except the ark which held Noah, his family and the animals.

**Narration** The rain finally stopped on the fortieth day. The whole earth was covered in water - nothing could be found. But Noah and his family and the animals in the ark were safe. One day, Noah sent out a dove but the dove could not find a place to set its feet and returned to Noah in the ark. Seven days later, Noah again sent out the dove. This time the dove returned with a freshly plucked olive leaf in its beak. Then Noah knew that the water had receded from the earth.

**Narration** 370 days passed before the water dried up completely from the earth. God spoke to Noah.

**G o d** Come out of the ark with your family Noah.

**Narration** Noah and his family came out of the ark. The animals also came out of the ark. Noah built an altar to the Lord and brought Him an offering of thanks.

**G o d** Never again will I curse the ground, as I have done.

**Narration** God set His rainbow in the clouds. This rainbow was a sign of His covenant that He would never again destroy the earth with the waters.