



Week 4

Noah and the Flood

Many people were born and filled the earth God had made. Many of them were very bad and continually disobeyed God. God said, "I will have to punish the people. I will send a flood to cover the earth and everyone on it."

There was one man who stayed faithful. His name was Noah. God wanted to save Noah and his family. He told Noah to build a large boat called an ark. God brought animals of every kind to stay on the ark with Noah and his family. When all the animals and everyone in Noah's family were on board, God shut the door.

It began to rain. It rained for forty days and forty nights. At last, the water was so deep that it covered all the hills and mountains. But God kept the people and the animals in the ark safe.

After many days, the water began to go away. At last, the ground was dry. Then, Noah and his family and all of the animals came out of the ark.

(*) Noah thanked God for saving him and his family. He built an altar and praised God. Then God put a rainbow

in the sky and said, "This is a sign of My promise. Never again will I send a flood to cover the earth. Remember My promise every time you see a rainbow."

Fold the family letter back so your child can focus on the big picture as you tell the Bible story. At the point in the story indicated by an asterisk (), fold the picture strip forward, overlapping part of the big picture. Talk about what has changed in the picture as you continue the story.*

Think about It

Read more about Noah in Genesis 6:1-9:17. Remember: even when you have troubles all around you, God is near. God will remember you! He will be with you and bless you!

Bible Words



Dear Family,

Pictures of Noah and the ark are always fun to see because of all the cute animals. But there is so much more to the story. God's actions show what is most significant. Though they were surrounded by evil, Noah and his family were protected by God's care as they huddled in the ark for more than a month of stormy days. And when the flood waters receded much later, God placed a rainbow in the sky to remind Noah, his family, and your family of God's faithfulness to His promises.

God used the wooden ship to rescue Noah during the flood. But even more important, God rescues us all through the wooden cross on which Jesus died to save us from our sins. The rainbow is a sign of God's promise. Even more so, Christ's empty tomb at Easter tells us of God's promise of eternal life in heaven!

When your family faces stormy weather or stormy situations, huddle together in God's grace, knowing that He is near, He will be with you, and He will do what is best at the time that is right.

Read together pages 36-42 in *The Story Bible* (CPH).

