



The Big Boat

Noah trusts God when everyone else forgets

Story #3 | Ages 4–10 | Genesis 6–9

1 Everyone Forgets God

Scripture: Genesis 6:5-8 | Theme: A sad world, one faithful man

😞 A Forgetful World



Long, long ago, people forgot **all** about God. They stopped sharing. They stopped caring. They yelled and broke things and made a big mess.

God looked at the world. His heart felt *sad*.

But there was **ONE** man who still loved God and listened.

His name was **Noah**.

"But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD." — Genesis 6:8

😊😞 Face Game

Make a **sad, messy** face like the forgetful world.

Now make a **happy, trusting** face like Noah!

Which face feels better?

🌟 God Has a Big Job!



God came close to Noah and said:

🌟 **GOD SAYS:**

"Noah, you are the only one who listens to Me. I have a very big job for you!"

Noah's eyes got wide.

🚢 **NOAH SAYS:**

"I will do whatever You say, God!"

And Noah meant it. He was ready to obey — even if it looked silly!

💡 Tiny Truth

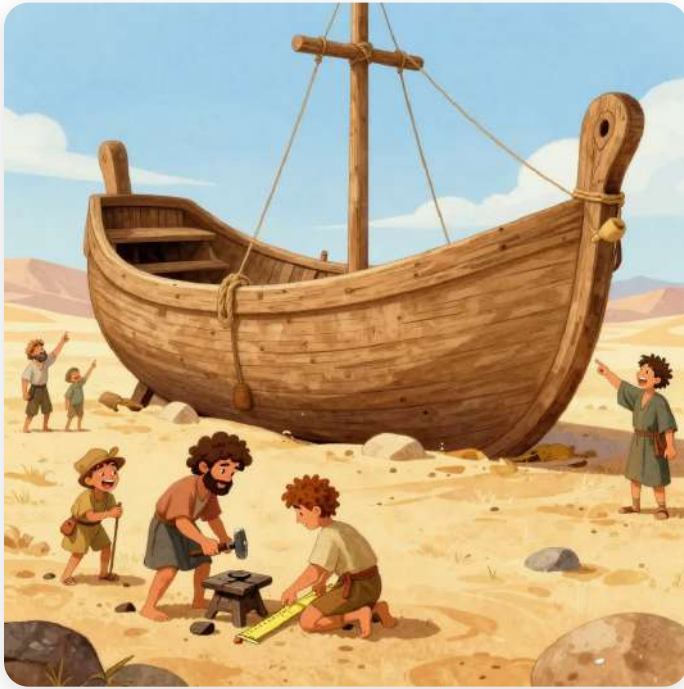
When everyone around us forgets what's good, we can still **stand tall** like Noah. Trusting God is never silly — it's brave!

2 Build the Big Boat!

Scripture: Genesis 6:9-22 | Theme: Obedience when it looks strange



Hammer, Hammer!



God told Noah to build a **G I A N T** wooden boat called an **Ark**.

It had to be:

- 🪵 Very, **very** long
- 🪵 Very, **very** wide
- 🪵 Three whole **stories** tall!

And it needed rooms for **animals**, **food**, and Noah's whole family!

☀️ GOD SAYS:

"Build it 300 cubits long, 50 cubits wide, and 30 cubits high!"

📏 How Big is a Cubit?

A cubit is from your elbow to your fingertips. Measure your own cubit! Now imagine **300** of those in a row. That's longer than a football field!



Trusting Even When It's Silly



Noah started building. And building. And **building**.

His neighbors pointed and laughed.

🏹 NOAH SAYS:

"You'll **NEVER** need a **BOAT** in the **DESERT**!"
— the neighbors teased

But Noah kept hammering.

Year after year.

He trusted God even when it looked silly.

"Noah did this; he did all that God commanded him." — Genesis 6:22



Tiny Truth

Obeying God can look *strange* to people who don't understand. But Noah kept building — and that made him a **hero**!



SPLASH! WHOOSH!



Suddenly — **K-BOOM!** Thunder cracked!
Water came pouring from the sky like a thousand
bathtubs tipping over at once.

SPLISH! SPLASH! WHOOSH!

Water covered the trees. Water covered the
houses. Water covered the hills!
But inside the Ark?



Dry and cozy!

Animals munching hay. Noah praying. The family
safe and snug inside God's big wooden promise.

*"The waters increased and bore up the ark,
and it rose high above the earth." — Genesis
7:17*



Rain Sound Band

Drum your fingers softly like light rain.
Now drum **loudly** like the flood!
Now be totally quiet... like the peace inside the Ark.



God Remembers Noah



It rained for **40 days and 40 nights**. That's more
than a whole month!

The water got SO high that even the **tallest
mountains** disappeared.

Outside = **big storm**.

Inside = **God's hug**.

But God did not forget Noah.

GOD SAYS:

"I see you, Noah. I remember My promise to keep
you safe."

NOAH SAYS:

"Thank You, God, for keeping us safe!"



Tiny Truth

When everything outside feels scary, we can
hide inside God's love — just like Noah in the
Ark!

4 A New Beginning!

Scripture: Genesis 8:1-22 | Theme: Fresh starts and God's promise

The Olive Leaf



After many, many months, the water started going down.

The Ark rested on top of a tall mountain.

Noah opened the window and sent out a **little bird** called a dove.

Whoosh! It flew away.

The dove came back... with a **fresh green leaf** in its beak! 🌿

"Land! Land!" Noah cheered.

Noah and his family stepped onto fresh green grass. It was a brand-new world!

Find the Green

Go outside and find something green — a leaf, a blade of grass, a plant. Hold it like Noah's dove. Say, "God gives us new beginnings!"

God's Rainbow Promise



The very first thing Noah did?

He **thanked God**.

And God made a beautiful promise to the whole world:

GOD SAYS:

"I will never flood the whole earth again. Look at the RAINBOW — that is My promise to you!"

Every time we see a rainbow in the sky, we can remember: **God keeps His promises.**

"I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant." — Genesis 9:13

The Promise Reminder

A rainbow needs BOTH rain AND sun — just like life has hard days AND good days. But God promises to be with us through ALL of it!



Paper Plate Ark

1. Fold a paper plate in half — this is your boat!
2. Paint or color the outside brown (wood).
3. Add animal stickers or draw animals peeking from windows.
4. Glue a popsicle stick or straw with a paper sail on top.
5. Write on the sail: **"God Keeps Me Safe!"**



Rainbow Promise Wreath

1. Cut strips of paper in rainbow order: red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple.
2. Glue into a circle to make a paper chain wreath.
3. Write a promise of God on each strip (e.g., "I am with you," "I love you").
4. Hang it where the sun shines to remind you of God's light after every storm!

Memory Verse Song (Tune: "Row, Row, Row Your Boat"):

"Trust, trust, trust the Lord,

Obey Him every day.

When the floods come He will keep us safe,

He knows the perfect way!"



Family Discussion Time

1. Why did God ask Noah to build the big boat? (The world forgot God — Noah listened!)
2. Have you ever had to do something that felt hard or silly because it was right? How did you feel?
3. Why did the neighbors laugh at Noah? Was Noah wrong or right to obey God?
4. Noah had to wait and wait and WAIT inside the boat. Are you good at waiting? What helps you wait patiently?
5. What does the rainbow mean? When you see a rainbow, what should you remember?
6. How does God keep His promises today? Who is the "Ark" that keeps us safe forever? (Hint: Jesus!)

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God Always Keeps His Promises!

When the world forgets,
God remembers.
When storms come,
He keeps us safe.
And when clouds part...
He paints a **rainbow**. 🌈

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