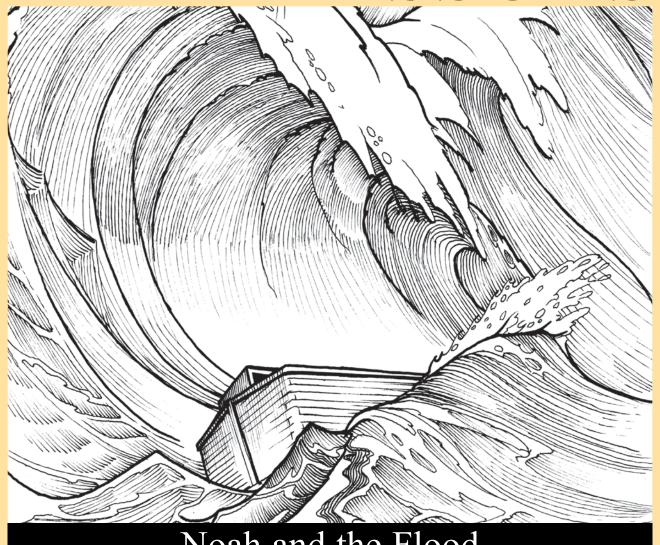
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Many years passed since Adam and Eve left the Garden of Eden. The Earth was filled with human beings. But these people did not get along with each other. They were selfish, greedy and violent. The world was filled with violence.

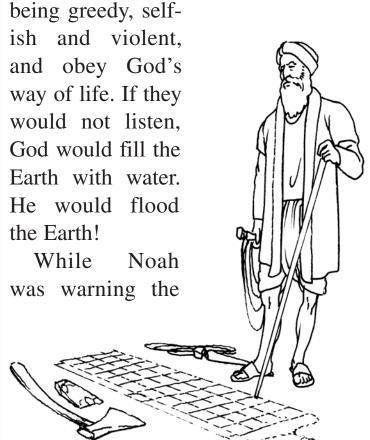
God was very unhappy with what He saw. He was sorry that He had created people. People had not listened to Him. Because of this, humans were not happy. Yet, there was one man who was, because he obeyed God.

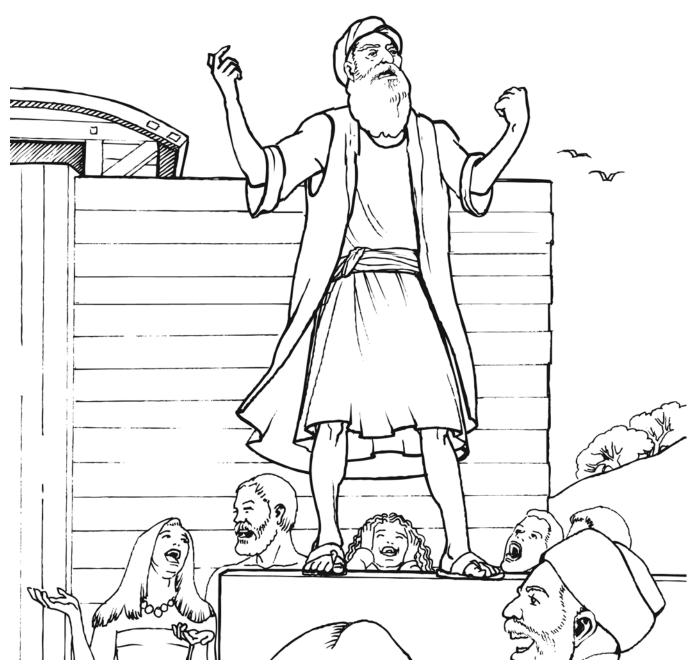
#### Noah

This man was Noah. Among the many millions of people, only Noah obeyed God. Noah practiced God's Law.

Because Noah lived God's Way, God told Noah His plan. God was going to destroy all human beings because they did evil continually and did not listen to Him. But, God would save Noah and his family because he obeyed God.

God told Noah to warn the people, to tell them that what they were doing was wrong. They were going to have to change their ways—stop





people, God had a second job for him. He instructed Noah to build a giant ship called an ark. The first thing he would have to do was collect all the supplies.

#### **Teaching the People**

As the ark was being built, many people were interested. They asked

Noah why he was building this big ship. Noah told them why.

Noah told the people that a flood was coming. He told them that it was coming because their way of life was wrong. He said that they must change their ways and follow God.

The people would not listen. They would not believe Noah's warning. They laughed at Noah and his fam-

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ily as they built the ark. They found it very funny that they were building a huge ship on land. They even thought Noah was crazy.

Yet Noah listened to God. Noah continued to warn people the for many years. Even when they laughed at him, he continued to care for the people by warning them. He wanted to try to save them from the Flood.

#### The Ark

The ark Noah built was huge—far bigger than your own house! This giant

ship was three stories tall and 450 feet long. (Ask your parents to describe how big that is.) The ark was shaped in such a way that it would not tip when the Earth was

flooded. It was made out of gopher wood and had many rooms. Noah and his sons put pitch on the outside.

Pitch is a sticky substance that makes sure water does not get into the ship.

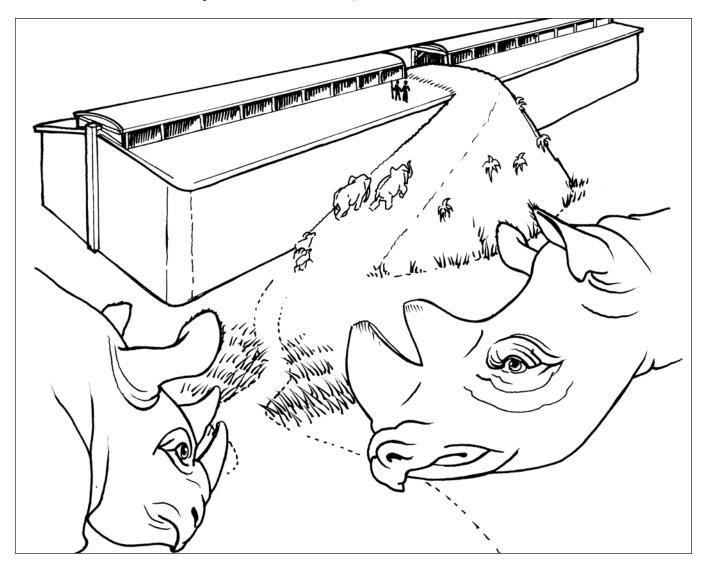
3 CHILDREN'S BIBLE LESSON Noah also made a giant door on the side of the ark. This was so all the animals could come into the ark. God was going to protect one male and one female of every kind of animal. After the Flood, these animals would fill the Earth. But of the clean animals, God wanted seven pairs.

This would provide food for Noah and his family during the Flood.

When the ark was completed, Noah and his family filled it with supplies. Everything they and the animals would need to survive was put on the ark.

The ark was ready for the Flood. But what about the animals? Then, an awesome thing happened.

A pair of each kind of unclean animal and seven pairs of the clean animals came. God caused every beast of the Earth to come to the ark. As they arrived, Noah put them each in their own room in the ark. The



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people watching the ark were shocked! They began to worry. Maybe Noah was right. Yet, they did not change their ways. They were still living a wrong way of life.

When every kind of animal and all of Noah's family were in the ark, God closed the door. The ark was now ready for the Flood.

#### The Flood

For seven days, nothing happened. There was no rain. People laughed at Noah and his family. They were sure that Noah and his family were crazy. They were sure that nothing would happen.

But then, storm clouds came. Strong winds came. Everybody felt a strong storm coming. Then, a drop of rain fell. People were no longer laughing.

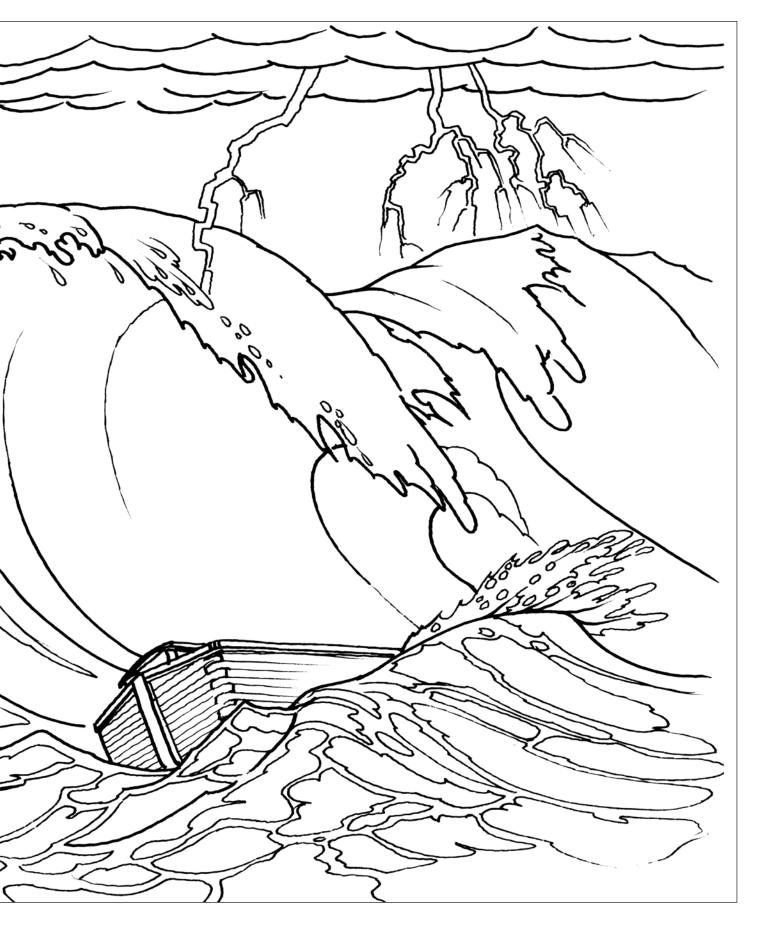
Very quickly, the rain gushed down upon the Earth. Water springs exploded from the ground. The rain did not stop for 40 days and nights. The whole world filled with water. The water was so high that even the tallest mountains were covered. The life of every man, animal and bird was taken in the great Flood. Only Noah's family, the animals on the ark, and the fish in the sea survived.

After the rain stopped, the ark floated for 150 days. During that time, Noah's family kept busy. They fed the animals and kept the ark clean.

Then, God created a wind. This wind caused the water to dry up. The water lowered and the ark came to rest upon the mountains of Ararat. It took many days for all the water to dry up. Noah, his family and the animals had to stay in the ark.

Noah sent out some birds to see if the lands were dry. A dove came back with an olive branch. Noah knew that he could leave soon. The next time, the dove did not

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come back. God now let Noah, his family, and the animals leave the ark.

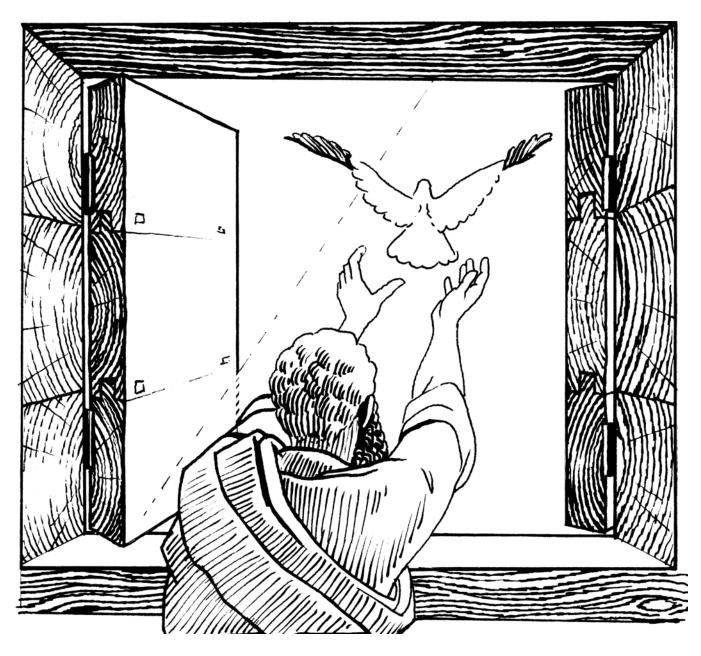
Everyone was happy to be on dry land again. Noah was very thankful. He made a burnt offering to God. This was a sign of how thankful Noah was.

God promised he would not flood the entire Earth again. God

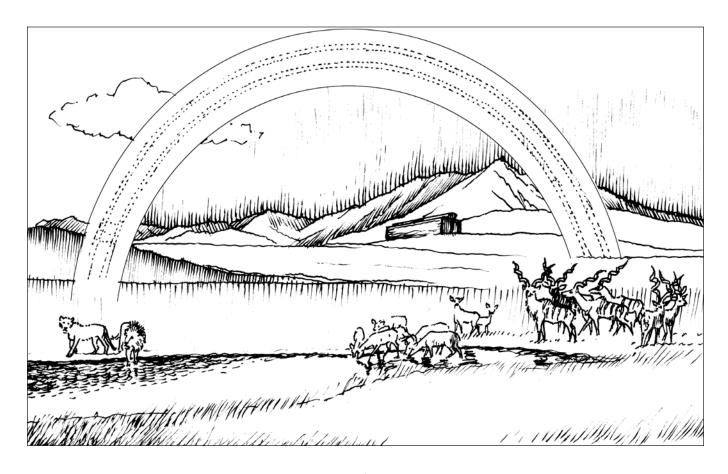
made a rainbow. This was a sign of His promise.

#### **Tower of Babel**

The sons of Noah—Shem, Ham and Japheth—had many children. The Earth began to fill with people again. People stayed close together, and



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built cities. Noah continued to teach his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren about God's Way. But just like people before the Flood, most did not listen.

A man was born whose name was Nimrod. He was the grandson of Ham and the great-grandson of Noah. Nimrod became a leader. He was a mighty hunter and protected the cities from wild animals. The people loved Nimrod.

Yet, Nimrod did not follow God. He felt he was strong and that he could do everything with his own strength. He did not need God. Nimrod led people to build a great city called Babel.

Nimrod taught the people to practice a false religion. This religion is where many wrong holidays came from.

Nimrod wanted to build a tower. This tower would be a sign of his greatness and the false religion that he taught.

Yet God saw what was happening. He knew that if the building of the tower continued, much evil would come from it. Men would do much evil again as they did before the Flood. So, God confused their

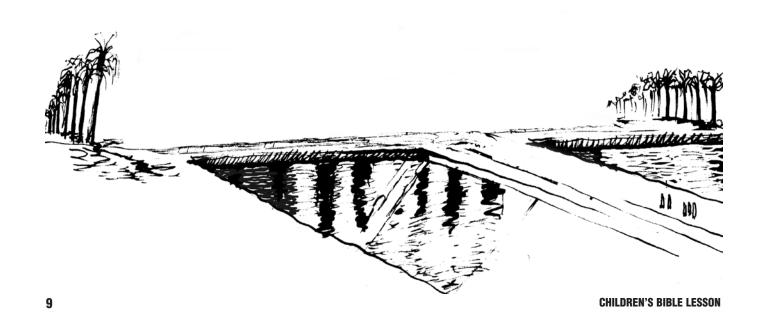
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languages. Instead of one language, there were now many.

People with different languages could not understand one another, and thus could not live together. Those who had the same language stayed together and moved to their own area on Earth. That is why we have the many different languages today!

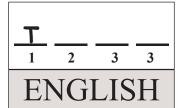
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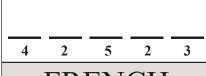
What do you think the tower of Babel looked like? Draw it below.



# **LANGUAGES**

Fill in the questions below to see how one word is different in other languages.

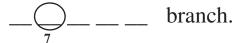




### **FRENCH**



- 1. The TOWER of Babel
- 2. Noah built the \_\_\_\_\_\_
- 3. S \_\_\_ was Noah's son.
- 4. God saved \_\_\_\_\_ and his family from the Flood.
- 5. The sign of God's promise to never flood the Earth again was a rain \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6. \_ \_ \_ wanted to build a tower.  $\sqrt[5]{}$
- 7. The bird came back to the ark with an



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## **WORD SEARCH**

Find each word from the list below in the puzzle. The words may be found in any direction. Be sure to check off each word as you find it.

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