

4. Noah & Flooding Water

Introduction: In the previous story, we heard how Adam and his wife disobeyed God and had to leave the garden and lived outside.

They had sons, and their sons had sons. After many years, the number of people in the world increased greatly. (Genesis 5; 6:1)

God said, "I am very sad. People are thinking about wickedness day and night. My Spirit must leave them and not stay with them. I must destroy all men and all living things on earth."
(Genesis 6:3, 5–7)

At that time, there was a man named Noah. He and his wife had three sons. God was pleased with him. Noah had a good relationship with God, because he listened to God. (Genesis 6:8–10)

God told Noah, "Men in this world are very destructive and are killing each other. I will use water to flood the land and to destroy all living things. You need to use wood to build a large boat. Inside, build many rooms; then bring each of the kinds of living things that fly in the air or walk on the land into the boat. As a result, their kind will be able to continue living in this land. Now I am making an agreement with you. When the flood comes, you and your family will be safe in this big boat." (Genesis 6:13–14, 6:17–18; 7:2–3)

Noah believed God, and he did what God asked. (Genesis 6:22; 7:5)

Noah was 600 years old when it started raining. It rained for 40 days. The flood waters came from the rain and also many other sources of water sprang up from the land. (Genesis 7:11–12)

The land was completely covered with water. Even the tall mountains were flooded. (Genesis 7:19)

All the living things that fly in the air or walk on the land had died; only those inside the big boat remained alive. (Genesis 7:23)

And it happened just the way God had said in His agreement with Noah. Noah and his wife, his three sons and his three daughters-in-law were all safe inside the big boat. (Genesis 7:13)

When Noah was 601 years old, the flood receded. The flood waters on the land dried up and the big boat rested on a tall mountain. (Genesis 8:4; 8:13)

God told Noah, "All of you can now get out of the boat. All the living things can get out too. Go and reproduce on the earth." (Genesis 8:16–17)

After they got out of the boat, Noah built a place to worship God, and put the best animals on that place to burn as an offering to God. (Genesis 8:18, 20)

God then blessed Noah and his family, and said to them, "I now make another agreement with all of you. From now on, I will never destroy this world with a flood. And I now put a rainbow in the sky. This is a symbol that declares our agreement." (Genesis 9:1; 9:11–16)