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God makes a covenant with Noah

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Noah wondered if the rain was still falling, adding to the waters that had flooded the earth. He opened a window of the ark. The rain had stopped. He let a dove fly out of the window. The bird was gone until dark. When it came back, Noah knew the dove had found nowhere to land and that there must still be water covering the land. He thought about the days and nights he and his wife and his sons and their wives had spent in the boat. He remembered the day when God told him to build it.

"Make an ark of gopher wood. I am about to bring the flood waters to destroy everything on earth. But with you I will establish my covenant." Noah obeyed God by building the ark according to his very detailed instructions. He put in it his family and a male and female of all the living things on the earth, as God had told him to do. When the rain started, Noah and his family were ready. For 40 days and 40 nights, the rain fell from heaven without stopping.

After another week had gone by, Noah sent out another dove. This bird returned with an olive branch, so Noah knew the water was receding. Later a third dove did not come back, so Noah knew it had found a dry place for its home. He said a prayer of thanksgiving to the Lord.

Then God told Noah what he wanted him to do. "Go out of the ark, together with your family. Bring out with you every living thing that is with you; birds or animals and creeping things, and let them abound on the earth."

Illustration by Linda Jeanne Rivers

So Noah opened the ark. He rejoiced when he stepped onto the dry land after being in the ship for so long. After his family was out, he instructed his sons to let all of the animals out.

After he said another prayer, God said, "I am now establishing my covenant with you, that never again shall another flood devastate the earth. This is the sign of the covenant that I am giving for all ages to come. I set my rainbow in the clouds as a sign. When the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the covenant I have made between me and you and all living things."

READ MORE ABOUT IT:
Genesis 6-9

Q&A

1. Who told Noah to build the ark?
2. What was the sign of God's promise?

Bible Trivia

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Puzzle

Cross out the word in each group that does not belong with the other two. An example is given to help you.
Answers on page 13.

Books of the Old Testament: **Joshua** **Judges** ~~**Peter**~~
(cross out Peter; it is not a book of the Old Testament)

1. Books of prophecy	**Daniel, Ezekiel, Psalms**
2. Gospels	**Matthew, Paul, Mark**
3. Sayings and poems	**Acts, Psalms, Proverbs**
4. Written by Paul	**Romans, Corinthians, Athenians**
5. Bible books named after women	**Ruth, Elizabeth, Esther**
6. First and last Bible books	**Revelation, Genesis, Jonah**

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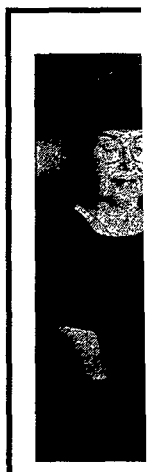

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