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The Word of the Lord: The Old Testament for Young Children

Notes for Parents & Teachers

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- a. Concentrate on the saving of the people and animals in the ark, not on the flood itself.
- b. The story is great—how long it rained, and the ark floating, and then waiting till the land reappeared.
- c. They are sure to love the stories of the raven and the dove.



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The Lord Sends a Big Flood

And it rained on the earth for forty days and forty nights.

Then the waters lifted up the ark from the earth. And the waters covered all the high mountains under the whole heaven. Everything died which was on the land. And the waters stayed on the earth for one hundred and fifty days.

And then the Lord God remembered Noah, and He made a wind to pass over the earth and dry up the rain. The waters went down and the rain from the heavens was stopped. The waters drained away from the earth until the ark came to rest on top of the mountains of Ararat.

And at the end of forty days, Noah opened the window of the ark and sent out a raven. It went out and flew to and fro until the waters were dried up from off the earth. Then Noah sent out a dove, but the dove found no rest for its feet and it returned to the ark. Noah put out his hand and pulled her into the ark to him. Then Noah waited seven more days and sent out the dove again and the dove came back to him in the evening, and there in its mouth was an olive leaf.

So Noah knew that the waters had gone from the earth. And he waited yet another seven days and sent out the dove, but it did not return to him anymore.

Genesis 7 and 8

