

# Noah and a New World



## WE PRAY TOGETHER



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Heavenly Father, we thank you for the new life you gave us through Noah and his family. Thank you for the promise in your rainbow! Amen.



## OUR LIFE TOGETHER

“A rainy day,” Ani sighs. The rain is pounding against her bedroom window. She can see large puddles everywhere. She would like to go outside to splash through the puddles, but she knows that her mother will not let her go out on such a rainy day.

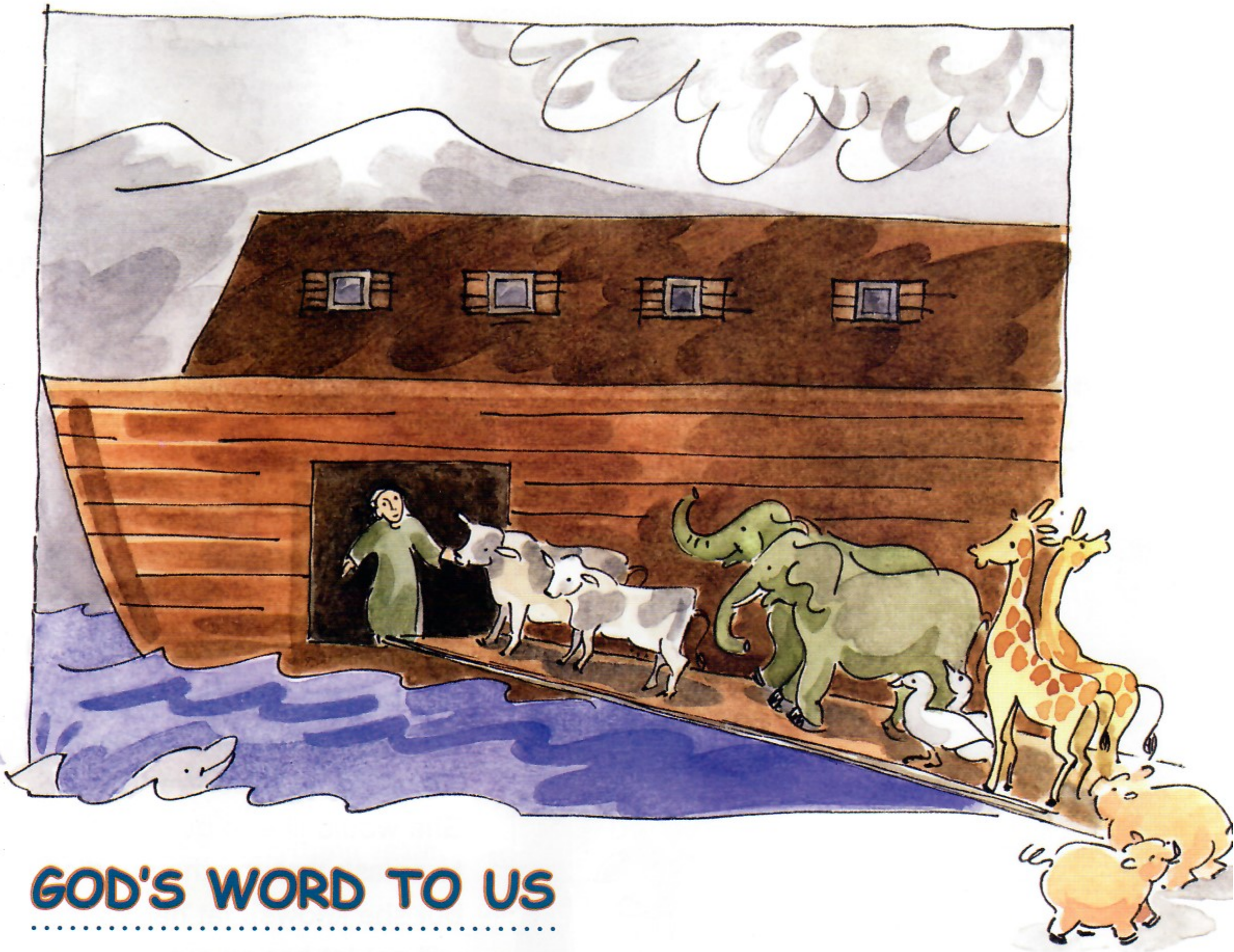
She continues to look out of the window. Where are the birds? Where are they hiding? Are they using the tree as a giant umbrella?

Ani tries to coax the dog to go outside. Even *he* does not want to go out on this wet day; instead he hides behind the sofa.

Today no one seems to be outside.

It is raining even harder now. Ani can barely see the house of her friend, Sonia, who lives across the street. “When will the rain stop?” Ani sighs again.





## GOD'S WORD TO US

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God was pleased with Noah because he was a kind and honest man. Noah did not forget God. However, there were many people who did forget him, and God was not happy with them. "Make an ark out of wood," God said to Noah. Take two of every kind of animal with you." Without asking why, Noah did what God told him to do.

God made it rain for forty days and forty nights. When the rain stopped, the ark came to rest on the mountains of Ararat in Armenia. Noah sent a dove to search for dry land. The dove flew back with an olive branch. Noah was certain that the waters were beginning to go down.

When the earth was completely dry, God told Noah to leave the ark. "This will be your new home," He said. And a rainbow appeared in the sky to remind Noah that God loved him. *Genesis 6-9*



## WE LEARN ABOUT GOD

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Have you ever taken a walk after a spring rain shower and noticed a beautiful rainbow in the sky?

Did you ever see a worm, after a rainstorm, poking its head out of the dirt to get some air?

Did you ever hear the twittering of birds as they dip into puddles and shake their wings?

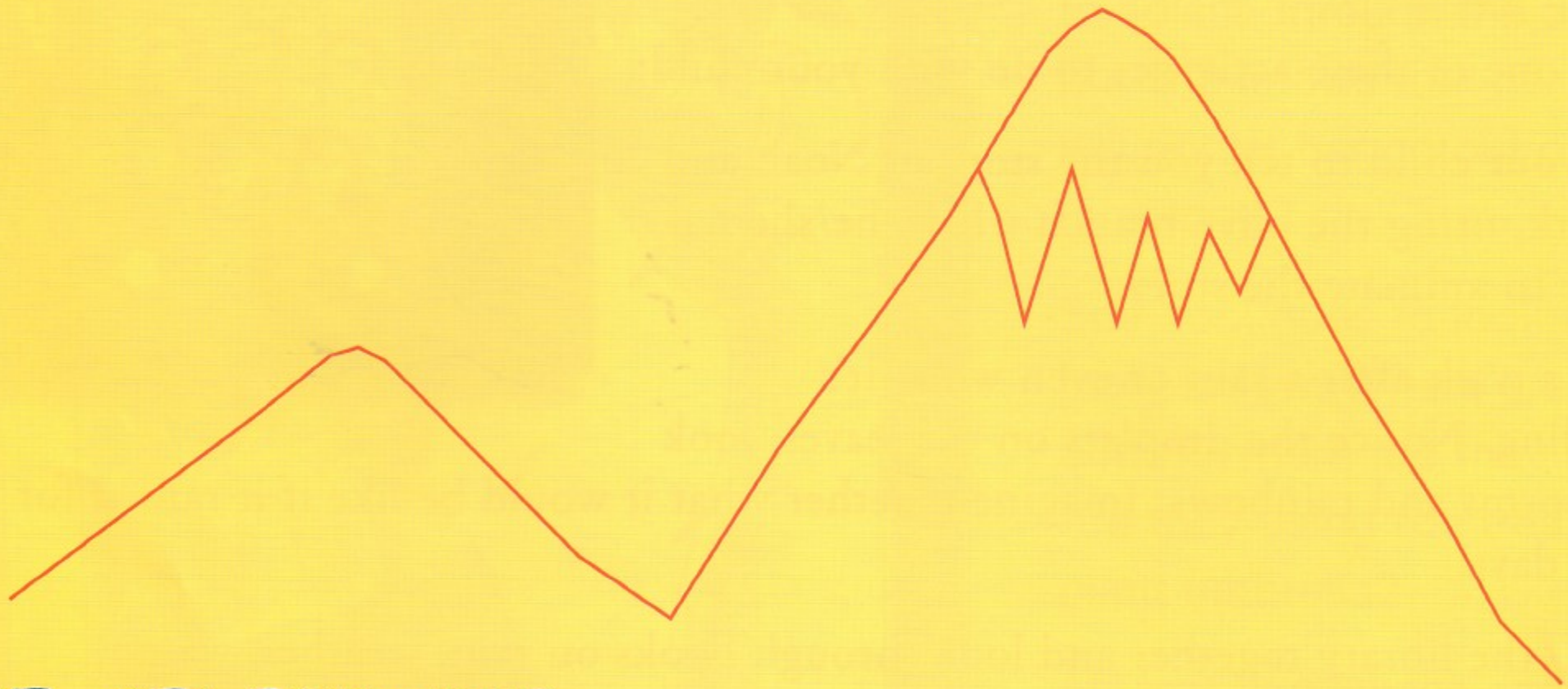
Let all these things remind you of Noah who obeyed God without asking why.



## OUR ARMENIAN WAY

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Mt. Ararat, where Noah's ark landed, has two peaks. Both peaks are always snow-covered. Many people have tried to climb to the top of the mountain to see if they can find Noah's ark. Some people think they found it!



## WE CELEBRATE

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Once more the gentle dove is the messenger of God. Noah sent the dove to search for dry land. If it returned with a branch, it would be a sign that the waters were going down. Noah and his family would be able to leave the ark and begin to make a new home, and the animals would populate the earth.





# FAMILY PAGE

## SHARING OUR FAITH

Today's lesson was about Noah, his goodness and his devotion to God. God instructed Noah to build an ark for himself and his family and two of every kind of animal. They survived forty days and nights of rain, coming to rest on Mt. Ararat.

## LIVING OUR FAITH

God put a rainbow in the sky. It was his final message to Noah and to mankind that he would never destroy everything again.

Choose one of these activities to do with your child:

1. Ask your child to tell you the story of Noah and the ark, using the olive branch which he/she has made to animate the story.
2. Take a walk after a rain or even when it's drizzling. Notice the droplets on the leaves; look for worms and rainbows. Imagine together what it would be like if it rained for forty days!
3. Go to the library together and look through books on rain, weather, water.

