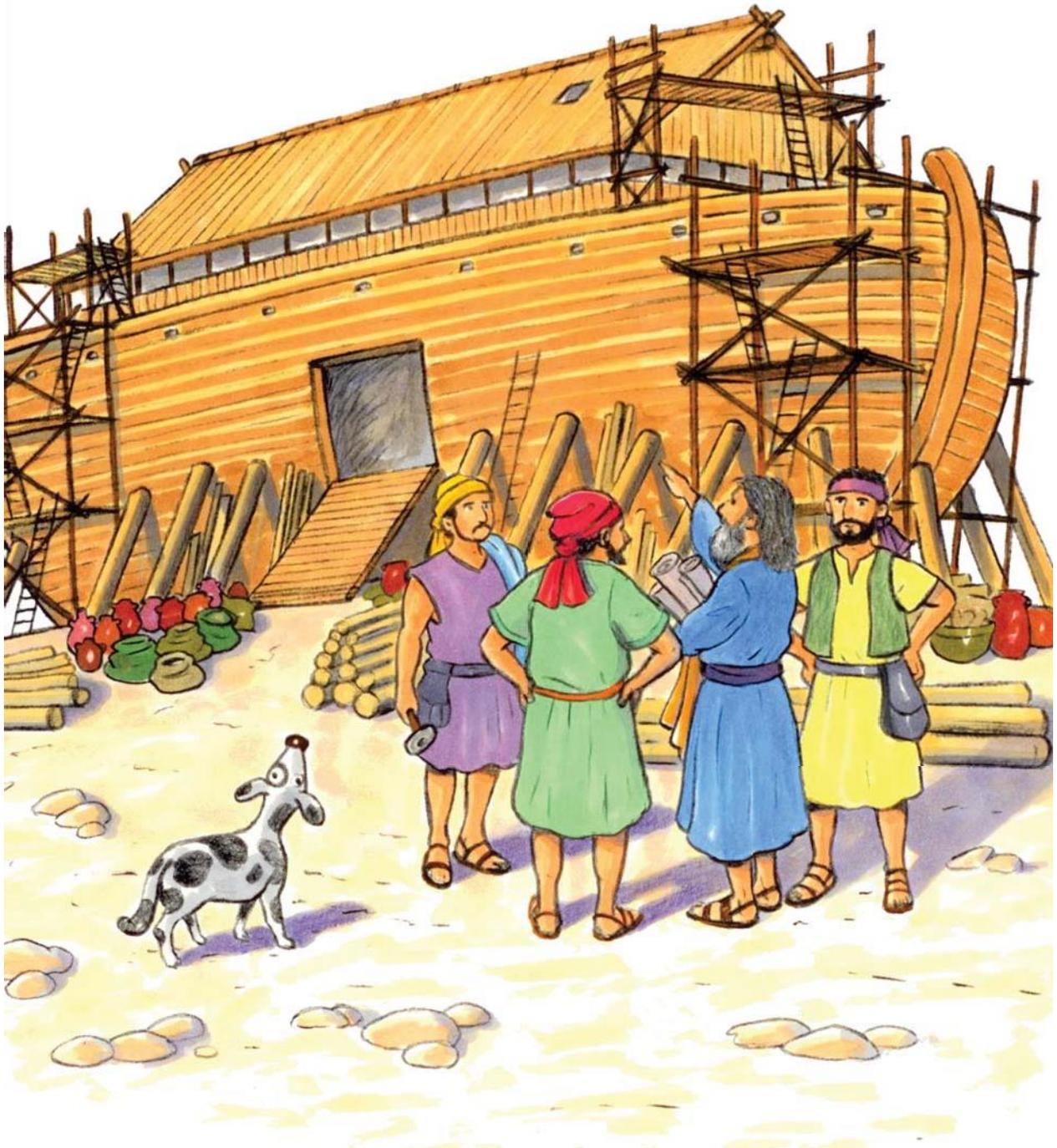


# NOAH AND THE ARK

Genesis 6



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## Noah and the Ark



God said to Noah, “The people on earth have become wicked. Make yourself an ark constructed of gopher wood. Coat it inside and outside with pitch so that it will be watertight. The length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits, its width fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits. Inside the ark there should be three decks. In the centre of one side you must make a door, and right on top it must have a window which looks out to heaven.”

God continued, “And I will bring floodwaters on the earth and everything that is on the earth shall die. I will make a covenant with you. You will go into the ark with your wife and sons. You will also bring into the ark two of every living thing, a male and female.”

Noah followed God’s instructions. He trusted God and did exactly as He commanded.

A long time had passed since God created Adam and Eve. The people on earth had grown in numbers. Sadly, the people also grew to be sinful. Man-kind’s thoughts were evil.

God saw that what the people were doing was wicked. There was one man, Noah, who honoured and loved God. He had a wife and three sons. Their names were Shem, Ham and Japheth. Noah and his family lived a life that pleased God.

### Suggestions for the Teacher

#### Lead-In

Show the picture to the children. Discuss with them what they see. Ask what she/he may feel...  
Let some of the children play the story in a role-play how the pairs of animals enter the arch.  
(Elephants, giraffes, birds, sheep, pigs...) Let them make animal sounds. Instruct them before.

#### Lesson Instructions

Begin telling the story...

Discuss with the children...

- What do you think people do to displease God? (They are corrupt, dishonest, violent, ...)
- Who goes into the ark? (Noah, his family and many animals.) What kinds of animals? ...
- How do you think Noah and his family react when it begins to rain? (Thankfulness ...)
- What would have happened if Noah had not build the ark? (Animals, people would have died.)

Have the children repeat...

- Noah loved and obeyed God. God took care of Noah.
- God will also take care of us and the generations to come.

Real-Life Application (explain the following)

- Noah was protected because he believed, obeyed and trusted God.
- If we do the same, God will also protect us.
- Even if it is not easy for us, we want to follow Gods instructions and he will save us.
- What are such instructions? (His commandments, His advice in the Divine services...)

**Repeat the Message**  
When God prompts us to do something, we should do it.