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## LEADER GUIDE



# NOAH'S ARK & THE GREAT FLOOD

GENESIS 6-9

### GOAL

- ▶ To help children understand that sin deserves to be punished, and that wickedness will receive God's judgement. However, God is compassionate and full of grace, He will always provide a way of deliverance.
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### GOSPEL HIGHLIGHT

- ▶ The story of Noah provides a powerful example of Jesus Christ for us. Just as Noah was shut in the ark (Genesis 7:16), so was Jesus sealed in the tomb after His crucifixion and death. Additionally, just as Noah became a new start for humanity after the flood, so too did Jesus offer new birth for humanity after His resurrection.
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### CHARACTERS

- ▶ **Noah:** Noah was the son of Lamech, and is described in the Bible as a righteous man who walked faithfully with God (Genesis 6:9). In the story of Noah's Ark, God gives Noah very specific instructions to build an ark for him and his family in preparation for a catastrophic flood.

**Noah's family:** While we are not given all the details of Noah's family, the Bible does have a record of the names of Noah's three sons: Shem, Ham and Japheth. Noah's family served alongside him and were rescued from the flood.

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### WORDS TO KNOW

- ▶ **Flood:** The flood recorded in Genesis was a global catastrophe that occurred when God released waters under the earth and opened the floodgates of heaven (Genesis 7:11). This event destroyed every living creature on earth except for Noah, his family and the animals he brought on the ark.

**Covenant:** A promise between God and His people, or all of humanity. The Noahic Covenant (Genesis 9:8-17) was an unconditional covenant God made to Noah to never again destroy all life on earth with a flood; God gave a rainbow as a sign of this promise.

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MEMORY  
VERSE

▶ **Genesis 6:9:** Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation. Noah walked with God.

MEMORY  
VERSE  
MEANING

▶ **Memory Verse Meaning:** While Noah was righteous and blameless, he still sinned. What set Noah apart was his willingness to obey God with his whole heart. In this way, Noah became an example of faith for his generation. While everyone else followed their own evil desires, Noah chose to follow God.

OVERVIEW

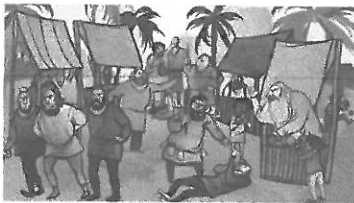
▶ **Read Genesis 6-9:** After seeing the wickedness and corruption that filled the entire earth, God chose to destroy humanity with a great flood. However, there was one man who found favor in God's eyes, his name was Noah. God instructed Noah to build an ark for himself and his family. In addition, God instructed Noah to bring pairs of all living animals (male and female), along with food for his family and every animal.

After everyone was on board the ark, God shut the door behind Noah and rain fell over 40 days and nights. Water flooded the entire earth for 150 days, destroying all life on earth. As the waters began to recede, the ark came to rest on the mountains of Ararat. There, Noah waited for 8 more months until the ground dried out. After a year, God invited Noah to come out of the ark. Later, God would establish a covenant with Noah to never again destroy the earth with a flood. As a sign of this covenant, God set a rainbow in the sky.



## QUESTION & ANSWER

### SLIDE 1



**Q1a:** Why were all the people so sinful?

**A1:** The people were sinful because Adam and Eve sinned.

**Q1b:** If left out in the middle of nowhere without a compass, how would you find your way home?

**Teacher Notes:** Well, we can use the position of the sun to determine a rough idea of direction, but it wouldn't be very accurate. By night, we could use the stars if we understand how that is done. Without a compass, it would be very difficult to determine accurately where we are going. God and His laws are a sort of moral compass. God's laws help us to see what is right and what is wrong. The people living at this time did not follow God, so they were living without something that helped to distinguish between right and wrong. As they continued to make bad decisions they got further from the truth and God.

### SLIDE 2



**Q2a:** Who were some of the only people who remained faithful to God?

**A2:** Noah and his family were the only people who remained faithful to God.

**Q2b:** If everyone at your school decided to shave their heads, would you do it?

**Teacher Notes:** A shaved head isn't a good look for everyone. Not following this trend would make us stand out and might leave us open to teasing. Shaving our heads to fit in so we won't get teased would mean going against our own better judgment. It could have been so easy for Noah and his family to stop following God to fit in with the rest of the people living at the time, but that would have gone against their beliefs and faith in God. They did not fit in with the rest of society, but, by continuing to do what was right, God singled them out to be saved from the coming judgment.



## QUESTION & ANSWER

### SLIDE 3



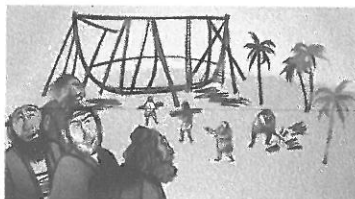
**Q3a:** What task did God give to Noah?

**A3:** God told Noah to build an ark.

**Q3b:** Have you ever made an ice sculpture?

**Teacher Notes:** It's unlikely that any of us has ever made an ice sculpture. So if God asked us to do it, but we have no experience making ice sculptures, how would we even get started? God asked a man who lived in a desert to build a giant boat—Noah hadn't ever built a row boat let alone an ark! God didn't just tell Noah to build a boat and then left him to figure it out for himself. God gave Noah very specific instructions on how to make the boat so it would be easy for Noah to accomplish this giant task.

### SLIDE 4



**Q4a:** How did Noah respond to people laughing at him for building the ark?

**A4:** Noah preached to the people and told them to repent of their evil ways.

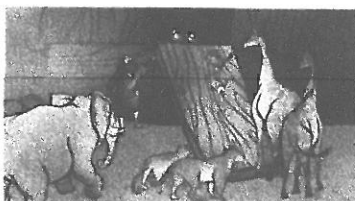
**Q4b:** Has anyone ever made fun of you for doing what is right?

**Teacher Notes:** It is not fun to be made fun of, but there is absolutely nothing wrong with following God. Scripture tells us that we will face ridicule for doing as God commands. Sometimes, God asks His followers to do seemingly crazy things, like build an ark in the desert—the only crazy thing would be not following God's direction. When God tells us to do something, it is for our best interest to do it. Imagine if Noah hadn't done this crazy thing God asked him to do—he would have died with the rest of the people in the flood. God's instructions don't always make sense, but they are always the right thing to do in every situation.



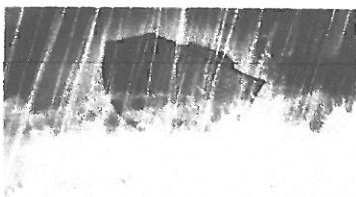
## QUESTION & ANSWER

SLIDE 5



**Q5a:** How many of every animal did God send to the ark?

**A5:** God sent two of every animal to the ark.



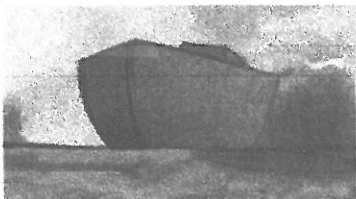
**Q6a:** How did God flood the earth?

**A6:** God caused huge rain storms and fountains underneath the ground to flood the earth.

**Q6b:** Why didn't some of the animals attack other animals while on the ark?

**Teacher Notes:** The Bible doesn't explain this specifically, but animals are part of creation, so God has control of them. Much like God was able to command the weather to rain so much that it flooded the entire earth, He could command the animals to not attack each other.

SLIDE 6



**Q7a:** What did the dove bring back to Noah?

**A7:** The dove brought back a leaf.

**Q7b:** If you were trapped on a boat filled with animals for 40 days and 40 nights, what would you do to pass the time?

**Teacher Notes:** Maybe we'd spend the time reading. Maybe we'd use the time to get to know all of the animals on the ark. Maybe we'd spend the time praying and preparing for life after the flood. Noah and his family were on the boat for a long time, so they had plenty of time to think about how blessed they were to have been spared from the flood.



SLIDE 9



**QUESTION & ANSWER**



**Q9a:** What was the first thing Noah and his family did when they got off the ark?

**A9:** Noah and his family built an altar and made a sacrifice to God.

**Q9b:** Why did God decide that He would never again wipe out humanity with a flood?

**Teacher Notes:** There would be no need to do this again. Yes, people are sinful, and the world would become filled with evil people again, but God wouldn't need to wipe out everyone again because He was going to send us a Savior. God would never have to judge everyone like this again, because He was going to offer them forgiveness through His Son, Jesus Christ.

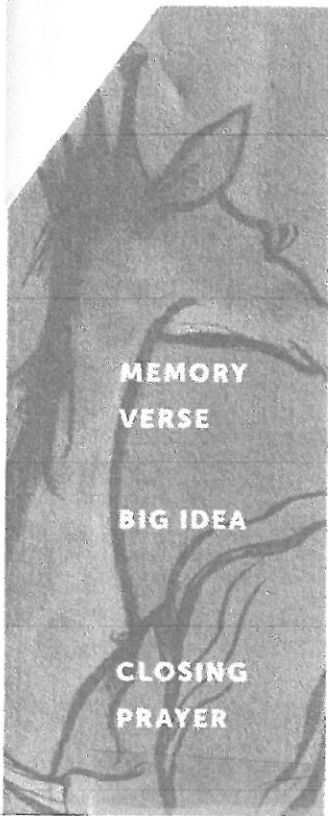
**Animal Memory Game**

Have children sit in a circle. Pick someone to go first by saying, "Noah brought a (animal name) onto the ark."

The next child with say, "Noah brought a (1<sup>st</sup> animal name & then add theirs) onto the ark."

Each child must repeat the animals that have been said before and add one of their own.

Play continues until someone makes a mistake.



**MEMORY  
VERSE**

**Genesis 6:9:** Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation. Noah walked with God.

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**BIG IDEA**

God delivers the faithful from His judgment.

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**CLOSING  
PRAYER**

Dear God, thank You for sending Your Son to forgive our sins. Help us to be righteous through Jesus Christ. We ask these things in Jesus' name, Amen.

CROSSWORD  
PUZZLE  
ANSWERS

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## ANSWER KEY

### **Across**

3. What did God send as a sign of his promise to Noah and Noah's family? (**Rainbow**)
5. Noah and his wife had how many sons? (**Three**)
6. Now there was so much sin in the world people forgot about who? (**God**)
7. Even though people thought Noah was crazy, and laughed at him, Noah (**Preached**) to them, telling them to repent.
8. God sent two of every what to the ark? (**Animal**)
9. God told Noah to build a boat called a what? (**Ark**)

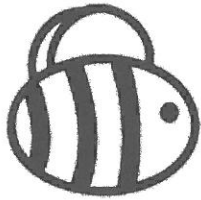
### **Down**

1. What covered all the Earth? (**Water**)
2. When the flood was over, what did the ark land on? (**Mountain**)
4. What did Noah send out to find land? (**Dove**)
8. What was the first thing Noah and his family built when they landed? (**Altar**)

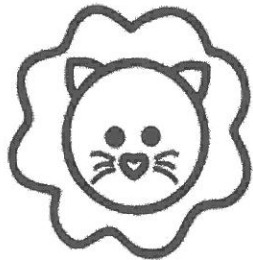
# CHARADES

Cut out the cards and place them upside down in a pile. The oldest player draws a card and silently acts out what is on the card.

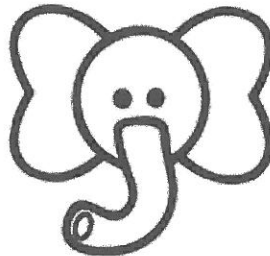
Whoever guesses correctly, gets to be the next "actor".



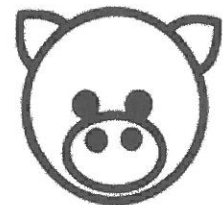
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**LION**



**ELEPHANT**



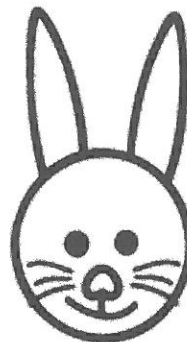
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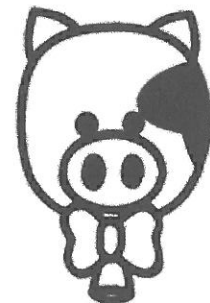
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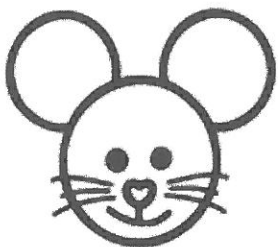
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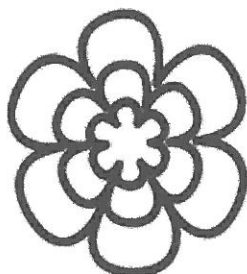
**RABBIT**



**COW**



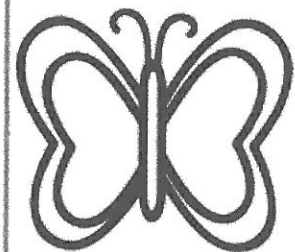
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**FLOWER**



**WORM**

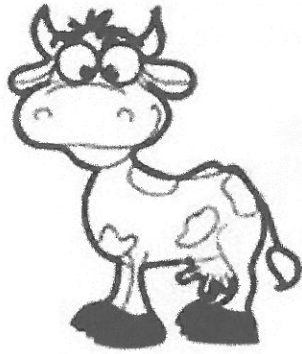


**BUTTERFLY**

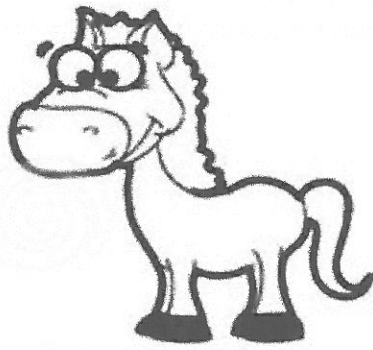


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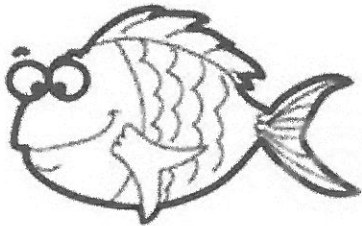
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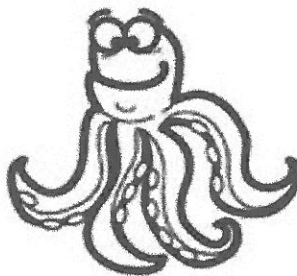
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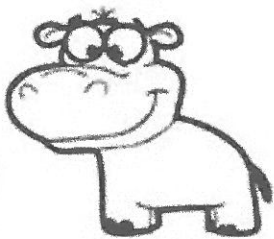
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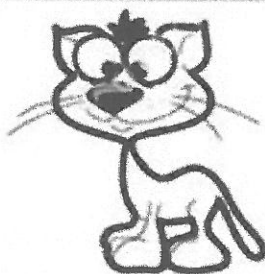
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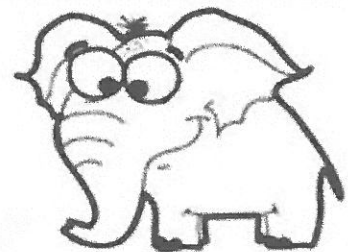
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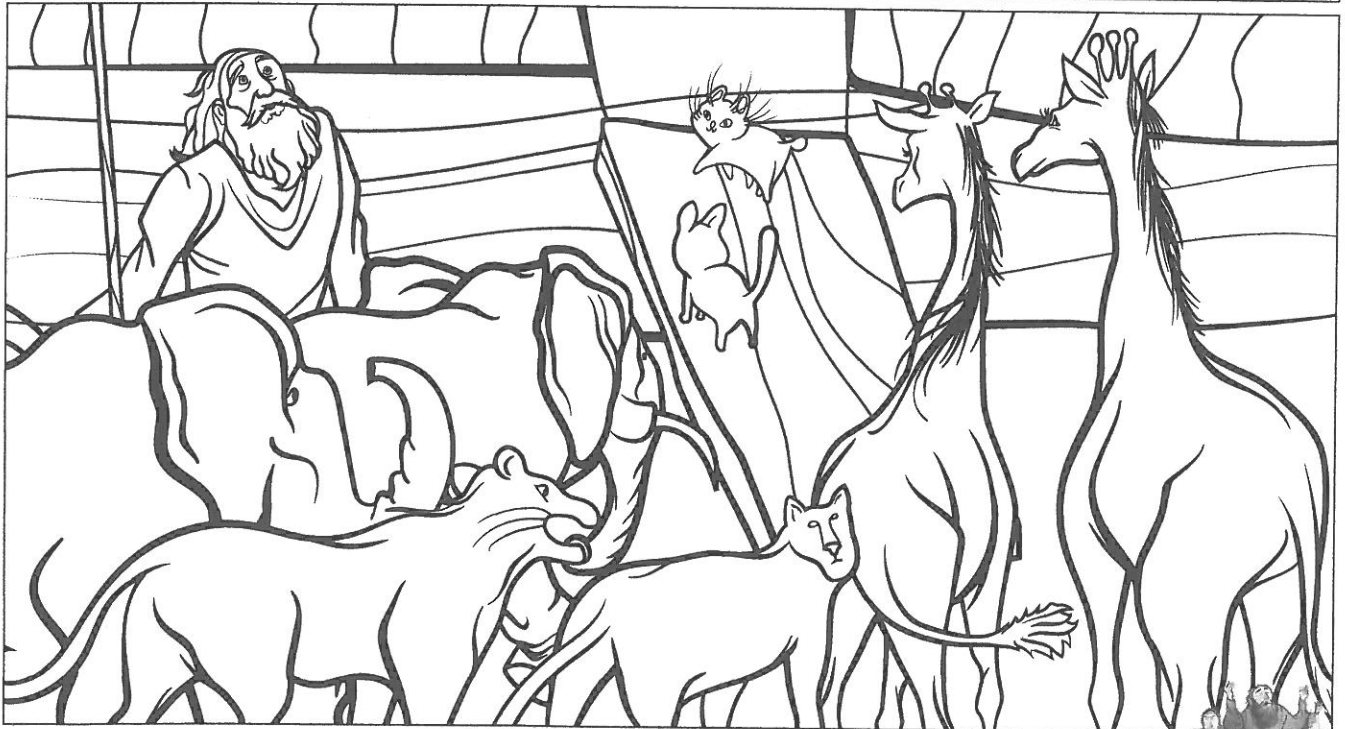
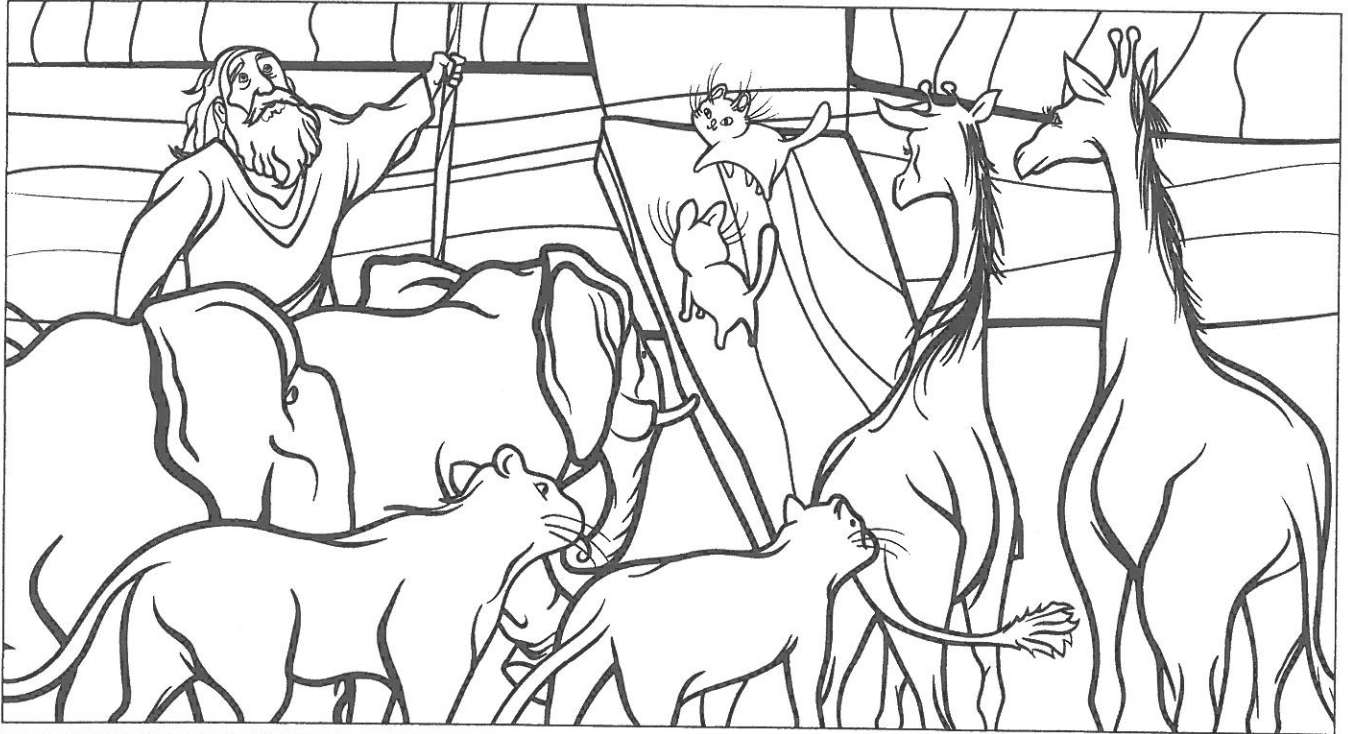
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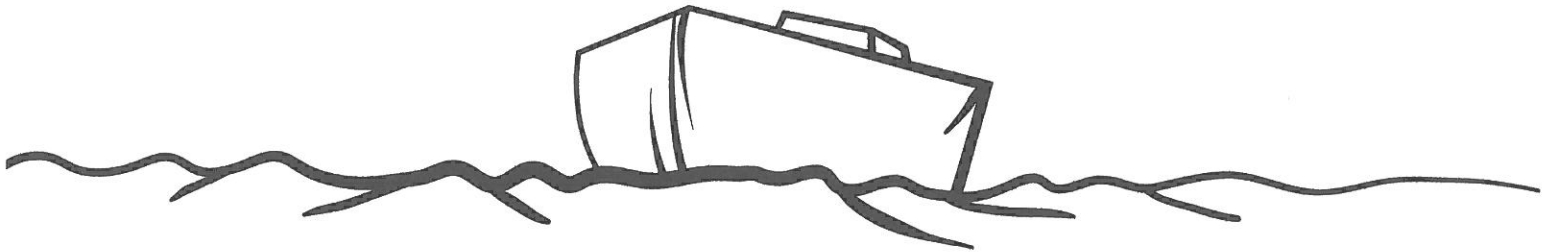
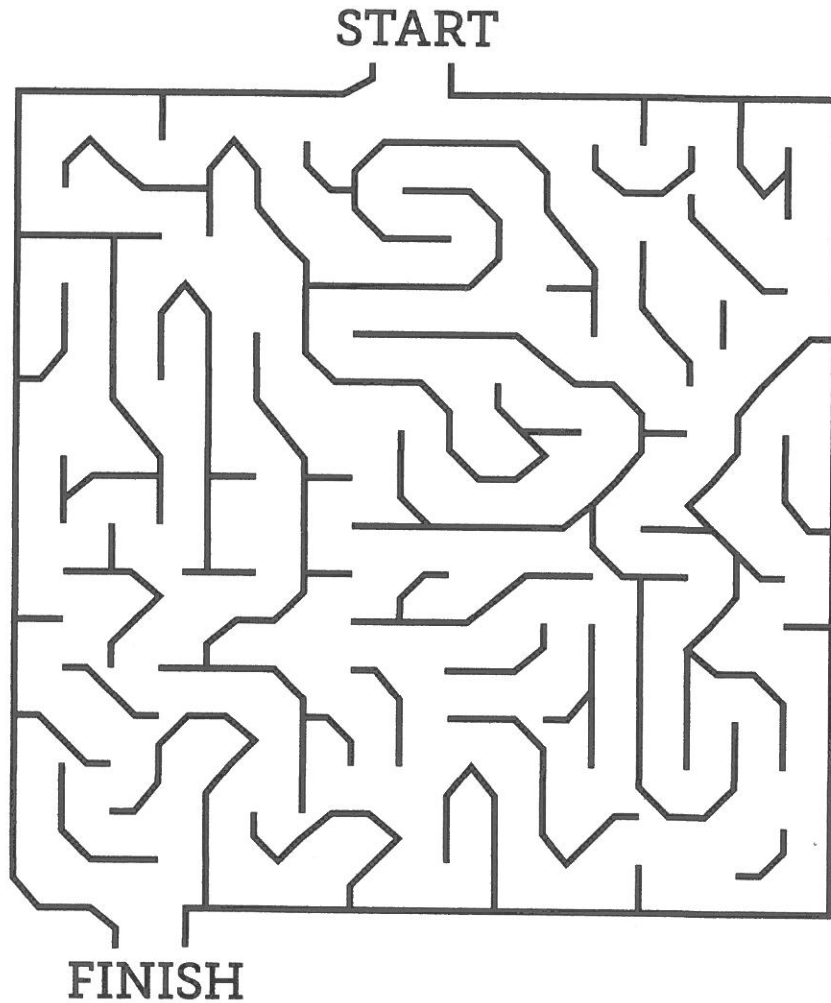
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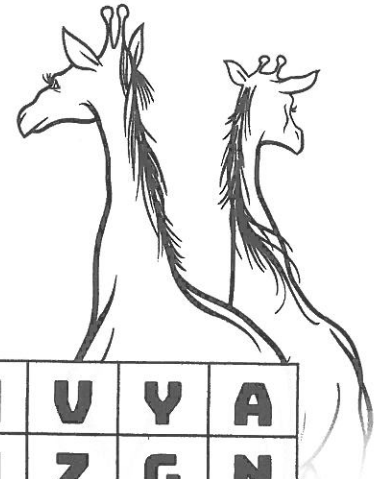
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Help guide the ark to land.





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Discover the hidden words.

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## Word Bank

RAINBOW

FLOOD

NOAH

ARK

ANIMALS

GOD

PREACH

WATER

EARTH

DOVE

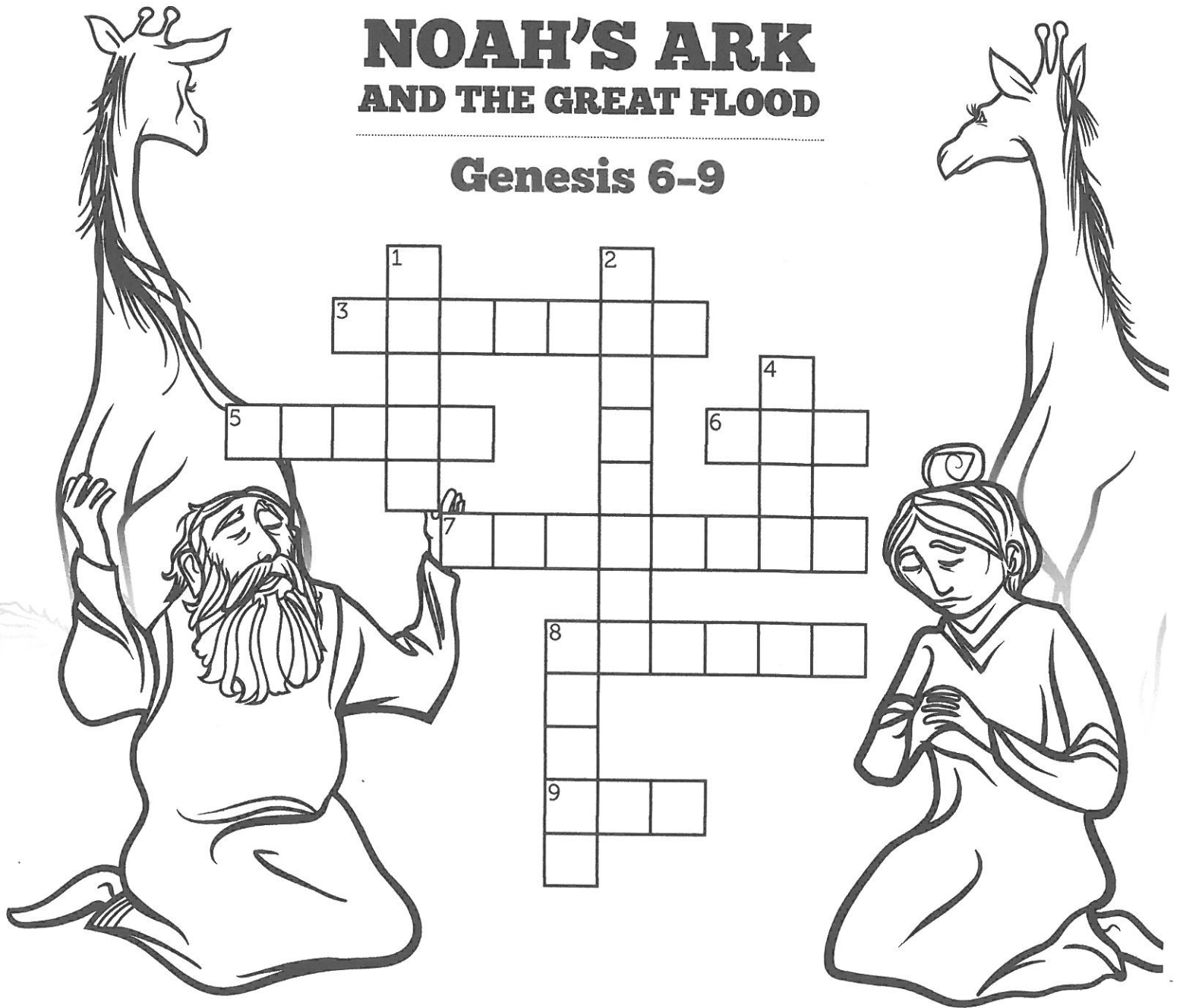
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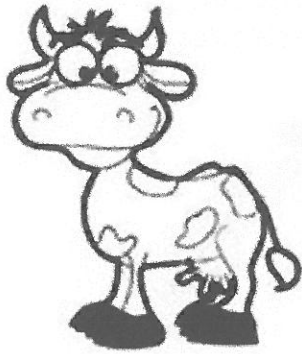
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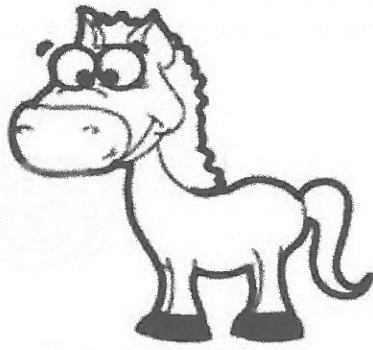


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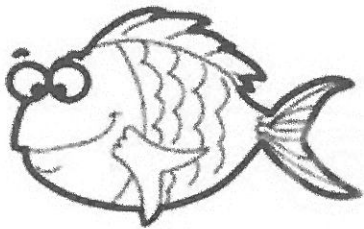
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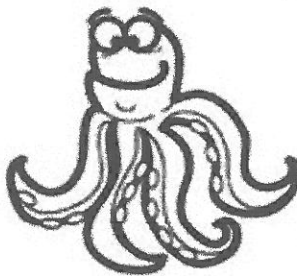
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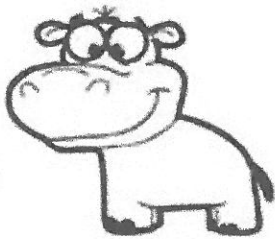
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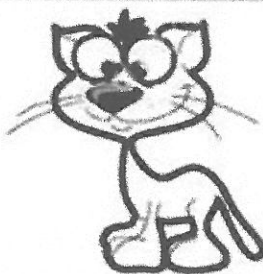
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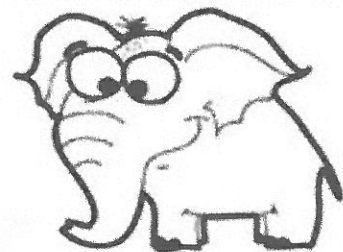
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