

Booklet Introduction

After 40 days God shut the floodgates of the heavens and it stopped raining. All that water had to go somewhere so God caused a wind to blow. The mountains must have been pushed up and the ocean basins must have sunk. As the waters were flowing back into the ocean basins, the ark came to rest on Mt. Ararat.

When Noah thought the land was dry he first sent out a black bird called a raven, but it didn't come back. Then he sent out a dove and it came back. When he sent out the dove a second time it came back with an olive branch in its mouth. What did the olive branch tell Noah? (That plants were growing on the earth and the ground must be exposed and dry.)

Noah and his family must have been happy knowing that there was now dry land where an olive tree could be found. After one year on the ark God told Noah to come off it, bring all the animals off and spread out and fill the earth.

Discussion Questions

Day 1: Where did the water that flooded the earth come from? What happened after the rain stopped?

Day 2: Where did the ark finally come to rest? What does it mean to be steadfast? How was Noah steadfast?

Day 3: What did Noah know about God? What did knowing that do for Noah?

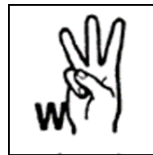
Day 4: What happened when Noah sent a dove out? What does abate mean? Why did Noah know the water would abate?

Day 5: What happened the second time the dove was sent out? Why would that have thrilled Noah and his family?

Day 6: What does it mean to disembark? Who came off the ark when the land was dry? What do you think happened then?

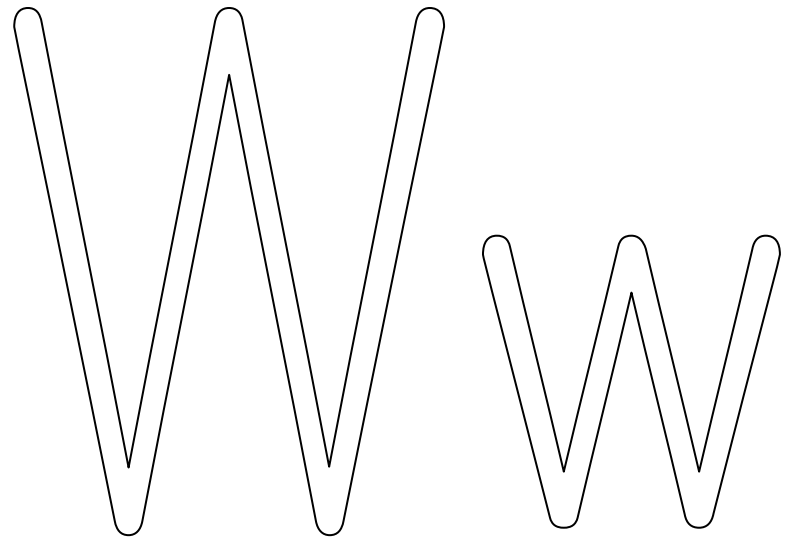
Lesson Rhyme

W—W	Make sign of "W"
Wait	Hands up, palms out like "stop"
A dove was sent to fly	Hook thumbs together, palms up, hands crossed Wiggle fingers like flying
W—W—Wait	Same as above
Until the land was dry	Move hands apart palms down in front of body Wipe hands off like wiping dry



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What did Noah have to wait for?



W—W—Wait

A dove was sent to fly

W—W—Wait

Until the land was dry

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Day 1

Draw a picture of the ark floating on the water.

Noah and his family
in the ark were safely found
While water poured from heaven
and came up from the ground.
Once the rain did stop,
God caused a wind to blow.
The water into basins,
it did have to flow.

Day 6

Draw a picture of animals coming off the ark.

The sun was shining brightly
way up in the sky
So it wasn't too much longer
before the earth was dry.
The time had come to disembark
and leave the ark behind,
Noah and his family,
and the animals of each kind.

Genesis 7:24-8:1: ²⁴ The waters flooded the earth for a hundred and fifty days. ¹ But God remembered Noah and all the wild animals and the livestock that were with him in the ark, and he sent a wind over the earth, and the waters receded.

Genesis 8:15-17: ¹⁵ Then God said to Noah, ¹⁶ "Come out of the ark, you and your wife and your sons and their wives. ¹⁷ Bring out every kind of living creature that is with you—the birds, the animals, and all the creatures that move along the ground—so they can multiply on the earth and be fruitful and increase in number upon it."

Day 5

Draw a picture of a dove with a branch.

A second time the dove was sent;
it flew all around
Would it find a place to rest?
Would it find dry ground?
When the dove came back,
it had a leaf inside its bill.
Noah and his fam-i-ly
must have felt a thrill.

Day 2

Draw a picture of the ark resting on a mountain.

The ark was tossed around;
it moved both east and west
Until on the Mount of Ararat,
it finally came to rest.
Noah's heart was steadfast
and faithful he was found,
He had waited patiently,
while the flood covered the ground

Genesis 8:10-11: ¹⁰ He waited seven more days and again sent out the dove from the ark. ¹¹ When the dove returned to him in the evening, there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf! Then Noah knew that the water had receded from the earth.

Genesis 8:3-4: ³ The water receded steadily from the earth. At the end of the hundred and fifty days the water had gone down, ⁴ and on the seventeenth day of the seventh month the ark came to rest on the mountains of Ararat.

Day 3

Draw a picture of a mountain.

The mountains pushed up high;
the ocean floor did sink.
I wonder as he waited,
what Noah's mind did think.
Noah knew that God was with him,
as God is everywhere.
So even through the flood,
he surely felt God's love and care.

Day 4

Draw a picture of a dove.

Then a window Noah opened
so a dove could be sent out.
But it found no place to rest;
it could only fly about.
So Noah and his family
still would have to wait.
Knowing that the water
at some time would abate.

Genesis 8:5:⁵ The waters continued to recede until the tenth month, and on the first day of the tenth month the tops of the mountains became visible.

Genesis 8:8-9:⁸ Then he sent out a dove to see if the water had receded from the surface of the ground.⁹ But the dove could find no place to set its feet because there was water over all the surface of the earth; so it returned to Noah in the ark. He reached out his hand and took the dove and brought it back to himself in the ark.