Noah was a godly man. Noah had three sons. Their names were Shem, Ham and Japheth.

The earth was very sinful in God's eyes. It was full of mean and harmful acts.

God said, "So make yourself an ark out of cypress wood. Make rooms in it. Cover it with tar inside and out. I am going to bring a flood on the earth."

"Bring two of every living thing into the ark. Bring male and female of them into it.

Take every kind of food that you will need. Store it away. It will be food for you and for them."

Noah did everything exactly as God commanded him.

Genesis 6:19, 21-22
Then the Lord said to Noah, "Go into the ark with your whole family. I know that you are a godly man among the people of today.

It will rain for 40 days and 40 nights."
Noah did everything the Lord commanded him to do.
Then the Lord shut him in.

After 40 days Noah opened the window he had made in the ark. He sent a raven out. It kept flying back and forth until the water had dried up from the earth.

Then Noah sent a dove out. But the dove couldn't find any place to put its feet down. There was still water over the whole surface of the earth. So the dove returned to Noah in the ark. Noah reached out his hand and took the dove in.

He waited seven more days. Then he sent the dove out from the ark again. In the evening the dove returned to him. There in its beak was a freshly picked olive leaf! So Noah knew that the water on the earth had gone down.

He waited seven more days. Then he sent the dove out again. But that time it didn't return to him.

Genesis 8:6–12
Then God said to Noah, "Come out of the ark. Bring your wife and your sons and their wives with you.

Bring out every kind of living thing that is with you."

Then Noah built an altar to honor the Lord.

Genesis 8:15–17, 20

So God said to Noah, "The rainbow is the sign of my covenant. I have made my covenant between me and all life on earth."

Genesis 9:17