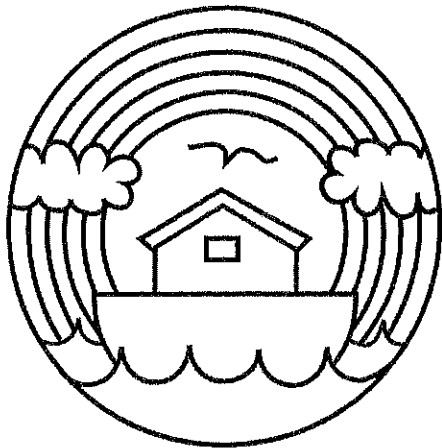


December 3: Noah and the Ark



After a time sin in the world increased so much that almost everyone was wicked except for just a few people. Things got so bad that God decided to destroy all the people on the earth with a great flood, except for Noah and his family. God told Noah to build an ark and put a pair of each kind of animal in the ark along with his wife and children and their families. He told him to also bring food. In this way God saved Noah and his family from the great flood because Noah was a righteous man. After the flood, God made a rainbow in the sky. God said that the rainbow would be a sign that he would never destroy the whole world with a flood ever again. God blessed Noah and his family and told them to be fruitful and multiply.



"Noah's Ark", Edward Hicks, 1846



Genesis 6:11-22. ¹¹ The earth was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. ¹² God saw the earth, and saw that it was corrupt, for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth.

¹³ God said to Noah, "I will bring an end to all flesh, for the earth is filled with violence through them. Behold, I will destroy them and the earth. ¹⁴ Make a ship of gopher wood. You shall make rooms in the ship, and shall seal it inside and outside with pitch. ¹⁵ This is how you shall make it. The length of the ship shall be three hundred cubits, its width fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits. ¹⁶ You shall make a roof in the

ship, and you shall finish it to a cubit upward. You shall set the door of the ship in its side. You shall make it with lower, second, and third levels.

¹⁷ I, even I, will bring the flood of waters on this earth, to destroy all flesh having the breath of life from under the sky. Everything that is in the earth will die. ¹⁸ But I will establish my covenant with you. You shall come into the ship, you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you. ¹⁹ Of every living thing of all flesh, you shall bring two of every sort into the ship, to keep them alive with you. They shall be male and female. ²⁰ Of the birds after their kind, of the livestock after their kind, of every creeping thing of the ground after its kind, two of every sort will come to you, to keep them alive. ²¹ Take with you of all food that is eaten, and gather it to yourself; and it will be for food for you, and for them." ²² Thus Noah did. He did all that God commanded him.

Genesis 7:12, 23. ¹² It rained on the earth forty days and forty nights.... ²³ Every living thing was destroyed that was on the surface of the ground.... Only Noah was left, and those who were with him in the ship.

Genesis 9:1, 13-15. ¹ God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them, "Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth.

¹³ I set my rainbow in the cloud, and it will be a sign of a covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴ When I bring a cloud over the earth, that the rainbow will be seen in the cloud, ¹⁵ and I will remember my covenant, which is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh, and the waters will no more become a flood to destroy all flesh.

6:15 A cubit is the length from the tip of the middle finger to the elbow on a man's arm, or about 18 inches or 46 centimeters.