

Skit: God's Great Boat

Noah: (*reads from a checklist*) Vulture...check. Wolf...check. Yak...check. Zebra...check. Finally! All pairs of animals are here on the ark, and I have collected a year's worth of food for the animals and my family, just like the Lord commanded.

Let me look at the ark one last time to make sure everything is how the Lord told me to do it.
(*measures*)

The ark is 300 cubits long, 50 cubits wide, and 30 cubits high. It has one window and one door. And I made the ark out of the best gopher wood I could find.

Voice of the Lord: Noah, you are a righteous man and have done all that I have told you. Now you and your wife and your sons and your sons' wives must enter the ark, for I will cause it to rain forty days and forty nights. All mankind has become evil, and I will use the rain and water to destroy all breathing living things that I have made. Only your family and the animals on the ark will be saved.

(*The lights dim and sounds of rain are heard. The lights come back up and Noah is seen in the window, carrying a raven.*)

Noah: (*Noah comes to the window, yawns, and stretches*) Those forty days of rain were amazing! It's been 9 months since the rain stopped. I wonder if that has been enough time for the water that covered the highest mountain to go down?

Hey! The ark is resting on the top of Mount Ararat! I am going to let this raven go to see what it does.
(*Noah releases raven.*)

Hey, raven! Where are you going? Wait! Don't fly away! Stop!

Oh, let it leave. I never liked that raven, anyway. It was always tapping on my bedroom door at night and wouldn't let me sleep.

This dove is much nicer and should do what I want. I am going to send it out to see if it can find any dry land. (*Releases dove and watches it fly around and return.*)

I guess there isn't anywhere for the dove to land. I'll try again later.
(*Noah goes back into the ark.*)

Noah: (*Noah comes to the window.*) It's been seven more days. I wonder if there is any dry land yet (*Releases dove. The dove flies around and comes back holding an olive leaf.*) What's this? An olive leaf! This means that the water is starting to go down a lot! I'll wait seven more days and try again. (*Noah goes back into the ark.*)

Noah: (*Noah comes to window.*) I'm so excited! I wonder what will happen with the dove this time?
(*Noah releases the dove and watches it fly off into the distance. Noah continues to wait, while looking intently in the sky, trying to find the dove.*)

It looks like the dove isn't coming back. That means it found enough dry land to live on. That is wonderful! It won't be too long before there will be enough dry land for **me and my family** to live on.
(*Noah goes back into the ark.*)

Noah: (*Noah emerges.*) We have been on this boat for over a year waiting for all the water from the flood to dry up, and it looks like the ground is finally dry!

Voice of the Lord: Noah, you and your family go out of the ark, and bring out of the ark all the creatures that are with you. Your job now is to be fruitful and multiply.
(*Noah exits.*)

I now make a promise with you, with all the animals that are with you, and with all people who will live after you. This is the promise: Never again will I destroy the earth and all life with a flood.

As a sign of my promise, I will put a rainbow in the sky. (*Rainbow rises.*) Whenever I see the rainbow, I will remember the promise I have made to you and every living thing on the earth.