

DAY FOUR—NOE

To do today: Color ornament #1 and read the following story:

Rain for Forty Days

Adam and Eve had many children. Some of them lived to be very old. The Holy Bible tells us that Adam lived to be nine hundred and thirty years old and Seth, one of his sons, lived to be nine hundred and twelve years old. Seth was a good and holy man. He and his children remembered the wonderful promise which God had made to Adam and Eve in Paradise, and looked for the coming of the Redeemer. As long as the children of Seth obeyed him, they remained good and happy. But by and by they began to marry some of the children of Cain, who did not wish to know and serve God. Soon the world became a very wicked place, where people forgot all about God. In the story of Noe you will learn how God punished the wicked people of the world because they would not love and serve Him.

When God saw how wicked men were, He said: "I will destroy man, whom I have created, from the face of the earth." But there was one man and his family who still served God. That man was Noe. God told Noe to build a large ark or boat, because soon He would send a flood to destroy the people of the earth. Noe did as he was told. He built an ark out of wood and covered it with pitch so as to keep out the water. When the work was finished, God told him to bring into the ark a pair of every kind of animal that lived on earth and also food for them and for his family. When everything was ready, Noe and his wife and his sons with their wives went into the ark and God Himself closed the doors behind them. Then for forty days and forty nights the rain fell upon the earth until everything was covered with water. The ark alone with all that were in it floated on the water and was saved.

A Rainbow in the Sky

The great flood filled the earth for one hundred and fifty days. Then God thought of Noe and all that were with him in the ark. He sent a warm wind over the earth and the waters sank lower and lower until at last the ark stood still on the top of the mountain. Noe waited for forty days and then opened the window of the ark and sent out a raven. The raven did not return. Then he sent out a dove, but the dove could not find a place to rest and came back to the ark. After seven days Noe again sent out the dove, and it returned with an olive branch in its mouth. He waited seven days more and once more sent out the dove. This time it did not return. Then Noe opened the ark and saw that the earth was dry. God said to him: "Go out of the ark and bring with you all the living things upon the earth." When all were upon the dry earth again, Noe built an altar of stone and offered a sacrifice of thanks to God. The Lord was pleased with the sacrifice and blessed Noe and his sons, saying to them: "Increase and multiply and fill the earth." Then He promised that He would never again destroy man with a flood, and as a sign of His promise He placed a rainbow in the sky. From that time on the children of Noe spread over the whole earth.

Now answer the following questions:

1.) Why did God send the great flood?

2.) How long did it rain?

3.) Who were saved from the flood?

4.) What did Noe take into the ark?

5.) How did Noe try to learn if the land was dry?

6.) Why did the dove come back the first time it was sent out?

7.) What was the first thing Noe did after he left the ark?

8.) What promise did God make to Noe?

9.) What sign did God give to Noe to remind him of His promise?

When people saw Noe building a large boat where there was no water, they laughed at him. But Noe believed God's words. He knew that God watches over those that love Him and trust in Him. He did not mind what other people said, because he knew that he was doing right. Say an act of Faith, Hope and Charity, to tell God that you believe what He says, and that you trust Him and love Him. Be sure to think of the meaning of the words. It is a good thing for every Catholic to make acts of Faith, Hope, and Charity, every day. Can you tell how Noe showed his faith in God's word, his hope and trust in God's help, and his love and gratitude for all His goodness?

Interesting things for you to do:

1.) Learn by heart one of the following poems:

“The Rainbow,” C. Rosetti

“The Rainbow: John Keble

“The Song,” Robert Loveman, Literature for Reading and Memorization, Book IV, page 105

2.) Dramatize The Building of the Ark, or Noe’s Sacrifice.

3.) Make a sand-table project of Noe and the ark.

4.) Make a drawing or poster of a rainbow. Learn the rainbow colors; violet, indigo, blue green, yellow, orange, red (vibgyor).

5.) Make a list of all the animals you think went into the ark.

6.) In your character book write at the top of the page the word “Gratitude.” Find a quotation or short poem about gratitude and copy it in your character book.

7.) Learn the following quotations which are taken from the Holy Bible. Tell how these words fit into the story of Noe. “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. Fools despise wisdom and instruction”

(Prov. i. 7)

8).“My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy Mother”

(Prov. i. 8).

Good things for you to read:

“Rain Poems,” Child Story Readers, Book IV, pages 104-107

“Drifting in the Flood,” A child’s Garden of Religion Stories, Matimore, page 20.

“The Man Whom God Spared,” The Bible Story, page 12.



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