

### The story of Noah and the rainbow

God was very angry. When he looked at the beautiful world he had made, he saw the bad things people were doing to it and to each other. It made him very sad.

He decided the world needed a fresh start!

He had noticed one good man and his family and he decided that he would ask him to help. The man was called Noah.

God told Noah to build a boat. A boat big enough to take his family, and two each of all the different animals and birds in the world. What an enormous boat it must have been!

No sooner had Noah finished building this enormous boat, and gathering in all the different birds and animals, than the rain started. It poured and poured - day and night. The floods rose until no land could be seen. A great sea spread over the whole world.

The boat floated for days and weeks and months . . . until one day it stopped. It had found some land at last. The flood was beginning to go down.

Noah sent out a dove carrying their hopes for a fresh new earth! When she returned with an olive leaf, Noah felt hope rise in his heart. He sent her out again. This time she didn't return. He knew that at last she had found a new home and he thanked God.

In the clear blue sky a beautiful rainbow shone. Seven stripes of liquid light poured down. Noah saw this as a sign that never again would God destroy the earth. Noah's heart was filled with joy and thankfulness.

