

## Genesis 6:13-22

Noah was a man who followed God. He loved God very much. He also loved his family. He had three sons: Shem, Ham and Japheth. Noah and his family all followed God and made God smile. The people that lived around Noah did not make God smile though. These people didn't follow God at all.

One day, God spoke to Noah, "Noah, people everywhere have become evil, they have refused to follow Me. So I am going to start over. I am going to bring a big flood of water to cover the entire earth. Everything will be destroyed, but you and your family will be saved. You will be saved in an ark. Noah, build an ark and you will be safe from the flood of water."

God gave Noah directions to build the ark and told Noah that two of every animal should come with him to live on the boat. Noah looked around at the dry ground. It was a desert. There was no water near where he lived. No one had ever built a boat that big! But Noah obeyed God. Noah picked up his hammer and went right to work.

Every day Noah and his sons chopped down wood, hammered, sawed, and hammered some more. Every day Noah's neighbors would walk by and laugh at Noah building a big boat in the desert.

Noah loved God so he chose to obey. Noah kept building the ark and it got bigger, and taller, until finally the big boat was finished! God called the animals to get into the ark. Lots and lots of animals came: beasts and birds, and butterflies, and bunnies. Just as the last bunny hopped on, the first raindrop fell.

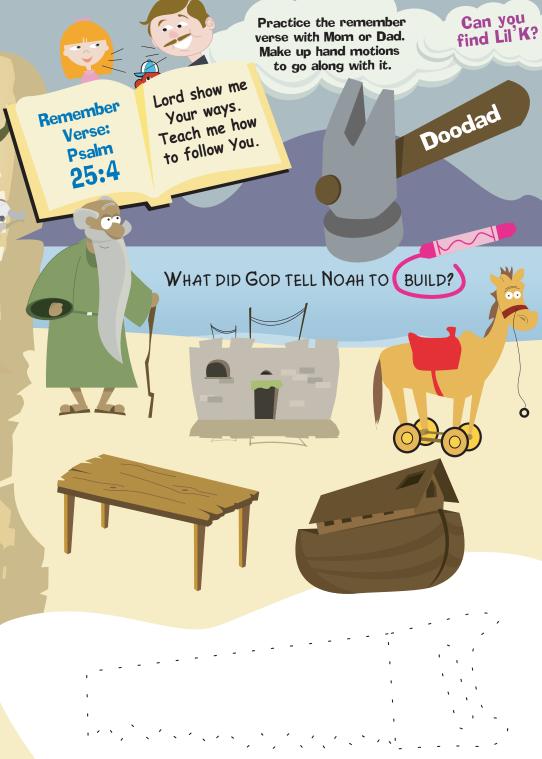
Just as God promised, the flood of water came. And just as God promised, Noah and his family were saved. Noah followed God and obeyed what God said.

Application Points

I can follow God and obey.

I can follow God and obey because I love Him.

What is one way that you can obey?



Connect the dots to see what tool Noah might have used to build the ark.