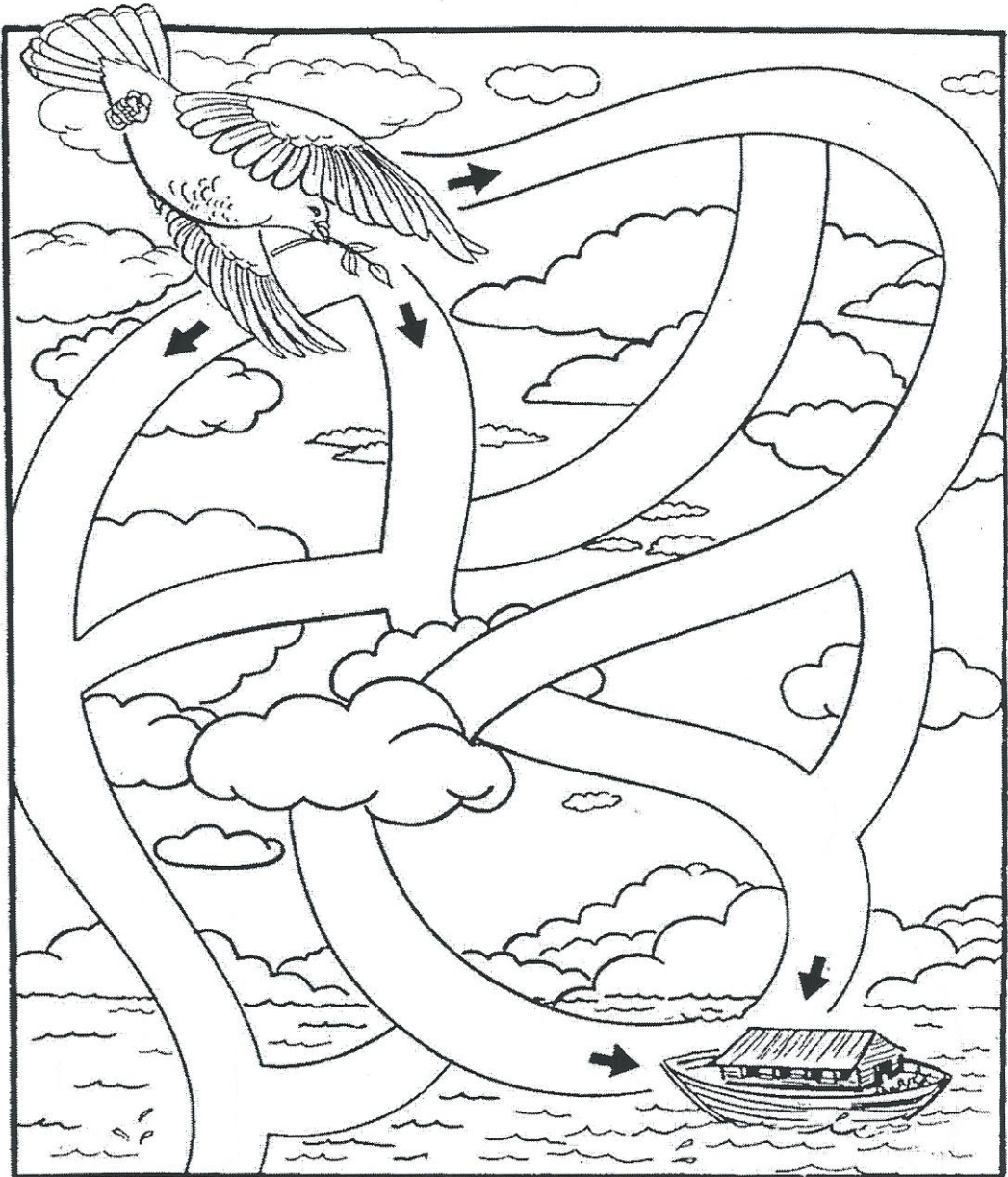
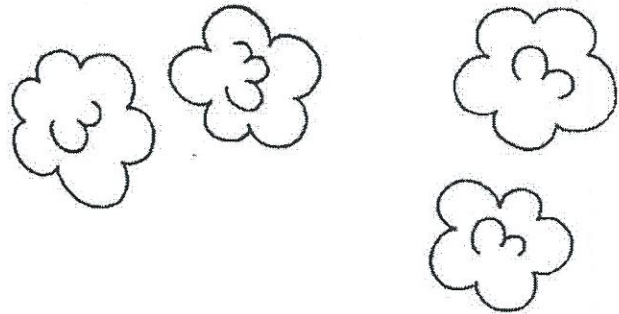
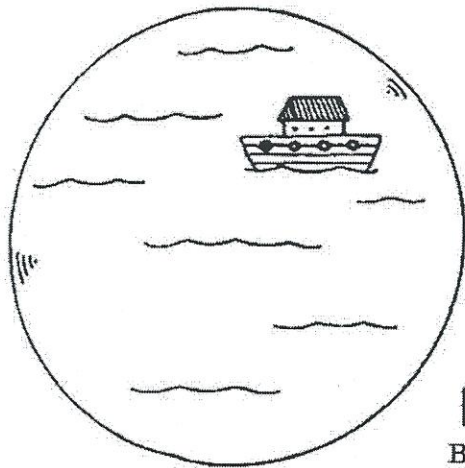


Bible Friends

- With you instructor's help:
- Read an exciting Bible story.
- Answer questions about the story to show that you understand.
- Dress as one of the characters of your choice.
- Draw and/or color a picture of story.





NOAH'S ARK

Based on Genesis 6:1-9:17

God looked down upon the earth and was very angry. He saw evil people doing wicked things. These people didn't love God or care about Him. So God decided to destroy everyone . . . everyone but Noah and his family.

God said to Noah, "I am sad that all the people on earth have become so wicked. They are not sorry for their sins. I will wipe everything from the face of the earth—people, animals, creatures that move along the ground, and birds of the air. For I am sorry I made them."

God told Noah that He was going to send a flood that would destroy the whole world. Noah was to follow instructions and build a boat large enough to hold all his family, two of every animal, and food enough for all of them.

Each day Noah and his family hammered away, putting the boat together. The neighbors laughed and teased as they watched Noah working hard. But Noah and his family didn't listen. Imagine what the neighbors thought as they saw two of each kind of animal being loaded onto the enormous boat!

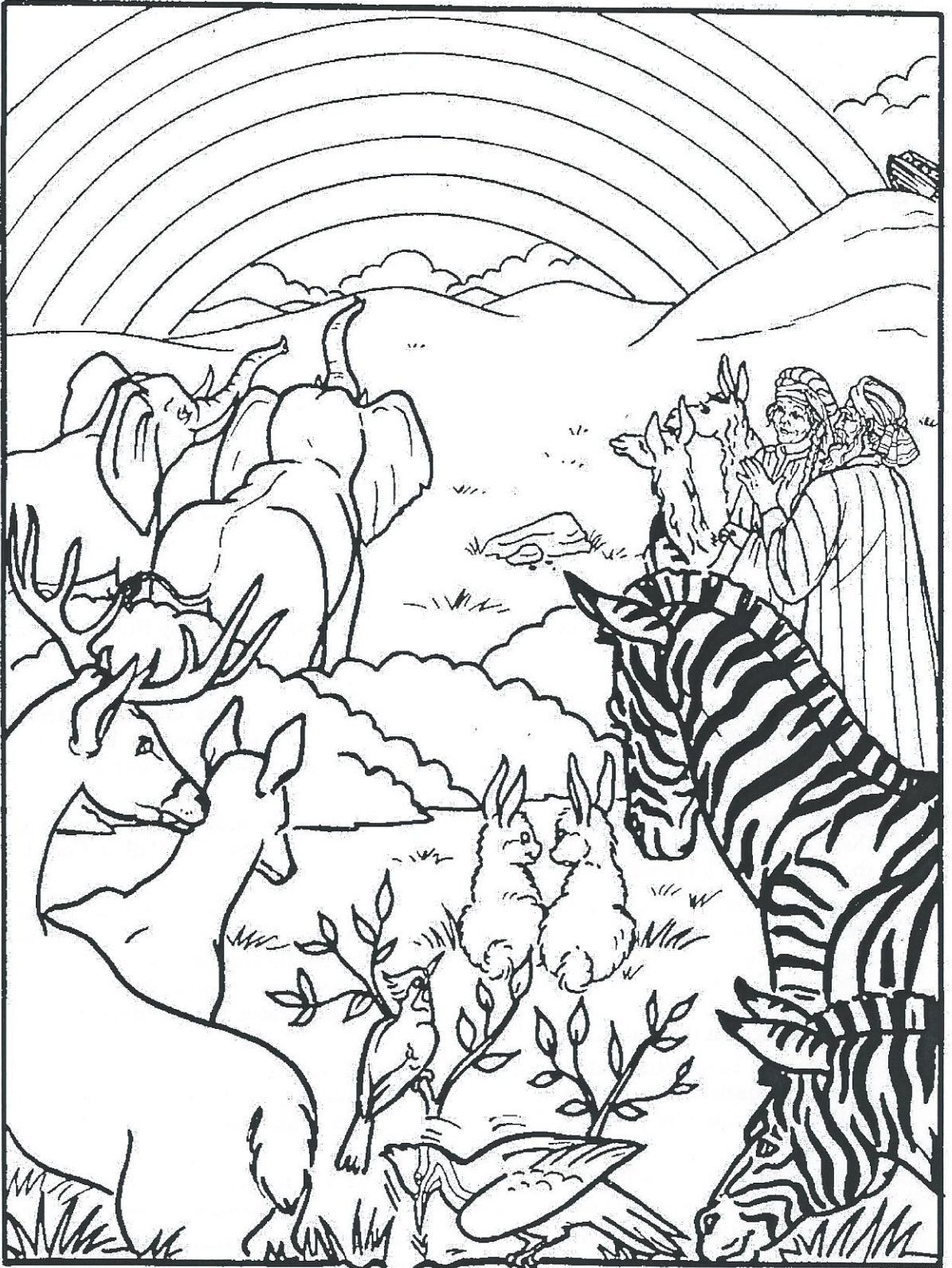
Finally everything was completed. The animals were on the ark, Noah's family was on the ark, and there was enough food for all of them. The rain began to fall as God closed the door on the huge boat.

The neighbors' laughter turned to fear as they watched the rain continue to fall. It rained and rained and rained. The water in the lakes and streams began overflowing. For forty days and nights the water crept up on the mountains until there was no dry land left. The world and all the people on it were destroyed. But Noah and his family were safe and dry inside the boat. They floated in the water for 150 days. Then God sent a wind, and the waters began to go down.

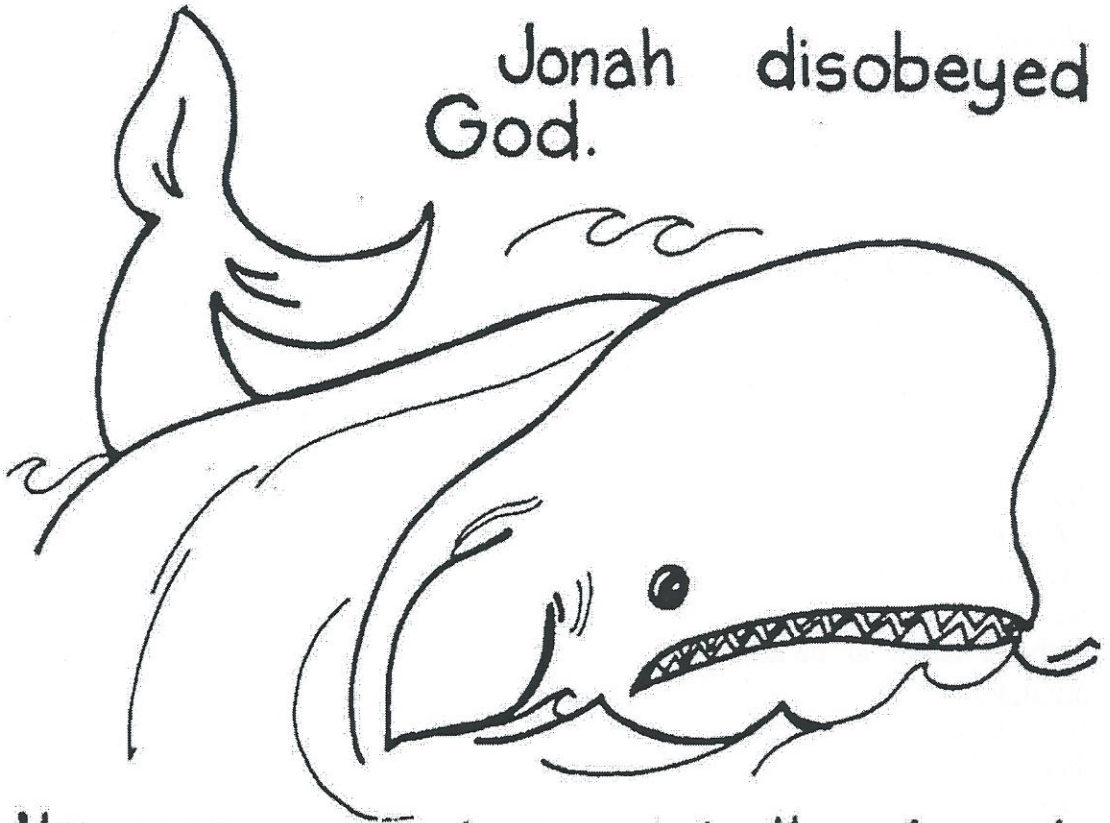
Noah sent a raven out of the ark but it did not return. Then he sent out a dove. The dove came back, for it could find no dry place to land. Again, Noah sent out the dove. This time it came back with a fresh olive leaf in its beak. Noah knew the water was going down.

At last God told Noah to come out of the ark with his family and animals. The first thing Noah did was build an altar and bring an offering to thank the Lord.

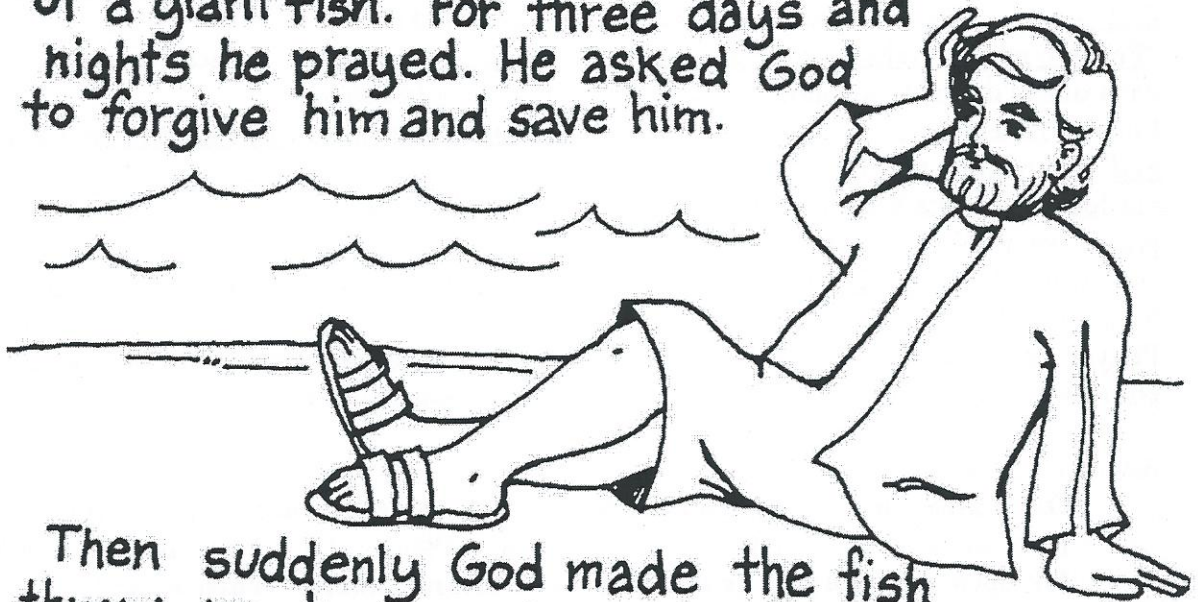
God promised Noah, "Never again will I destroy the earth with a flood." God put a beautiful rainbow in the sky as a sign of His promise.



Jonah disobeyed
God.



He was sucked alive into the stomach
of a giant fish. For three days and
nights he prayed. He asked God
to forgive him and save him.



Then suddenly God made the fish
throw up Jonah onto a dry beach.