

NOAH AND THE FLOOD

God looked down on the earth and saw all the evil that men Gwere doing. He saw how unhappy this was making them. Therefore God decided to destroy all human beings and all living things on the earth in a great flood. Then he remembered Noah, the only man who obeyed him. So God told Noah to build a big ark, or ship, out of gopher wood so he, his wife, their three sons and their wives could be saved from the Flood. Noah was told to take seven pairs of each clean animal and bird and one pair of each unclean animal and bird into the ark.

After Noah finished building and loading the ark, the rain came. It rained for 40 days and 40 nights. The ark floated for 150 days. Then the water began to go down and the ark came to rest on a mountaintop.

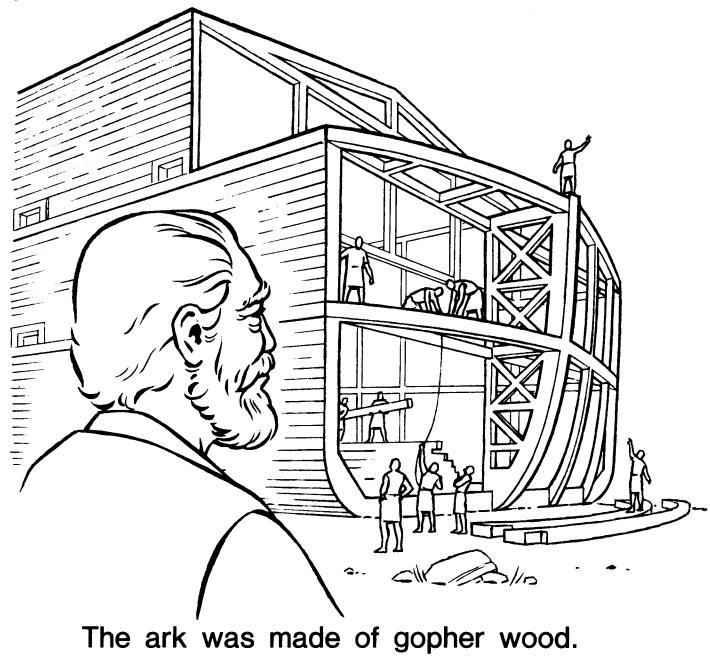
Several months later, Noah sent out a dove. The first time it returned with nothing. Seven days later Noah sent the dove out again. This time it returned with an olive leaf in its beak. After seven more days, the dove was sent out and didn't return. Noah was very happy when the dove didn't return. This meant there was dry land and trees and plants were growing again.

When God told Noah to come out of the ark, Noah built an altar to give an offering to thank God. God then put a rainbow

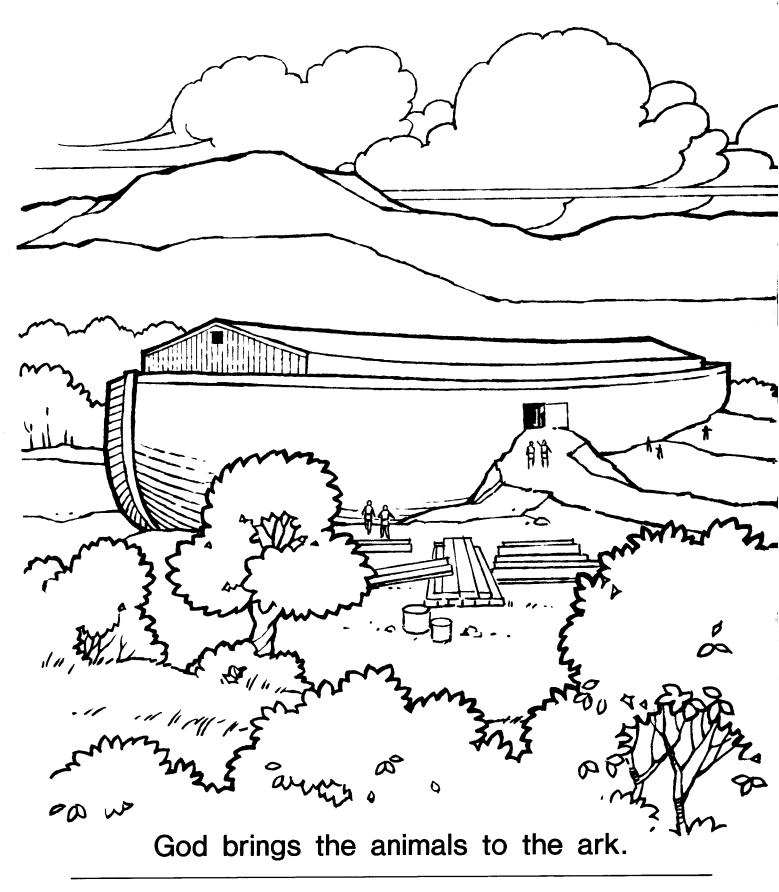
Parents: Explain to your child what evil is. Explain that God didn't want men to keep on living in terrible unhappiness caused by their disobedience to God. He planned to resurrect them in the Great White Throne Judgment when they will learn God's happy way of life. Explain that "clean" animals are the ones that God created for man to eat. Briefly explain clean and unclean meats.

in the sky. It was a sign to Noah of God's promise that he would never again send a flood to destroy everything.

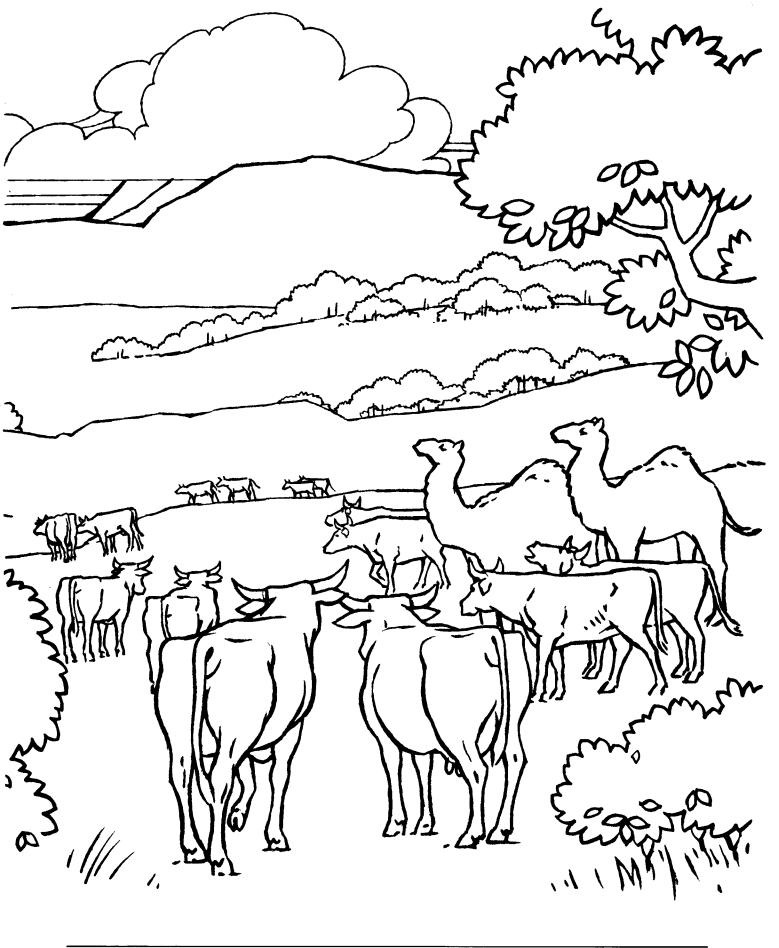
After the Flood Noah planted a vineyard and grew grapes for wine. Noah lived for many years after the Flood. He was 950 years old when he died.

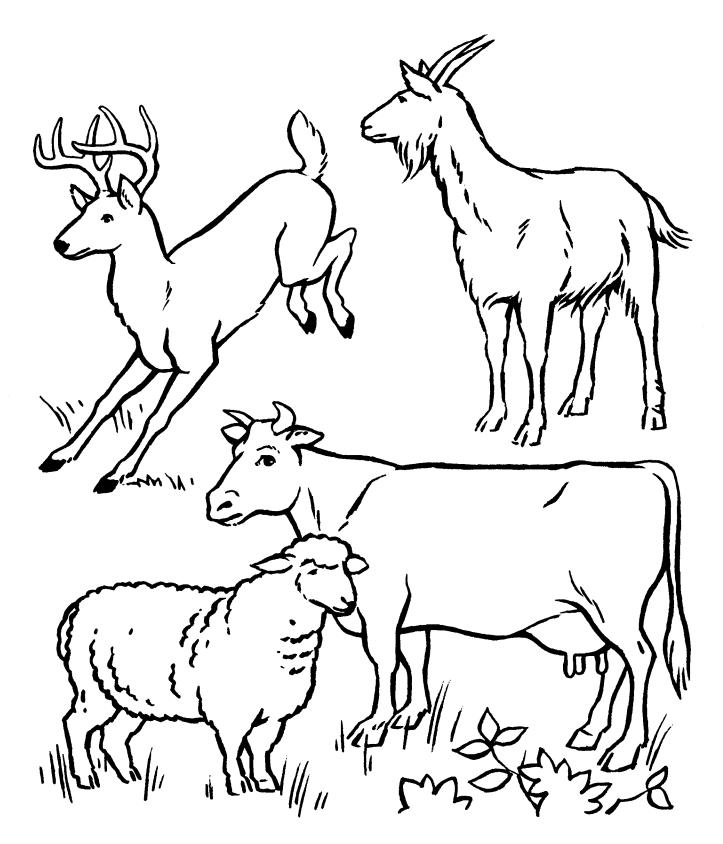


Parents: Have your child color the picture of the ark, as well as all the other pictures. Explain to your child how big the ark was in order to hold so many different animals plus enough food for everyone.



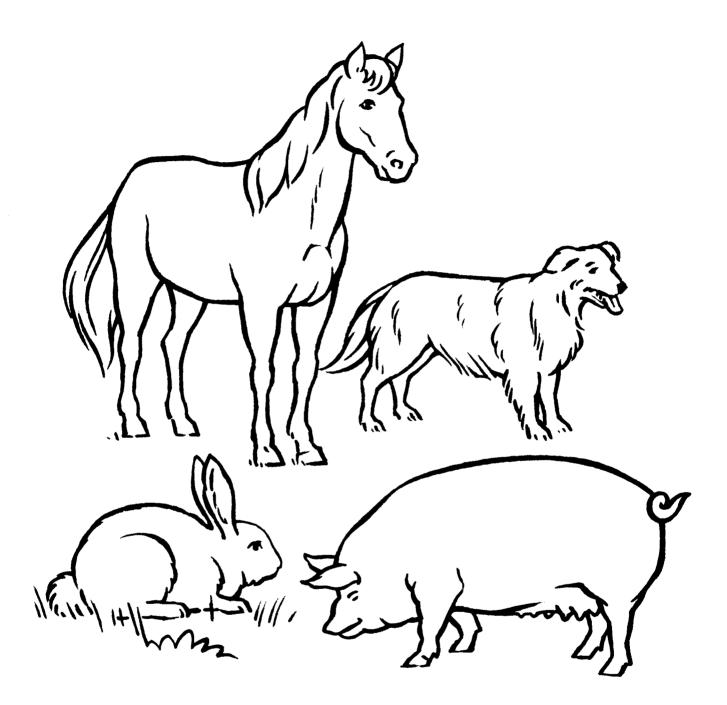
Parents: Explain that God told Noah to take more clean animals into the ark because Noah and his family would need some of them for food.





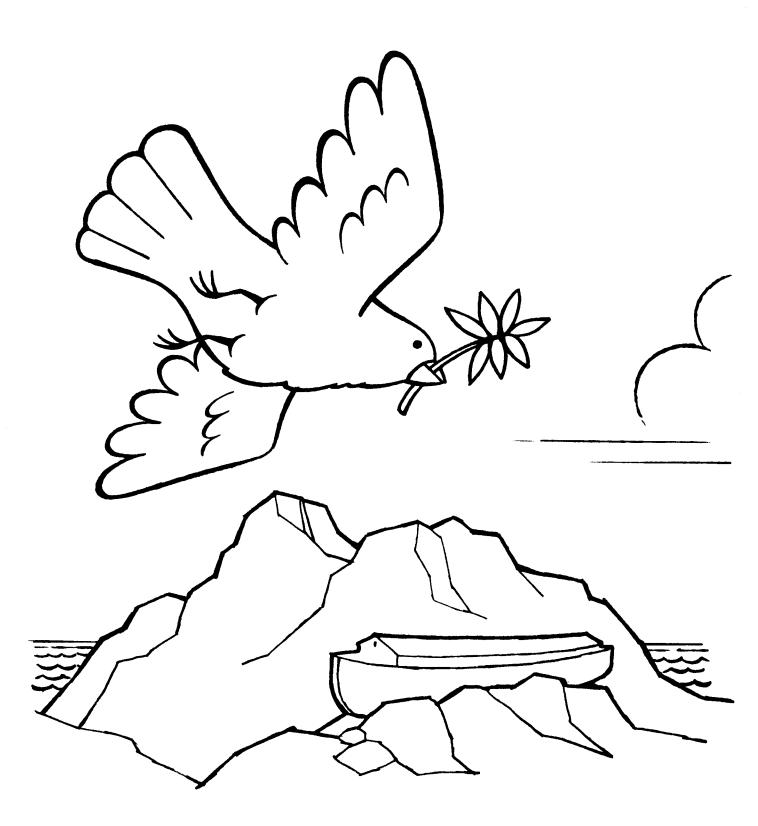
These animals are clean to eat.

Parents: Explain what makes these animals good to eat.



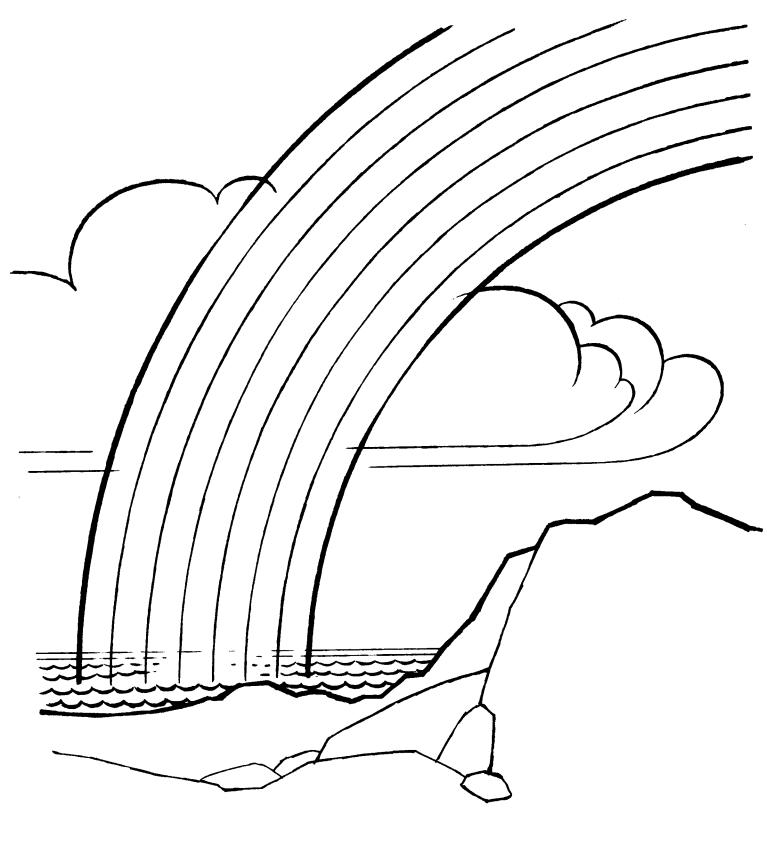
God tells us not to eat these unclean animals.

Parents: Explain why these animals are not good to eat.



The dove returns with an olive leaf.

Parents: Explain what it meant when the dove returned with a leaf in its beak.



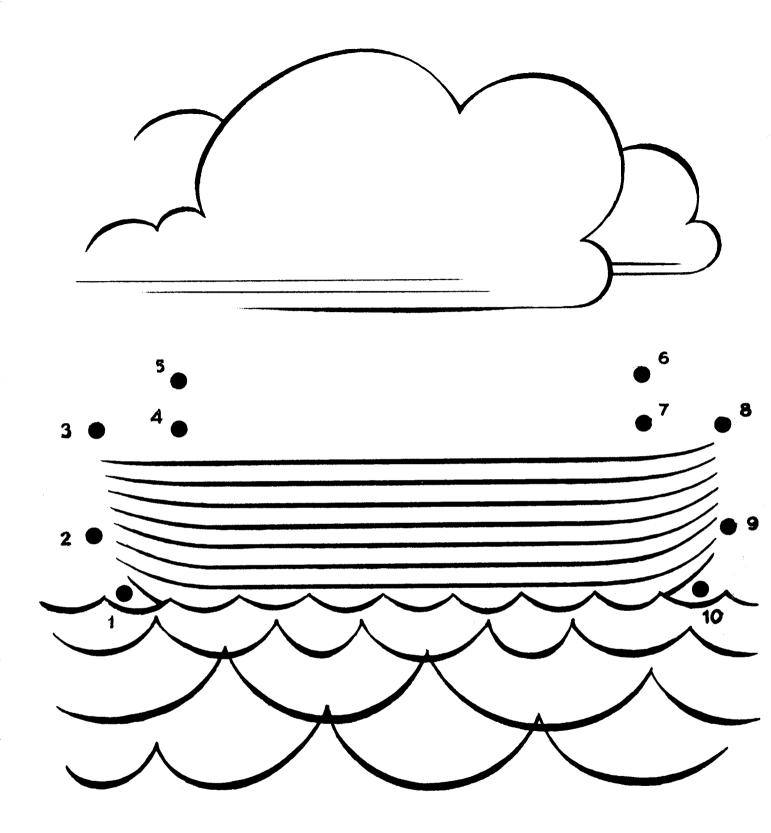
The rainbow was a sign from God.

Parents: Explain what the rainbow reminds us of.



Noah gives an offering to thank God for his protection from the Flood.

Parents: Explain how we give offerings today.



Connect the dots to find out how Noah and his family were saved.

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