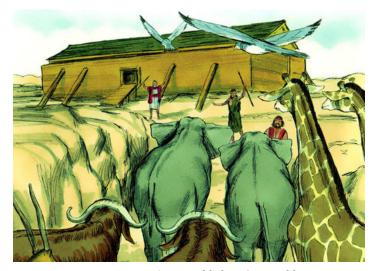
L1.15 "Noah, the Ark, and the Flood"

Read Together: Following God's instructions, Noah immediately began to build an ark to save his family and the land animals from destruction. Noah and his sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth, may have worked on building the ark for many years. While the people surely made fun of him for building a boat on dry land, Noah warned them to repent and obey God so that they too could escape the coming Flood. No one but his family listened to Noah. In the end, there were only eight people that entered the ark: Noah, Shem, Ham, Japheth, and their wives. God sent seven pairs of every clean animal to the ark, males and



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females, so He could preserve their lives. He also sent two of every unclean animal, a male and a female, as well as seven pairs of birds, males and females, for Noah to keep in the ark. After Noah, his family, and all the animals were inside, God sealed the door to the ark. After seven days, it began to rain. The waters from under the earth gushed up and the rain from heaven poured down, for forty days and forty nights! The water was so high that it covered the mountains! Only those on the ark survived.

Read Together: Genesis 6:13–22; 7:1–20; 2 Peter 2:5

Discuss:

- Ask your child why God destroyed all land animals, birds, and human beings. Ask why
 God spared Noah and his family.
- Ask your child how many people were aboard the ark and who they were.
- Explain to your child that during the time that he was building the ark, Noah was warning
 the people about the coming Flood. God was giving them an opportunity to repent and
 be saved. Emphasize God's mercy in wanting the people to be saved.
- Explain to your child what makes animals "clean" or "unclean." Why did God tell Noah to take more clean animals on the ark than unclean? You may want to use this as an opportunity to talk about God's dietary laws in Leviticus.

Review Memorization.

2 Peter 2:5 "And [God] did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah, one of eight people, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly."