

בְּרִית

Covenant

At the very beginning of the story of the Bible, God shows Himself to be the God Who makes promises! In the story of Noach, we find the first time that the word “covenant” is used in the Bible. God talks to Noach and He says: “But I will establish My covenant with you; and you shall enter the ark—you and your sons and your wife, and your sons’ wives with you.” What exactly is a “covenant?”



The Hebrew word for covenant is בְּרִית, pronounced *berit*. It means to tie something together, and was used in ancient Israel to refer to the promises that people made with each other, as well as the promises God made with Israel. When someone makes a promise to another person, they “tie themselves to the promise,” that is, they are “bound” to it. This is the idea of “covenant.” God made a promise to Noach and called it a “covenant.” In our day, we refer to the ceremony of circumcision by the word *berit*, because circumcision is the sign of the *covenant* which God made with us through Abraham.

What was the promise that God made with Noach and his family? We can find out exactly by reading Genesis 9:9-11:

“Now behold, I Myself do establish My covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the cattle, and every beast of the earth with you; of all that comes out of the ark, even every beast of the earth. And I establish My covenant with you; and all flesh shall never again be cut off by the water of the flood, neither shall there again be a flood to destroy the earth.”

God made a promise that He would never again destroy the earth with a flood of water, but that He would maintain the life of both mankind and all the animals. This was a wonderful promise because it was necessary for the Messiah to come. Since the Messiah would be a man Himself, it was important for mankind to be able to continue to live upon the earth. In the promise that God made with Noach, He promises to protect mankind from one generation to another.

Usually when God makes a covenant He also gives us a reminder of it—something we can always see and remember the covenant He has made. For the covenant He made with Noach He gave the rainbow as the reminder. Everytime we see a rainbow in the sky, we should remember that God is the One Who makes covenants and keeps them!



All Creatures Great and Small

Find the names of animals listed in the Bible. All the clues are listed in the word pool. Search for the animal names by going left, right, up, down, and diagonally, circling each word as you find it. Cross off words in the word pool as you find them. We found LIZARD to get you started.

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Word Pool

APE BEAR CAMEL DEER DOG DRAGON
 ELEPHANT GOAT GREYHOUND HORSE LAMB
 LEOPARD LION ~~LIZARD~~ MULE OXEN SWINE

Author(s)	Year	Country	Sample Size	Study Design	Outcome Measure
Smith et al.	2005	USA	1,200	Longitudinal	Prevalence of depression
Johnson et al.	2007	UK	800	Cross-sectional	Incidence of anxiety disorders
Chen et al.	2009	China	2,500	Case-control	Prevalence of schizophrenia
Lee et al.	2011	South Korea	1,500	Longitudinal	Prevalence of bipolar disorder
Wong et al.	2013	Canada	900	Cross-sectional	Prevalence of major depressive disorder
Patel et al.	2015	India	1,800	Longitudinal	Prevalence of post-traumatic stress disorder
Nguyen et al.	2017	Vietnam	1,100	Cross-sectional	Prevalence of generalized anxiety disorder
Okada et al.	2019	Japan	1,300	Longitudinal	Prevalence of obsessive-compulsive disorder
Almeida et al.	2021	Brazil	1,600	Cross-sectional	Prevalence of major depressive disorder
Kim et al.	2022	South Korea	1,400	Longitudinal	Prevalence of bipolar disorder
Garcia et al.	2023	Spain	1,200	Cross-sectional	Prevalence of major depressive disorder
Ng et al.	2024	Singapore	1,000	Longitudinal	Prevalence of anxiety disorders

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Noah's Numbers

Lots of numbers are in the story of Noah and the Great Flood (Genesis 5:32 to Genesis 9:29). Here is a number puzzle based on some of those numbers.

The number of every clean animal that God told Noah to take into the ark (Genesis 7:2)

The number of every unclean animal that God told Noah to take into the ark (Genesis 7:2)

The month of the year that the rain began to fall (Genesis 7:11)

The day of the month that the rain began to fall (Genesis 7:11)

The number of days that "the waters prevailed upon the earth" (Genesis 7:24)

The number of days and nights that the rain was on the earth (Genesis 7:12)

The number of the month when the tops of the mountains could be seen (Genesis 8:5)

The number of sons that Noah and his wife had (Genesis 7:13)

The number of times Noah sent out birds to see how dry the earth was (Genesis 8:7,8,10-12)

The number of stories (or decks) in the ark (Genesis 6:16)

Noah's age when he entered the ark (Genesis 7:11)

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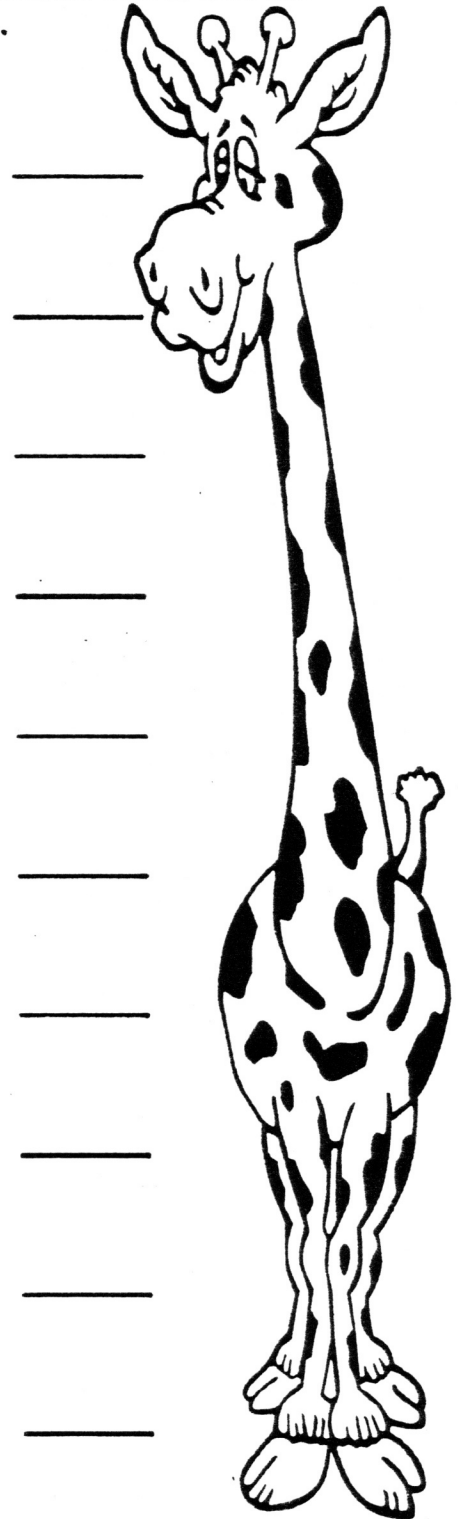
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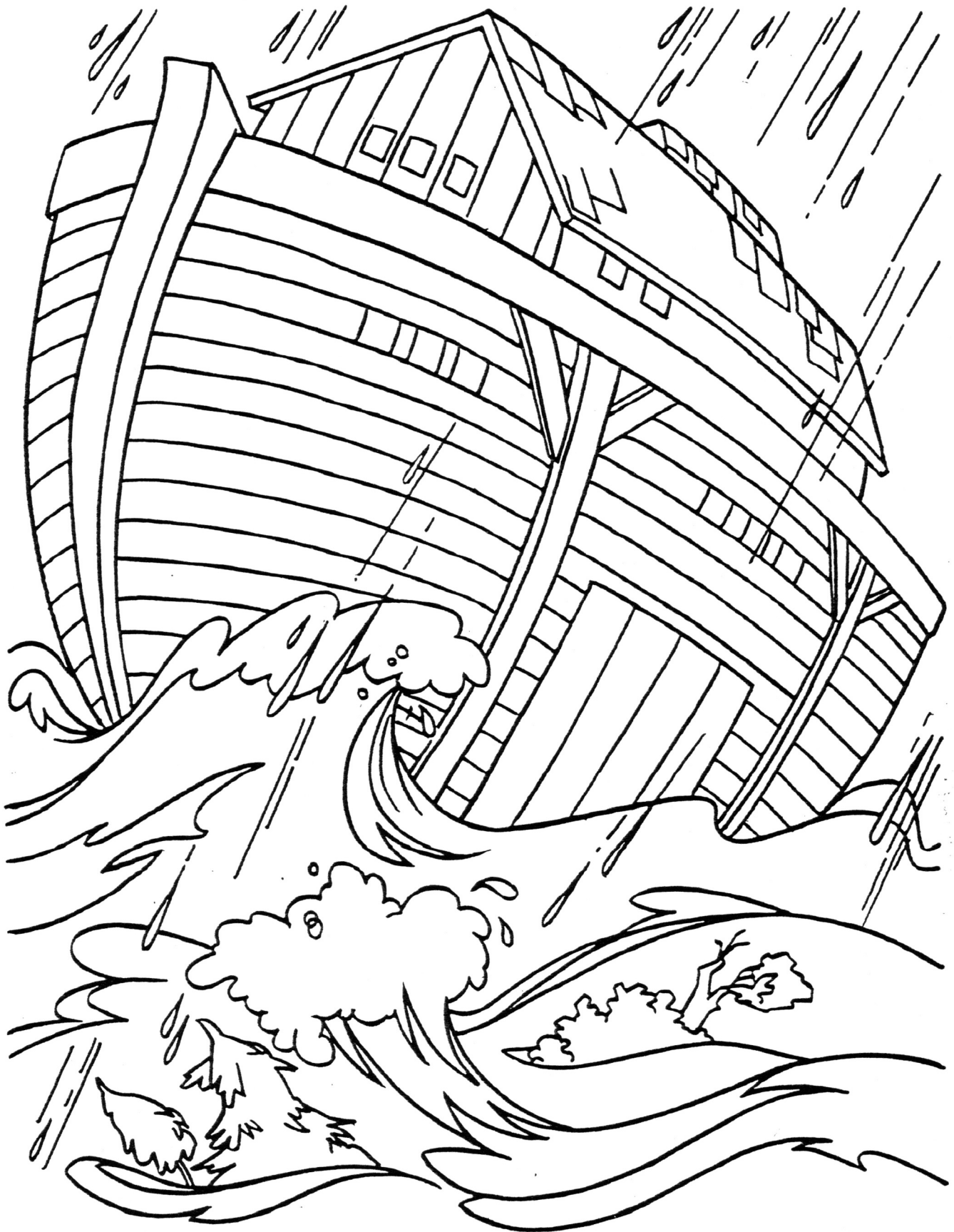
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The waters grew, and lifted the ark high above the land.

God made a rainbow to promise there would be
no more floods that covered the whole earth.
Trace the lines to finish the rainbow. Then color it.

