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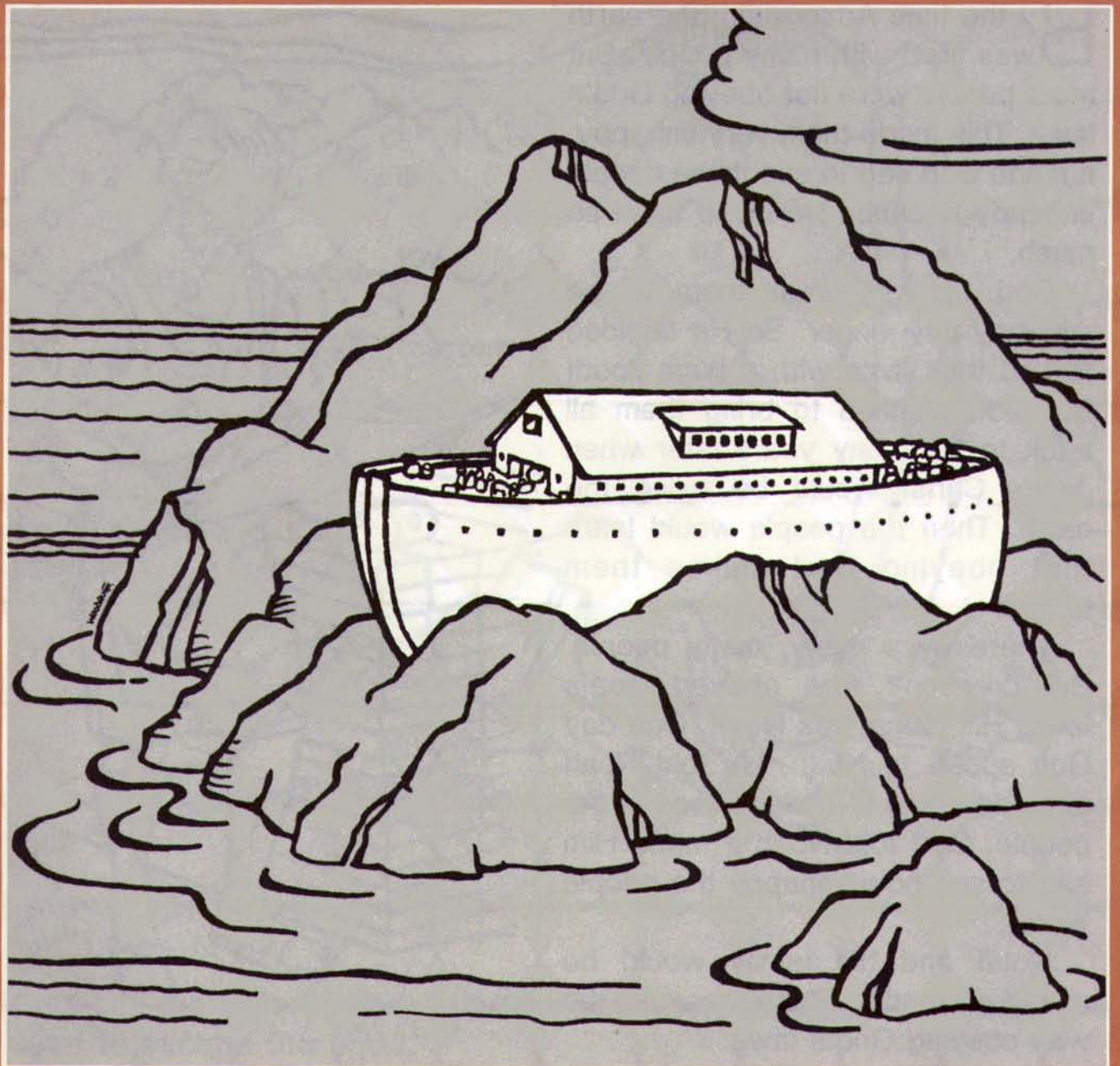
LEVEL 3

BIBLE

LESSONS



LESSON 2



Noah

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By the time Adam died, the earth was filled with many people. But most people were not obeying God's laws. This made them very unhappy. It made God sad to see these people unhappy because He loved them so much.

God did not want them to be unhappy any longer. So He decided to end their lives with a huge flood! But God planned to bring them all back to life many years later when Jesus Christ would be ruling the earth. Then the people would learn that obeying God makes them happy.

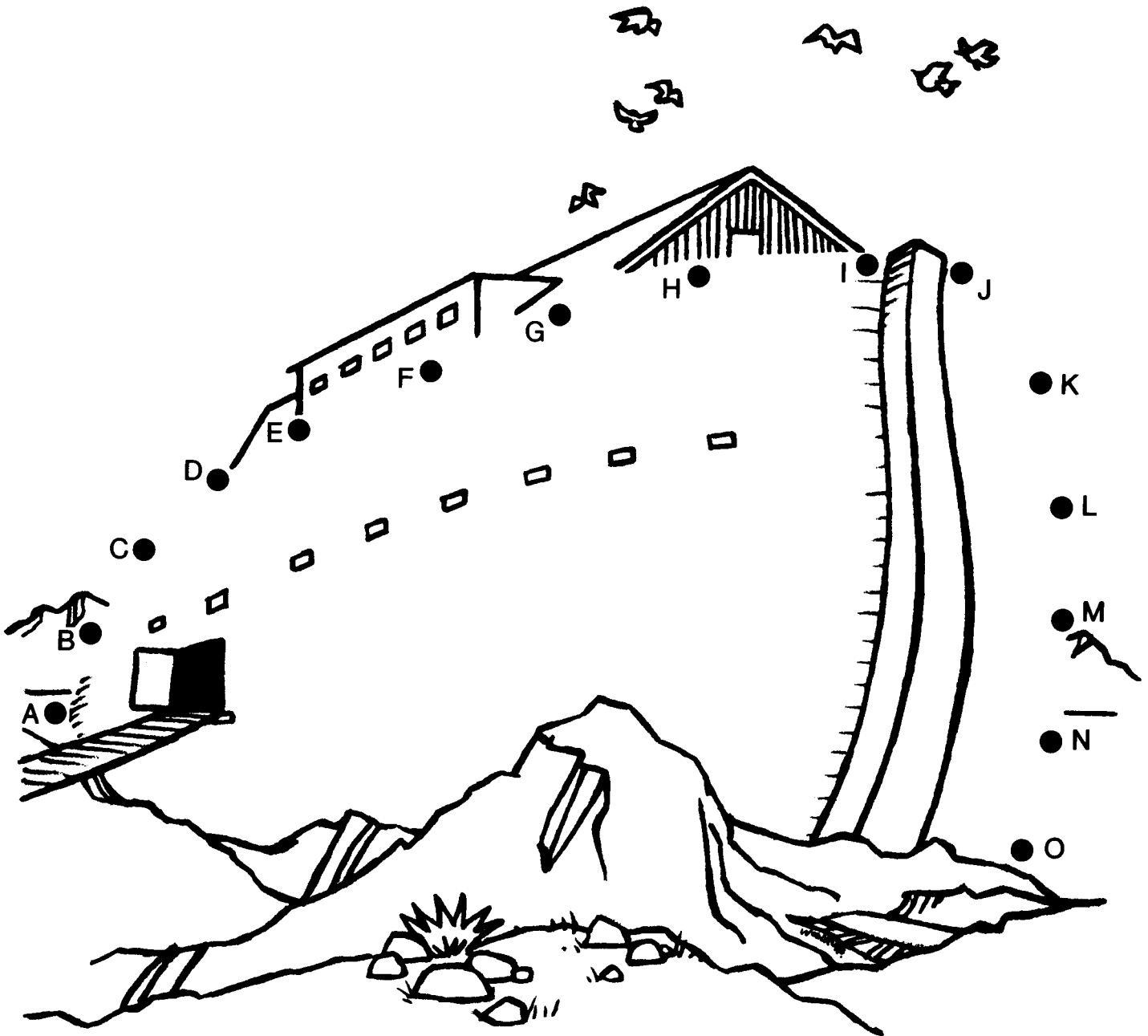
There were many, many people. But only one man obeyed God's laws. His name was Noah. One day God spoke to Noah. He told Noah about His plan to end the lives of the people. God told Noah it made Him sad to see how unhappy the people were.

Noah and his family would be saved from the Flood because he was obeying God's laws.

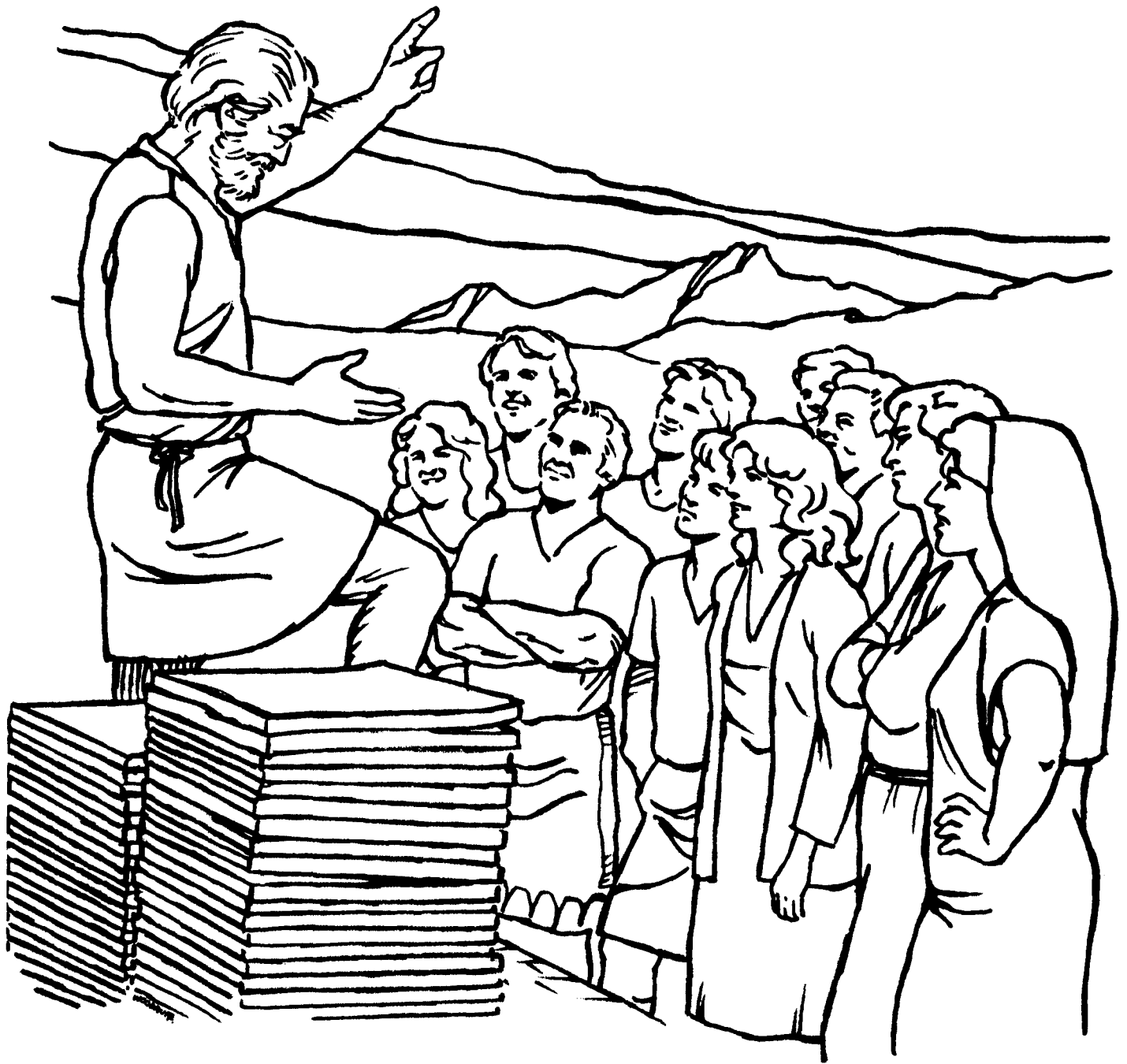


But how could Noah be saved if water was going to cover the whole earth? God told Noah to make a big

ship, called an ark. He told Noah how to build it, step by step. It had to be big enough to hold some of every



Connect the dots by following the alphabet, then see what Noah used to escape the flood.



kind of animal on earth!

Noah and his sons began work on the ark. It took a long time to build something that big. They did not have the many machines that we do today. Everything had to be done by hand. Noah's family worked on the

ship for nearly 100 years. While they worked, Noah told people why they were building the ark. "If you are really sorry for the way you are living and will obey God," said Noah, "you will be saved from the Flood, too." But the people just laughed. They

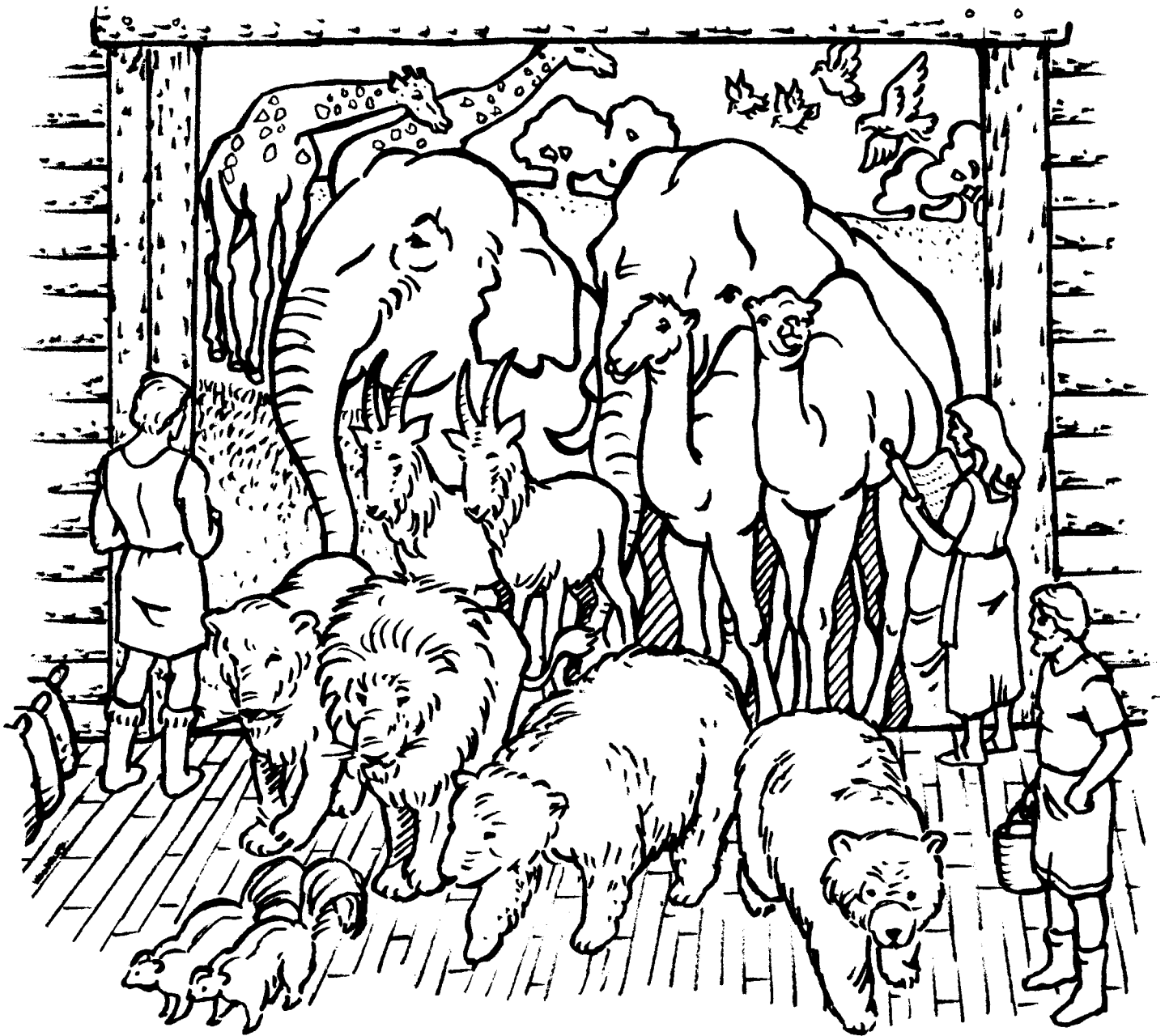
thought Noah was crazy.

Inside the ark were cages and stables. There were small cages for animals like mice and chipmunks and large cages for apes and lions. There were also rooms for supplies. The ark was very much like a big

indoor zoo! After the ark was built, there was still much to do. It was a big job to gather food for so many animals.

It was not easy for Noah and his family to listen to all the people laugh. No one likes to be laughed at.





One hundred and twenty years is a long time to wait for God to bring the Flood. But this was a time for Noah to show God he believed Him.

One day all kinds of animals came to the ark. People stopped laughing. They stared at what they saw. They could not see anyone leading the animals. Yet the animals seemed to know that they were to come to this

big boat. Noah had built a large ramp leading to the door in the side of the ark. The animals came in pairs — one male and one female. Seven pairs of animals that are clean to eat came into the ark. One pair of unclean animals came. More clean animals were needed so Noah's family could use some for food. Can you imagine what it must have



looked like to see so many animals coming to one place?

The animals were put into cages. When they were safely inside with Noah's family, God closed the big, heavy door of the ark.

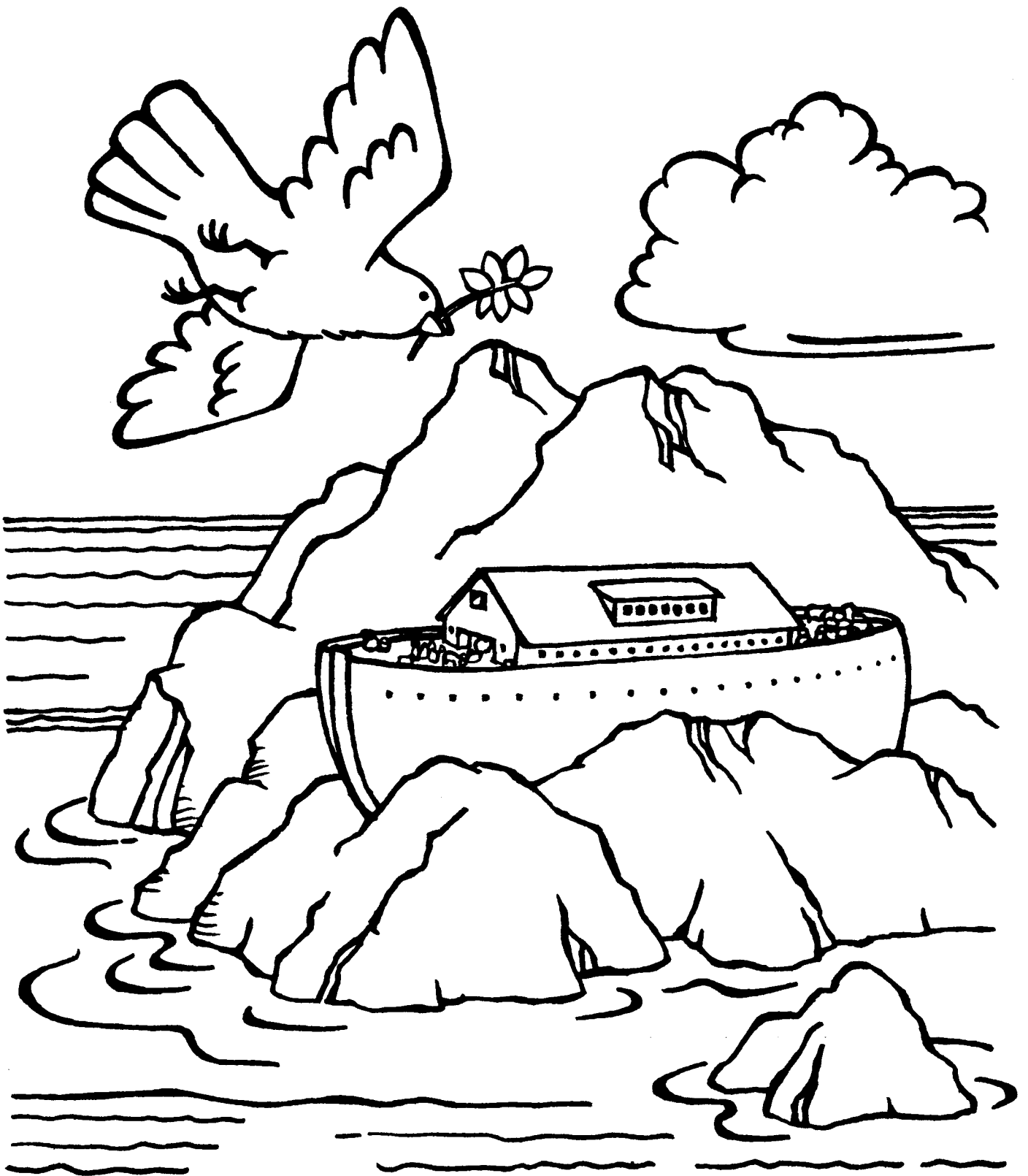
A week went by, but it still did not rain. The people outside were laughing at Noah. "Where's the flood, Noah? It's not even raining!" But then the sky started to get dark. Small drops of water began to fall. Very soon it was raining quite hard.

People were not laughing any-

more. They were scared because it continued to rain and the water was rising everywhere. Soon everyone was drowned except those in the ark. It rained for 40 days and 40 nights. Even the mountains were covered with water.

Noah and his family were in the ark for many months. But they kept busy taking care of all the animals. Each animal had to be fed and given water. Their cages had to be kept clean.

Finally, the water began to lower.



The tops of the high mountains could be seen. The ark rested on one of the mountains. Noah waited two more months. The water dropped

more and more. Noah sent out birds to see if there were plants growing yet. One of the birds finally came back with a leaf in its beak.



Noah opened the top of the ark and looked out over the land. It was a good feeling to see land again. Noah and his family had been in the ark for more than a year. Everyone, including the animals, left the ark.

Noah was thankful to God for taking care of him and his family.

They built an altar and offered to God some of the clean animals. God promised Noah that he would never again flood the whole earth. Noah looked up to see a beautiful rainbow. God told Noah that whenever we see a rainbow in the sky, we are to remember His promise.

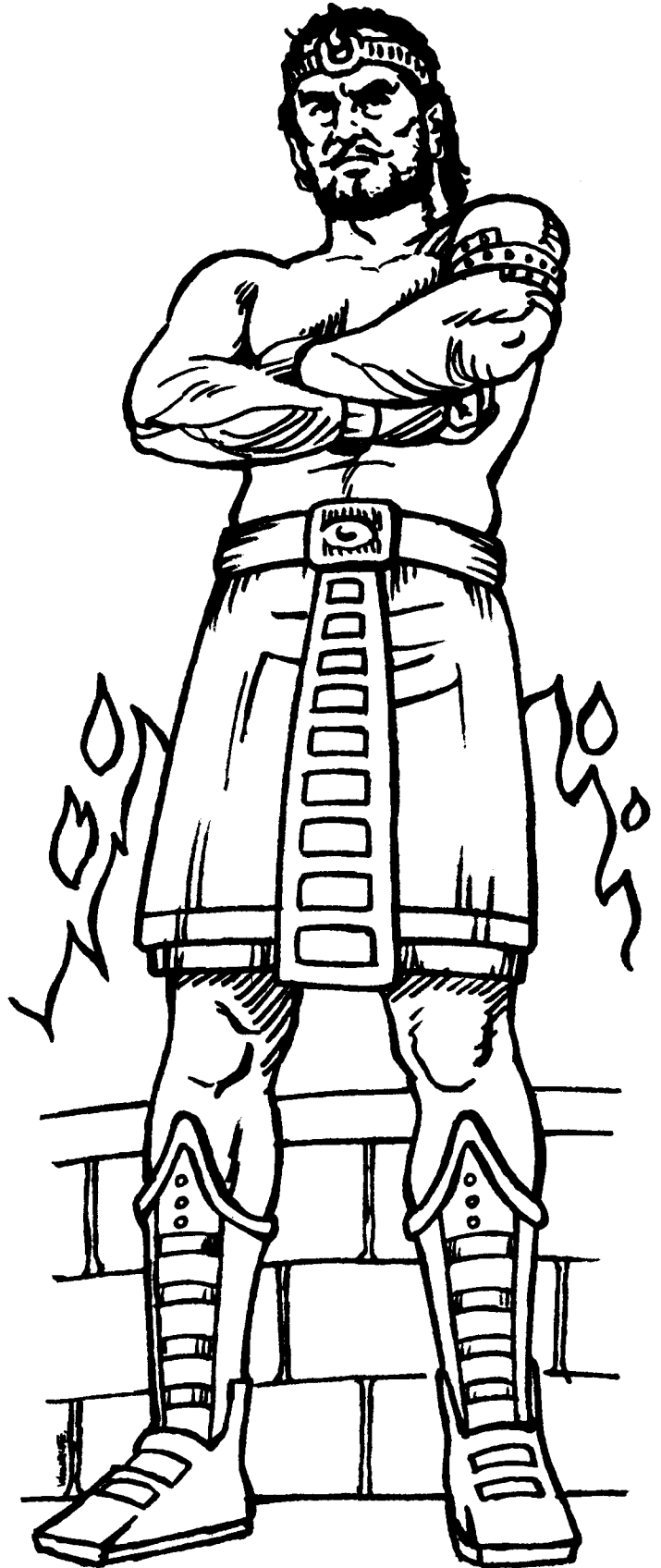
THE TOWER OF BABEL

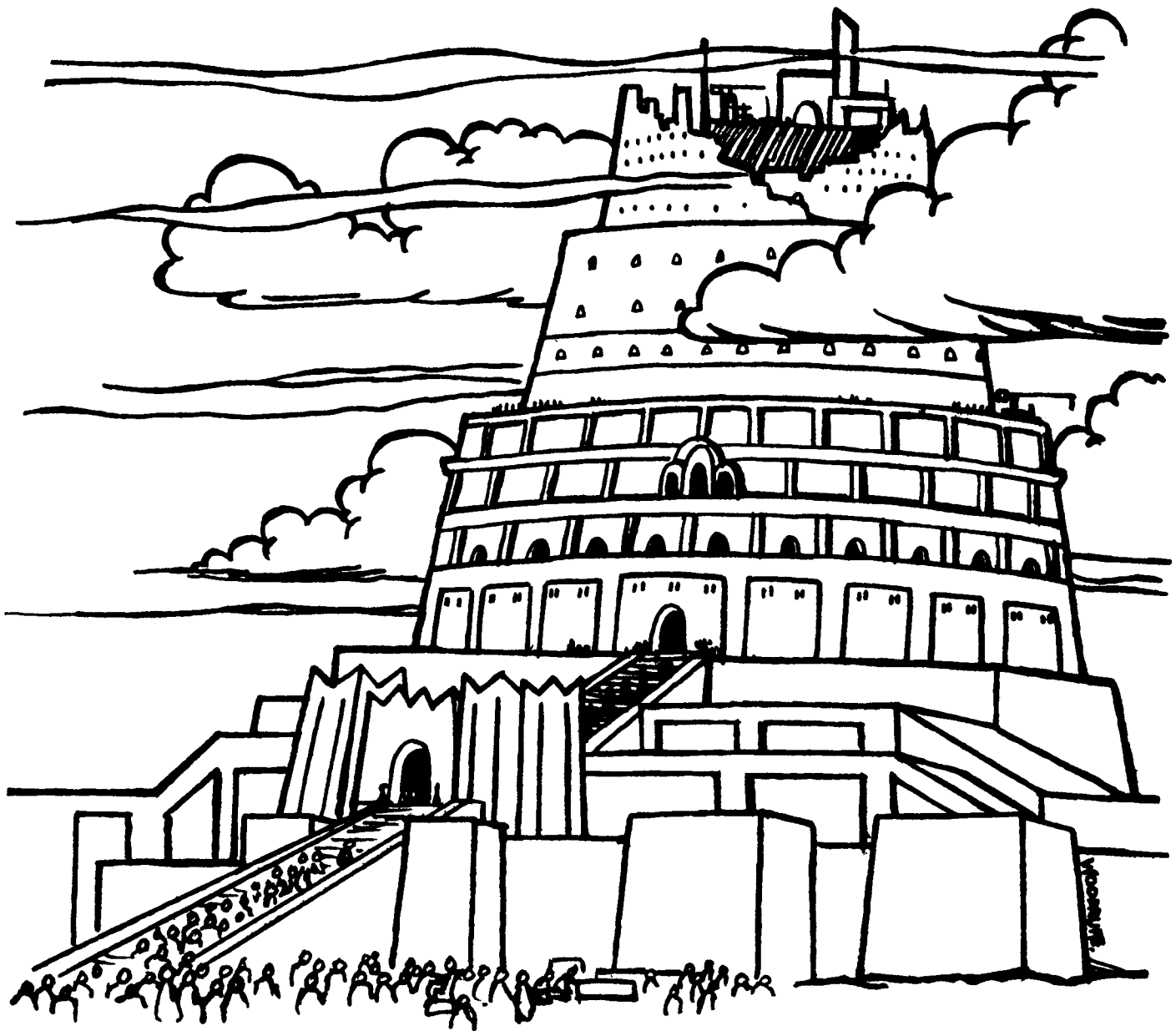
Imagine being one of only eight people on the whole earth! All the people born after the Flood came from these eight. As the years went by, there were many people again.

They built houses, barns and all kinds of buildings. They built them very close together. This did not please God. He knew that when too many people live too close together in big cities they are not happy. They cannot enjoy all the beautiful things God has made for us — the forests, the mountains and the deep, blue lakes. Soon the people forgot that obeying God's laws would make them happy. Satan gave them some very bad ideas.

One of the cities they made was ruled by a man named Nimrod. He was a big, strong man. Nimrod did not follow God's laws. Nimrod told the people not to look to the God of Noah as their ruler. He taught them to honor Satan by worshiping things like the sun and snakes.

Nimrod wanted the people to stay close together and obey him. So he came up with a plan to build a very tall tower. It was to honor Satan, whom they called their sun god. Nimrod wanted this tower to reach the clouds. He knew that if the people were thinking about this big project, they would not think about God.





The people worked very hard for months. The tower became the most important thing in their lives. By this time, God was very unhappy with them. He did not want the tower project to go any further, so God divided their one language into many different languages.

After the Flood the people spoke only one language. But suddenly, they were having a hard time

understanding each other. When one person would have to say something again and again, he would get very angry. This would lead to fighting. Soon they were not able to work together.

Work on the tower stopped. It was called the Tower of Babel from that time on. *Babel* means "confusion." God did not want the tower finished — so it never was.

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ANIMAL SCRAMBLE

Someone mixed up part of the list of animals and other creatures on the ark. Can you help Noah make a new list by putting the letters in the right order? Use the words in the word bank to help you.

— — — — —	FARIEFG
— — — — —	HETNAELP
	PAE
	ONIL
	EBE
	DREPIS
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SPIDER	GIRAFFE
LION	EAGLE
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