



Imperial Academy Bible Lessons



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Adam lived for hundreds of years. During that time, he saw his children and his children's children grow up. He saw them ignore God and do what they thought was right. They made the same wrong choice that Adam and Eve made in the Garden of Eden. Very few, like his sons Abel and Seth, chose to follow God.

After Adam died and Seth died, God looked down from heaven at the world. He saw that everyone was becoming more and more selfish, unhappy, destructive and evil as they moved farther from Him. God decided to drown everyone in a great flood. This flood would kill everyone on Earth and end the evil things they were doing. Thousands of years later, God would resurrect all those people and teach them to choose His way of life instead of Satan's evil way.

In the midst of all these evil descendants of Adam, God found one man who obeyed Him. His name was Noah. God told Noah to build an ark, a large wooden ship. If Noah obeyed, God would save him and his family from drowning. He would save them in the ark, which would float on the floodwaters.

Noah obeyed and spent many years building the ark. When it was finished, God told Noah to load onto the ark seven pairs of all the animals that were clean to eat, and one pair of all the animals that were not clean to eat. Then Noah, his wife, his three sons and their wives boarded the ark. God closed and sealed the door.

Then for 40 days and 40 nights, God caused rain to fall and water to gush out of the ground. The water rose higher and

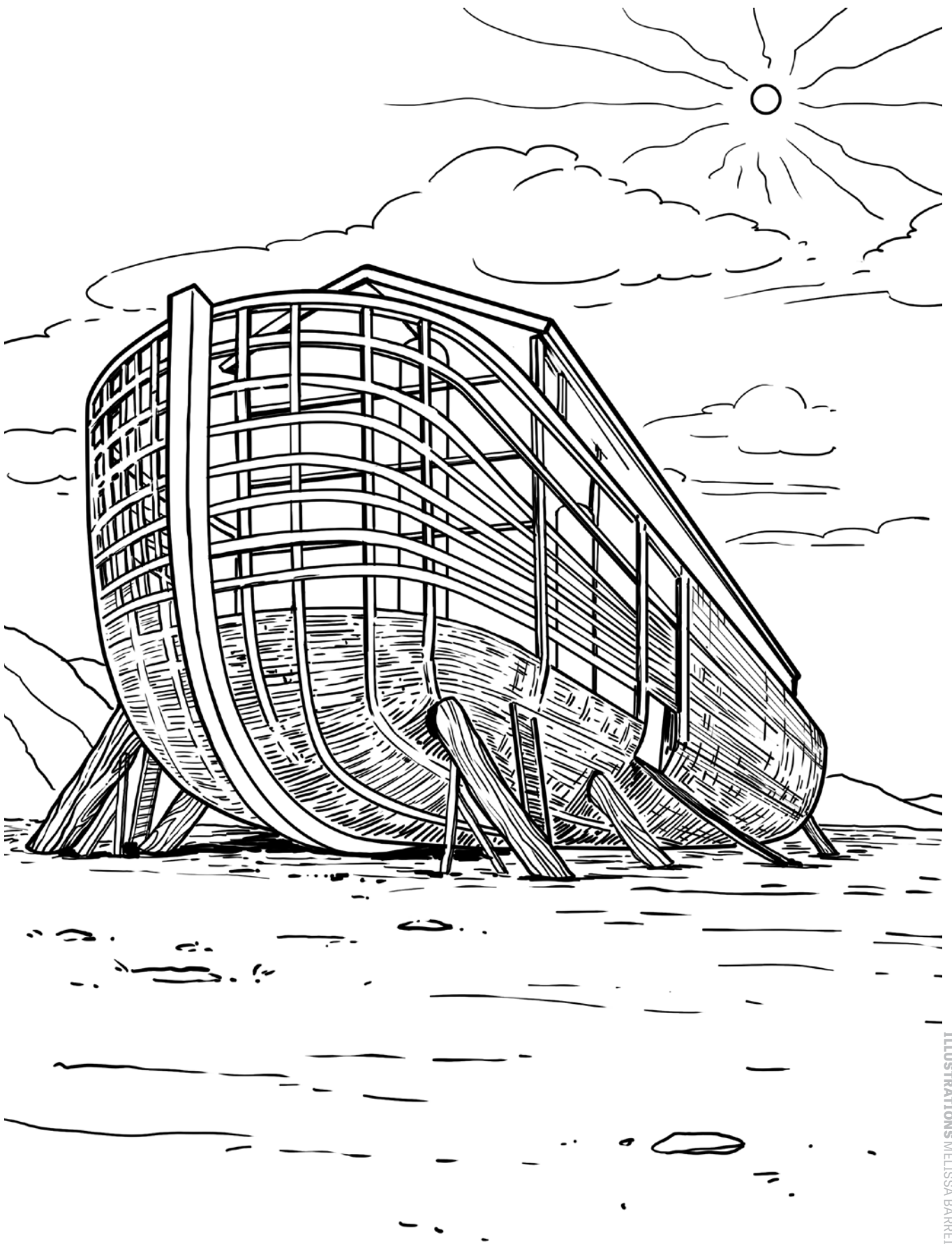
higher until the plains, the valleys, the hills and even the highest mountains were covered by water and everyone outside the ark had drowned.

The ark floated on the floodwaters for 150 days. Then the waters began to drain away. The water level went down, and the ark eventually came to rest on a mountain. Noah released a dove to see if there was anywhere for her to land, but she returned with nothing. After a week, Noah sent the dove out again. This time she returned carrying an olive leaf in her beak. This meant that plants were beginning to grow again. After another week, Noah sent the dove out again. This time, she did not return, because she had found dry land somewhere close by where she could live. This meant it was time to leave the ark!

Noah and his family had so much to be thankful for. God had drowned everyone, but He had saved them alive. So Noah built an altar to make animal sacrifices to God and to thank Him for His blessings. He wanted his children to worship God and turn away from the evil way that Adam's descendants had chosen.

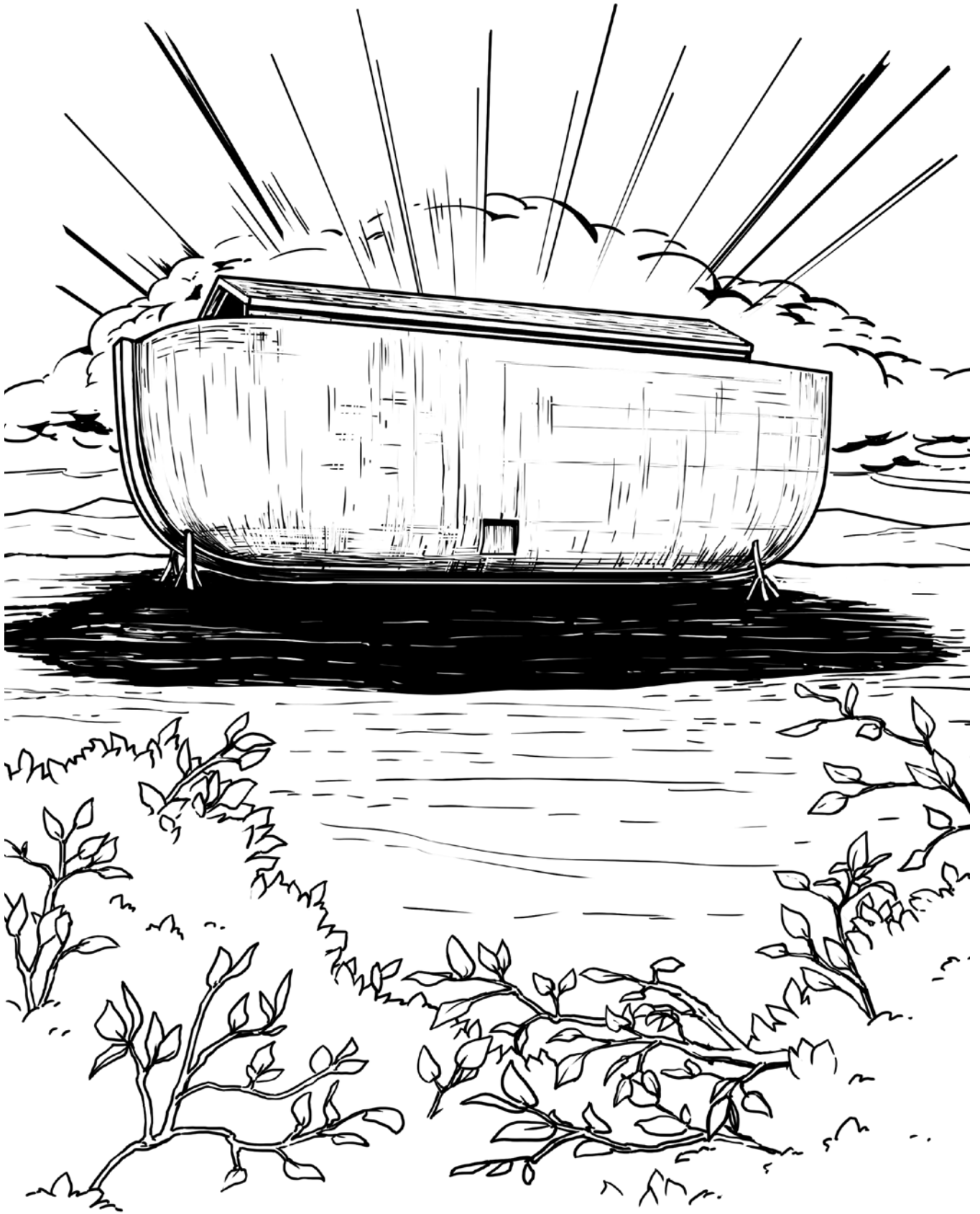
To recognize Noah's offering, God put a rainbow in the sky. This rainbow was a sign from God that He would never again flood the whole Earth with water.

Over time, Noah and his family began working the land and building homes and farms again. God commanded that they spread out over the whole Earth. For the rest of his life, Noah continued to obey God and worked to spread everyone out. He lived until he was 950 years old. His life shows us that obeying God's commands brings a long life full of blessings!



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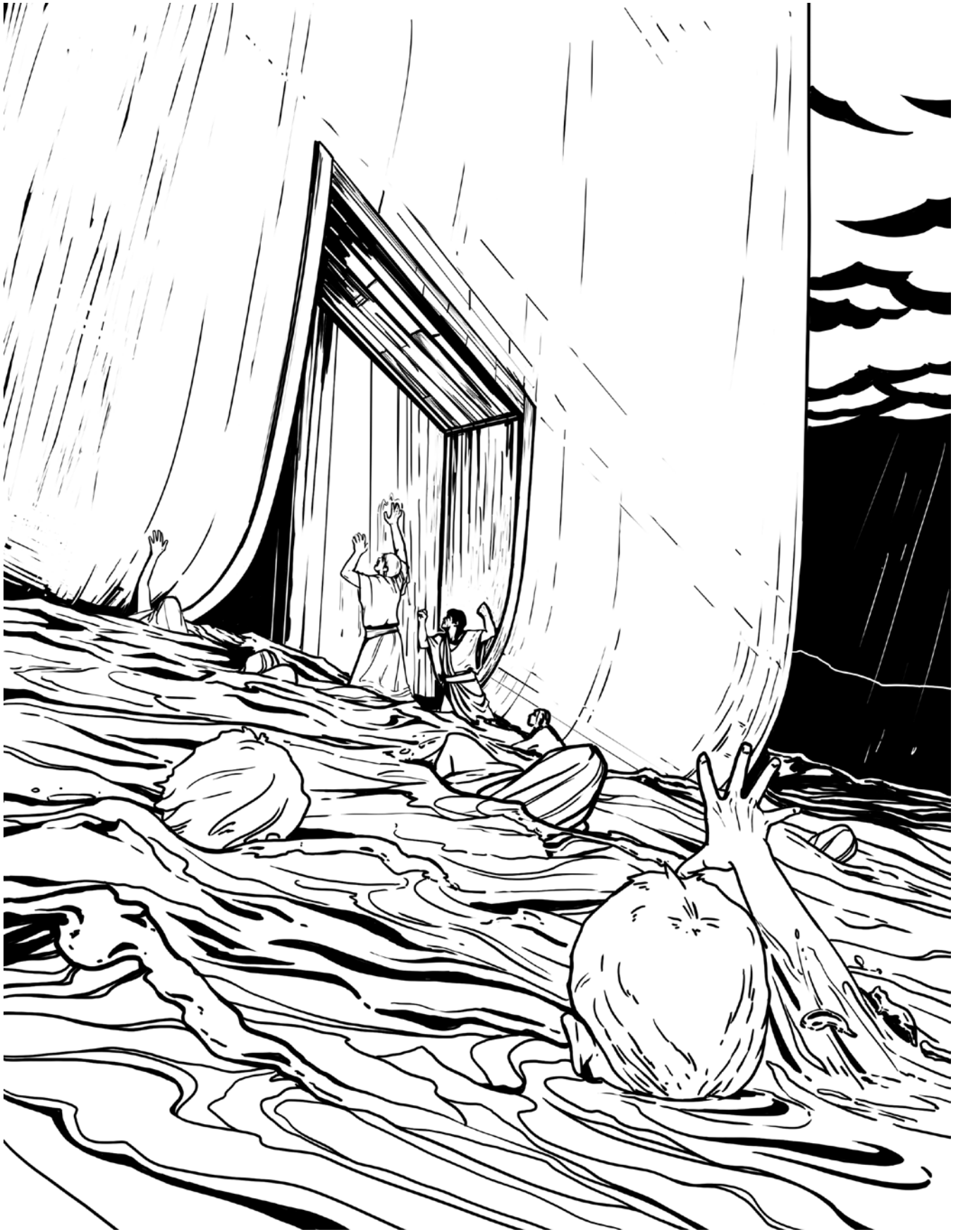
Noah spends many years building the ark.



The ark is finally completed!



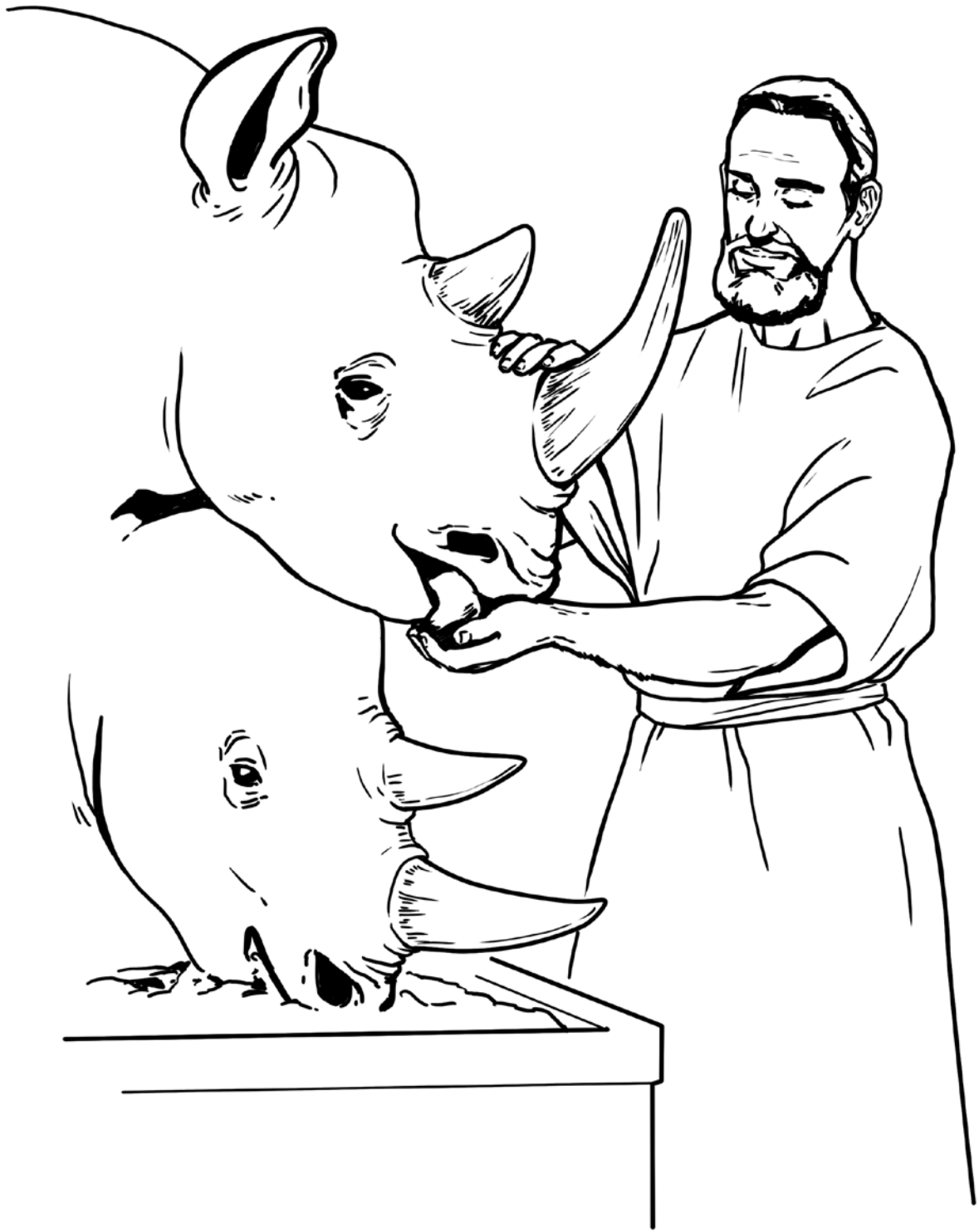
God brings animals of all kinds aboard the ark with Noah.



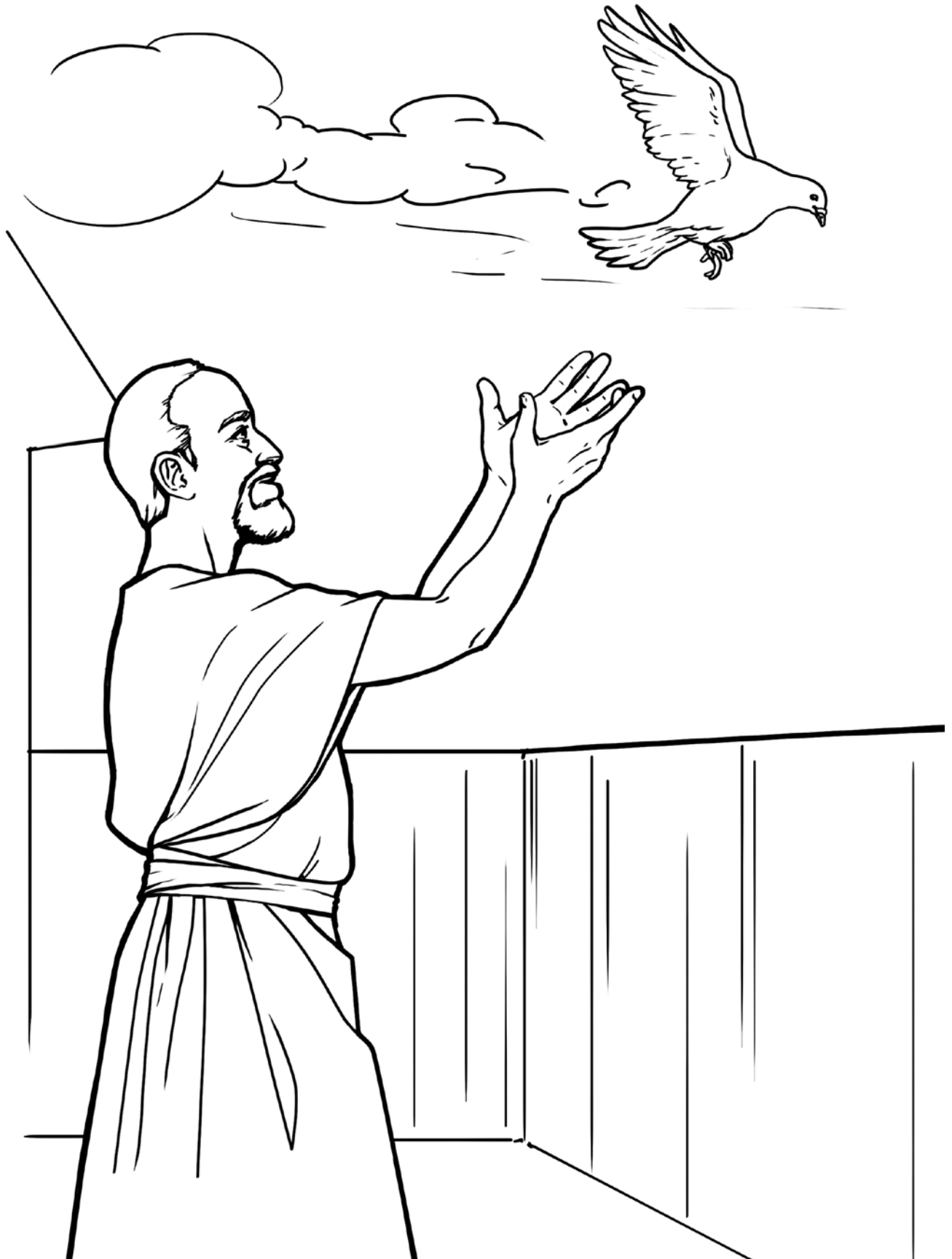
When the Flood came, it was too late
for the people to heed God's warning.



The ark floated 150 days after the rain stopped.



Noah takes care of the animals aboard the ark.



Noah releases a dove to search for dry land.



The animals leave the ark.

BIBLE MEMORY Noah and His Three Sons

Shem—oldest son; father of the white race

Ham—middle son; father of the black race

Japheth—youngest son; father of the yellow race

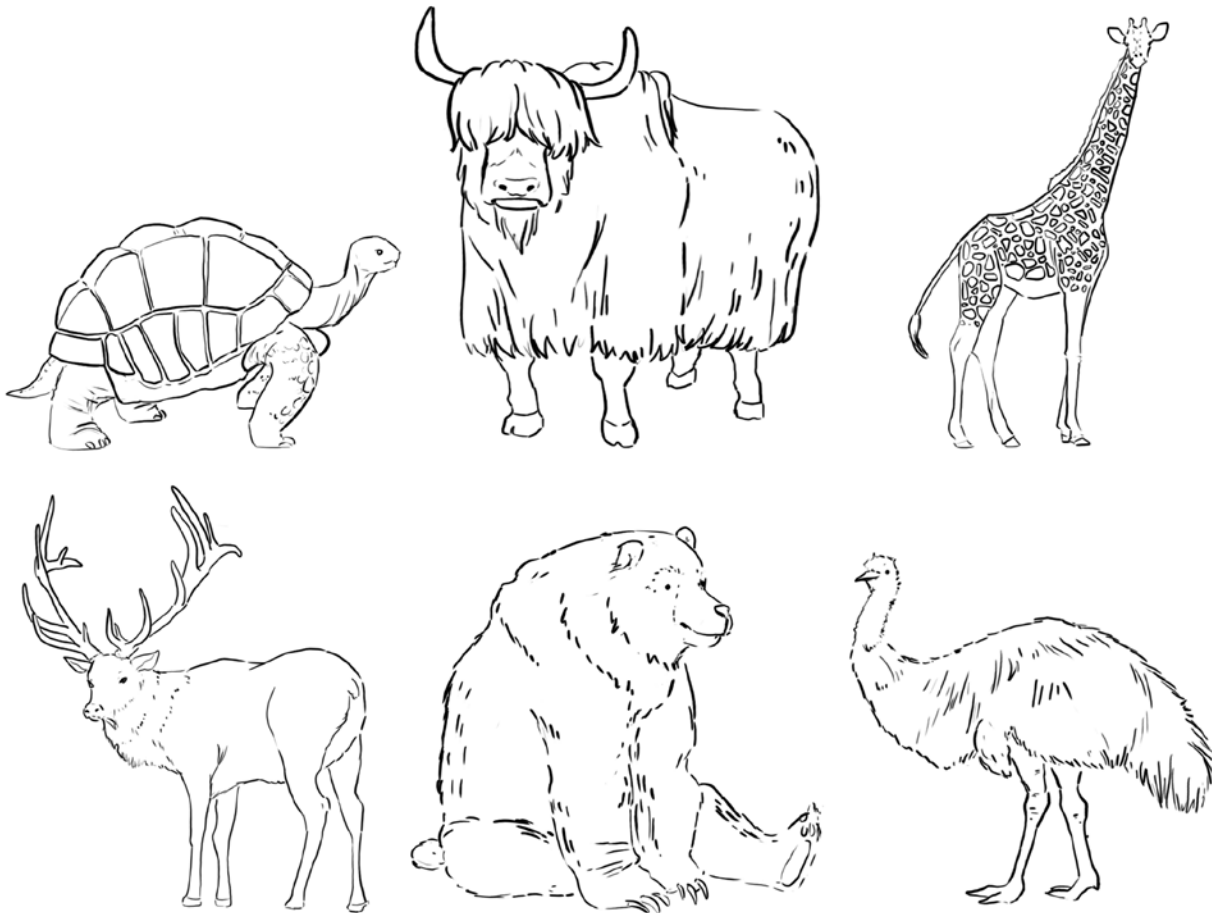
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Clean and Unclean Animals

Circle the animals that are clean to eat.



How many pairs of CLEAN animals did Noah bring onto the ark?
How many pairs of UNCLEAN animals did Noah bring onto the ark?