



Noah's Ark

How Noah chooses the animals that may go into the Ark

Noah:

Come here, all you animals, and listen. There will be a great flood. There will be water all over our planet and all the people and all the animals will die.

Monkey:

Is that a joke, Noah?

Noah:

No, Monkey, this is no joke. It is all true.

Horse:

Who will make the flood?

Noah:

God will. God is angry with us. He will send the flood.

Fish:

Thank God, I can swim!

Dog:

You are lucky, Fish. I can swim, but I can't swim all the time.

Sheep:

I can't swim at all!

All the animals:

We will drown. We will die. Oh God!

Butterfly:

Noah, you're a wise man. I'm sure you can help us.

Owl:

Yes, Noah, God is your friend. I'm sure he will save you.

Noah's Wife:

You're right. God will help Noah.

All the animals:

Help us, too, Noah!

Noah:

Well, this is why I've asked you to come here. Look at that big boat over there. It's an Ark. It can swim on the water.

Noah's wife:

It's unsinkable!

Owl:

Like the Titanic?

Noah:

I don't know about your Titanic, but I know that my Ark won't sink. God will watch over it.

All the animals:

Let's all go into the Ark, Noah!

Noah:

I'm sorry, friends, but there are too many of you. I can only take two of each kind.

Lion:

OK, take me and my son.

Noah's wife:

No, Lion. You are two men. We must take pairs.

Donkey:

Two make up a pair. So the Lion and his son is a pair.

Noah's wife:

You're a real donkey! We must save pairs that can make babies.

Tiger:

So we must choose the strongest animals.

Owl:

The strongest of each kind.

Noah:

Yes, Owl, the strongest of each kind. So let's start with the Mouse.

Mouse:

Here, Noah, let me and my boy-friend get into the Ark. We can get married on the Ark and then we can have lots of babies.

Noah's wife:

But you mustn't have babies in the Ark! There is not enough room.

Cat:

No problem. Miaow miaow! I can reduce the number of mice on board.

Noah:

That's a good idea. But don't touch the one pair of mice, Cat!

Cat:

I won't touch them, Noah! Miaow miaow!

Giraffe:

How long will the flood last, Noah?

Noah:

I don't know, but I think God will stop it before we run out of food.

Noah's wife:

That means the flood will last less than a year.

Elephant:

That's good. Elephant babies are very slow at growing. They need twenty-two months. So there is no danger on board the Ark.

Owl:

But elephant babies need a lot of space, even before they are born.

Noah's wife:

Thank you, Owl. You're very wise. Please fly into the Ark together with a nice partner.

Owl:

Thank you, Mrs Noah. That's very wise of you.

Butterfly:

Don't forget me, Noah! I can fly, but I can't fly very long. May I sit down in the Ark?

Noah:

Of course, Butterfly. You are so beautiful in summer.

Snake:

Don't forget me, Noah! I can't swim for months.

Crocodile:

Don't listen to the Snake, Noah. Think of paradise. The Snake made Eve take the apple.

Snake:

That's long ago, Crocodile!

Cat:

Let's ask the other animals: Do you want to take the Snake on board?

All the animals:

No, we don't like snakes. Snakes are sly and dangerous.

Owl:

God said: two of each kind. So we must also save the Snake. Hat do you think, Noah?

Noah:

You're right, Owl. You may go into the Ark, Snake. And take your husband with you.

Snake:

Thank you, Noah. SSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSS

Dog:

Bow wow! It's my turn now. Let me and my wife go into the Ark. Bow wow!

Cat:

No, Dog, you are too aggressive. You always chase me! Miaow miaow!

Dog:

But that's fun! I want to play with you. Bow wow!

Noah:

Well, Dog, you will sleep in my cabin. Then my children can play with you.

Dog:

That's great, Noah! I like children!

Zebra:

Hi, Noah. Look at me, I'm a zebra.

Fish:

Even I can see that!

Penguin:

Take me with you, Noah. I can show you how to make a zebra crossing.

Hippo:

That's nonsense. We don't need a zebra crossing in the Ark.

Noah's Wife:

But we need zebra crossings when we get out of the Ark. What do you think, Owl?

Owl:

That's all nonsense. But the zebra is one of God's animals.

Noah:

OK, Zebra, choose a partner and go in.

Penguin:

Take me with you, too, Noah! I can swim and I can jump, but I can't live in the water. I can be very helpful. I can catch fish for you.

Noah's Wife:

OK, Penguin, you're a good animal. Come with us!

Dolphin:

I'm helpful, too. If anyone falls into the water, I can save him.

Noah:

That's good, Dolphin. I know you are very clever.

Noah's Wife: And our children like the Dolphin, too!

Sheep:

There is no central heating in the Ark. So you must wear warm coats. I can give you wool for warm coats.

All the animals:

Oh, yes, let's take the Sheep with us! We don't want to feel cold.

Cat:

I don't need your wool. I've got a fine fur.

Mouse:

Oh, it's the Cat! I'm afraid of the Cat.

Noah:

The Cat must come with us. Cats are so funny. I like them.

Pig:

Do you like me, too, Noah?

Spider:

I'm sure, he does. Noah likes eating pork.

Pig:

Poor me! They all want to eat me!

Donkey:

No, Piggy. They don't want to eat you.

They only want to eat pork.

Spider:

Oh, Donkey, you're so stupid! Pork is pig.

Donkey:

I don't understand that.

Cow:

You can't understand that, because you're a donkey.

Dolphin:

Aren't you frightened, too, Cow? I'm sure Noah also likes beef steaks.

Elephant:

Don't frighten our animal friends, Dolphin. Noah wants to save us, not to eat us.

Cow:

Thank you, Elephant.

Horses:

What about us, Noah? Don't you like horse-riding?

Monkey:

Ha-ha! Horse-riding in the Ark! That's a good joke!

Horse:

Shut up, Monkey. You can stay outside; nobody needs your silly jokes. But we are very useful.

Monkey:

We are useful, too. We are the best show-masters in the world. We can entertain you in the Ark.

Noah's Wife:

Ah, that's very important. There is no TV on board, so we need the Monkeys.

Skunks:

We are useful, too. We can help you fight against the pirates.

Tiger:

But you are too small for fighting. Look at me: I'm the strongest.

Skunks:

You are strong, Tiger, but we have got a special weapon. It's our smell. We can make the pirates run away.

All the animals:

Oh no! We will run away, too!

Noah:

You Skunks are good body-guards. Go into the Ark.

Giraffe:

I'm useful, too. If the Ark sinks you can sit on my neck. It is so high that the water can't touch you.

Noah:

Thank you, Giraffe. We won't need your help. The Ark won't sink. But you are a good animal. Go on board.

Zebra:

But the giraffe hasn't got a partner!

Hippo:

Take me, Giraffe! I'm a good partner. Ha-ha!

Giraffe:

Thanks, Hippo, I've got my own partner. He's standing behind a tree.

Tortoise:

Can't you see me, Noah? I'm a Tortoise. I can't work for you, but I don't need much room and I don't eat very much.

Noah's Wife:

You can sleep under my bed, Tortoise.

Guinea pig:

Can I sleep under your bed, too, Mrs Noah?

Hippo:

No, you can't, Guinea pig, you are not clean.

Guinea pig:

You are very naughty, Hippo!

Hippo:

No, I'm just tired. I want to go into the Ark now and have a good sleep.

Monkey:

But don't go into Noah's bedroom, Hippo. You will stick in the door! Ha-ha!

Noah:

Get into the ark, Monkey, and be quiet.

Horse:

But don't eat all the bananas, Monkey!

Rabbit:

Noah, I can't find a partner.

Noah:

Are you a he or a she?

Rabbit:

I'm a he, of course.

Butterfly:

I can see a rabbit over there. Maybe it is a she.

Rabbit:

Thank you, I'm sure it's a she. Thank you very much, Butterfly!

Bear:

Now all the little ones are in the Ark. Now it's my turn. I'm Big Bear.

Noah's Wife:

We don't need a Bear. You're too big.

Bear:

Think of my fur, Mrs Noah. When it's cold at night you can sit in my fur and listen to my stories. You will like that!

Giraffe:

That's right. Big Bear is a wonderful story-teller.

Noah's Wife:

OK, Giraffe, you're right. So we must let the Bear into the Ark.

Lion:

I must have the best sleeping place in the Ark. I am the king!

All the animals:

Lion, the king!

Crocodiles:

We don't need any kings. We only need good policemen. Like us. Crocodiles are the best policemen in the world.

Tortoise:

No, no, we don't need you, Crocodiles. We are no gangsters!

All the animals:

We don't need Crocodiles! Crocodiles are killers!

Lion:

Stop shouting! It is God's will to save a pair of each kind. So we must also save the crocodiles.

Penguin:

But ...

Lion:

No "but", Penguin. The two Crocodiles may go into the Ark.

Owl:

Lion, this isn't your ark. Noah is the boss, not you!

Noah:

Thank you, Owl. You're right. But the animals must have a king. Our Lion is a really good king.

Lion:

Thank you, Noah. I'm the king of the animals and you are my boss.

Giraffe:

Hurry up, friends! There is a raindrop on my head.

All the animals:

The flood is coming!

Noah:

Are all the animals in the ark, Wife?

Noah's Wife:

Yes, they are. All but the fish.

Noah:

So let's close the door and sing the Arkie song.

They all sing "The Animals went in two by two ..."