

LITERATURE

Worksheet for *Noah's Ark*, by Jerry Pinkney, and *The True Story of Noah's Ark*, by Tom Dooley

Compare and contrast three versions of the account of Noah and the ark. Use only the information you find in your three sources.

	BIBLICAL ACCOUNT	THE TRUE STORY OF NOAH'S ARK	NOAH'S ARK
WHY DID GOD SEND THE FLOOD?			
WHAT WERE NOAH'S FEELINGS ABOUT BUILDING THE ARK?			
HOW MANY PEOPLE ESCAPED THE FLOOD?			
HOW DID NOAH KNOW THAT THE RAIN WAS COMING?			
WHAT ELSE HAPPENED ON THE EARTH BESIDES THE RAINFALL?			
HOW LONG DID THE RAIN FALL?			
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WHAT DID NOAH DO AFTER THEY ALL LEFT THE ARK?			

LITERATURE: LOWER LEVEL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Answers to Upper Grammar Worksheet on Noah's Ark

In completing this assignment, students should rely on what they have read this week, rather than what they may already know about this familiar story. Encourage them to see how people have taken liberties and created more to the story than we know from the Bible.

The account from *The True Story of Noah's Ark* uses words that indicate that the imagination is being used in regard to possible feelings and activities. Words such as "possible", "may have", "likely", "probably" and others key the reader into the fact that the author is using conjecture. On the other hand, *Noah's Ark* reads as fact, and details in the text are sparse. Discuss the fact that the Bible is the most reliable source.

	BIBLICAL ACCOUNT	THE TRUE STORY OF NOAH'S ARK	NOAH'S ARK
WHY DID GOD SEND THE FLOOD?	<i>Genesis 6:5-13 The Lord saws man's wickedness; He was grieved; He saw how corrupt the world was.</i>	<i>The Lord was grieved over man's sin and warned that He would destroy the earth with a flood.</i>	<i>The Lord saw the wickedness of man and decided to sweep away all living things on the earth.</i>
WHAT WERE NOAH'S FEELINGS ABOUT BUILDING THE ARK?	<i>Genesis 7:5 No description about Noah's feelings is given. We do observe obedience, but no feelings.</i>	<i>That it was a formidable task; possible feelings of uncertainty.</i>	<i>(No mention of Noah's feelings)</i>
HOW MANY PEOPLE ESCAPED THE FLOOD?	<i>Genesis 6:18 Eight: Noah, his wife, the sons, and their wives</i>	<i>Eight: Noah, his wife; his three sons, and their wives</i>	<i>Noah, his wife, his three sons, and their wives</i>
HOW DID NOAH KNOW THAT THE RAIN WAS COMING?	<i>Genesis 7:4 God gave him a time frame of seven days after taking the animals and people into the ark.</i>	<i>They instinctively knew as they stood in the silence listening.</i>	<i>Clouds began to gather.</i>
WHAT ELSE HAPPENED ON THE EARTH BESIDES THE RAINFALL?	<i>Genesis 7:11 Springs of the deep burst forth.</i>	<i>Rumbling noise, fountains of the deep burst open, earthquakes, volcanoes erupted</i>	<i>(No mention of what happened on earth)</i>
HOW LONG DID THE RAIN FALL?	<i>Genesis 7:12 Forty days and forty nights</i>	<i>Forty days and nights</i>	<i>Forty days and many nights</i>
WHAT DID THE PEOPLE DO WHILE ON BOARD THE ARK?	<i>The Bible does not account for the people's time while on board the ark.</i>	<i>Cared for the animals</i>	<i>(There is no mention of what they did while on board the ark.)</i>
HOW DID NOAH KNOW TO LEAVE THE ARK?	<i>Genesis 8:12-16 Noah did send out the dove three times, but he left the ark after God told him to.</i>	<i>They left the ark when, after sending out a dove a third time, it did not return.</i>	<i>They left the ark after a dove returned with an olive branch.</i>
WHAT DID NOAH DO AFTER THEY ALL LEFT THE ARK?	<i>Genesis 8:20 He built an altar and sacrificed burnt offerings on it.</i>	<i>Built an altar and offered a sacrifice to God</i>	<i>They praised God, planted seeds, and cared for the earth.</i>