

Skit of Noah's Ark story  
(as told by a parrot)

[You can use a hand-puppet or a special costume]

Hello boys and girls! Well, I'm delighted to be here today and to tell you that I'm proud to be descended from the two most famous parrots in all the world! They were my great, great, great, great, great, great.....well, to save time we'll just say my great grandparents! Their story has been passed from parrot to parrot down through the years. You know who my great grandparents were don't you? They were the two parrots that were on Noah's Ark!

My great grandfather lived in a tree near Noah's house, and from the moment he was hatched, he remembered seeing a HUGE wall made of wood. As he began to grow and learned to chirp, he began asking his parents and other birds about that wall. But no-one knew what it was; they said it was very, very old - nobody knew how long it had been there. At last, when my great grandfather could fly, his first flight was to explore that wall! He found out that it wasn't just a wall, but actually a strange type of enormous house! It had just one door on the side and only one window, which was in the roof!!

One day as my great grandfather was investigating the house, he stopped in front of the door. Suddenly, an old man, Noah, came out, and when he saw my great grandfather, he invited him inside the "house". There were lots of rooms on three floors. Noah told him that God was planning to send something called a great flood to destroy all the bad people on the earth. Many years before, God had told Noah exactly how to build this huge boat (the Ark) to save his family and two of every type of animal in the land. He had worked for 100 years, but at last it was finished. My great grandfather was very excited because he knew how bad most of the people were - they were always throwing stones at him. He flew away immediately to find his girlfriend, and the next day the two returned to enter the Ark with all the other animals. My great grandfather said that there were hundreds of animals - big ones and small ones, and some were VERY strange-looking.

It seemed impossible that they could all fit in, but as soon as the last ones had entered, the sky became black, the wind blew and it began to rain. Noah and his family went in and the door was shut. It **POURED** with rain, with thunder and lightning for days and days. Outside they could hear people screaming and cursing for several days, then the Ark began to move and rock as the water rose.

The animals were terrified but Noah calmed them and told them that God was keeping his promise - the flood was destroying the earth but they would be saved. My great grandfather said that it rained hard for 40 days and nights - that's SIX weeks!! and then afterwards, the Ark floated on the water for months and months until one day it hit land.

God told Noah that they still had to wait a few months more until the plants had grown again. One day Noah sent out a bird to fly around and look for plants on dry ground, but it couldn't find any; a few days later, Noah sent another, but still it couldn't find any. Then my great grandfather asked Noah if he could go, but Noah had made him his special pet and taught him to talk and sing, so Noah said "No". Instead, Noah sent another dove, which came back after a while with a fresh green leaf.

After a few more weeks, Noah was able to open the door of the Ark and all the animals went out. Everyone was so happy to see the trees and flowers, and walk on dry ground again! Noah built an altar and everyone gave thanks to God for saving them and keeping his word. Then God answered them with a special sign - he made a huge rainbow in the sky to show that He is faithful and will never again destroy the earth with a flood.

Can I tell you what Noah said to my great grandparents? He said that they reminded him of God's promise because we, the parrots, have feathers the colors of the rainbow!!!