

The Beginning of the World

3.THE FLOOD

Sin spread throughout the world until everything was corrupted. God had to destroy the earth with a great flood, but He saved Noah and his family on the ark. God will always punish sin, but he saves those who trust in him.

- 11 Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight, and the earth was filled with violence.
- 12 And God saw the earth, and behold, it was corrupt, for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth.



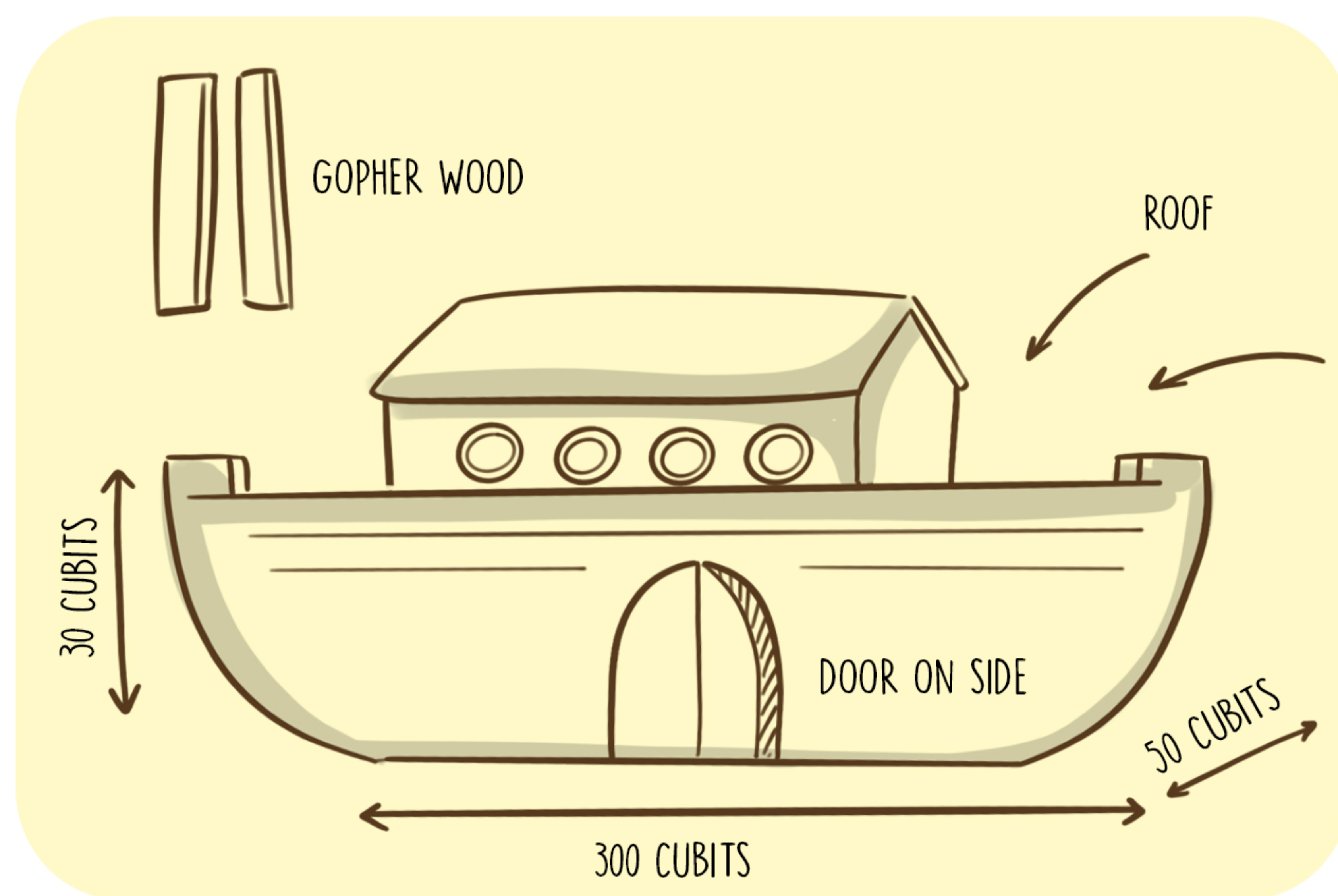
- 13 And God said to Noah,

**I have determined to make
an end of all flesh,**

for the earth is filled with
violence through them. Behold,
I will destroy them with the
earth.



- 14 Make yourself an ark of gopher wood. Make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and out with pitch.
- 15 This is how you are to make it: the length of the ark 300 cubits, its breadth 50 cubits, and its height 30 cubits.
- 16 Make a roof for the ark, and finish it to a cubit above, and set the door of the ark in its side. Make it with lower, second, and third decks.



- 17 For behold, I will bring a flood of waters upon the earth to destroy all flesh in which is the breath of life under heaven. Everything that is on the earth shall die.
- 18 But I will establish my covenant with you, and you shall come into the ark, you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you.



19 And of every living thing of all flesh, you shall bring two of every sort into the ark to keep them alive with you. They shall be male and female.

20 Of the birds according to their kinds, and of the animals according to their kinds, of every creeping thing of the ground, according to its kind, two of every sort shall come in to you to keep them alive.

21 Also take with you every sort of food that is eaten, and store it up. It shall serve as food for you and for them.”



22 Noah did this; he did all that God commanded him.



END OF READING

DID YOU KNOW



The flood did not end all corruption. The Bible talks about what makes people corrupt, even today (Psalm 14:1 & 53:1). The flood reminds us that sin and corruption bring punishment. Jesus saves us from corruption (2 Peter 1:4).



The world was corrupt, but Noah walked with God (Genesis 6:9). We also follow Jesus in a wicked world that hates us (John 17:14-18). God saves His faithful followers and punishes sinners at the same time (2 Peter 2:9).



A cubit is about 45 cm (18 inches). The ark was about 135 m long, which is longer than a soccer field! It was taller than a three-story building (about 13.5 m) and about 22 m wide, which is half the width of an American football field. It was huge!



The “kinds” mentioned in Genesis are groups of related creatures (Genesis 6:20). For example, cats, lions, and tigers are some members of the feline kind. Each kind had one male and one female on the ark. There was plenty of room for every kind on earth.



Read Genesis 7:1 in your Bible and write it below.
Let’s ask Jesus to make us righteous!



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LET'S HAVE FUN

Help the animals find their way to Noah's ark. Which animal does not need to be on the ark?

