

# If Noah Built the Ark Today

CHARACTERSHEM: Noah, Narrator, Wife, Shem, Ham, Japheth

COSTUMES: Modern

PROPS: None specified, pantomime can be sued

SET: None specified

NARRATOR: It took Noah about 100 years to build the ark that he and his family lived in for about year. But what would things have been like if Noah was commanded to build an ark today?

NOAH: Sons, today we are going to start framing the ark God has commanded me to build.

JAPHETH: (*whining as usual*) I hope it won't cut into TV time

SHEM: Can't we build something more interesting - like an addition to a mall or (*With definite interest*) football field?

HAM: Where are we going to build it - (*sarcastically*) in the front yard?

NOAH:: Yes

WIFE: (*shocked, nearly hysterical*) What will the neighbors say !!!!! I'll have to hear about it every time I get my hair done or go to the PTA meetings.

NARRATOR: Time passed but Noah's neighbors continued in their wicked ways.

JAPHETH: Dad, we've been building this thing for 70 years. How long is this going to take?

SHEM: Yeah, dad, I miss a lot of soccer, you know.

HAM: What about me. I haven't played that new video game - Down with the Tower of Babel - for 15 years!!!

NARRATOR: After the ark was finished - about 100 YEARS later - the animal round up began.

HAM: The Smiths keep asking about the (*sarcastically*) "floating zoo"

WIFE: Someone is here from the building code department. Something about the ventilation ....

NOAH:: Tell him I'll be with him in a second. (*Wife exits*)

JAPHETH: (*Whining*) Dad, why do we have to take mosquitoes. I hate mosquitoes!

HAM: You ought to be worrying about the lions, you moron. Then the mosquito bite won't seem like that big a deal.

SHEM: I think we should take at least eight horses or someone is going to be walking

JAPHETH: You mean all the cars will be gone?

HAM: Yes, you moron

WIFE: *(Exasperated)* Somebody is here from Canaan Animal Control. Something about the endangered species.....

NOAH:: They don't realize that THEY are the endangered species

*(Everyone starts talking loudly overwhelming Noah: SHEM about the horses, HAM saying "moron" allot, JAPHETH wants to take a car, wife reminding about visitors)*

NARRATOR: God told Noah to take everyone in the ark. But it didn't start to rain right away.

JAPHETH: Dad, can I go out and use the real bathroom?

NOAH:: No, God told us to get inside and He shut the door. That's that.

HAM: We're a bunch of morons to be sitting in here. Nothing is happening.

SHEM: I told you, you should've packed cards or something instead of that Teddy Bear. We've got plenty of animals around. But nooooo, you had to have your *(changes voice to baby talk voice)* "liddle teddy bear"

HAM: Jephthah keeps putting his feet on me. Make him stop, dad.

WIFE: People from Child Protection are pounding on the door. Should I let them in?

NARRATOR: The rains did come - for 40 days and 40 nights. Noah and his family were afloat for about a year. Just think about being cooped up with your family for an entire year.

WIFE: Can you do something about the boys? I've had it with them. Besides, I have work of my own to do. I can't find the earthworms anywhere and the robins look guilty.

SHEM: Aren't there batteries anywhere for my play station ?

HAM: I refuse to shovel anymore manure.

SHEM:*(smart mouthing)* I guess you can sleep in it then *(fight nearly breaks out. Noah intervenes)*

JAPHETH: Are we there yet?

NARRATOR: We all know the end of the story. They landed on Mt. Ararat. The first thing Noah did was build an altar to thank God. I think I would have been very thankful too.