

# CREATION FOR KIDS

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**W**HEN GOD sent the Flood in the days of Noah, the waters rose until Earth was entirely under water. The Ark floated around during this time, keeping Noah and his family and all the animals safe inside the Ark. After 150 days, as the waters went down, the Ark came to rest on the mountains of Ararat.

As a result of the Flood, we find fossils all over the earth today. Mud and sand covered the billions of dead animals, including dinosaurs, and quickly hardened into rock. Most of the coal we see today formed from vegetation that was buried by the Flood about 4,500 years ago.

Almost nine months after the Flood had begun, as the water kept on going down, Noah opened the window of the Ark and sent out a raven. The raven, a scavenger bird, did not come back. A week later Noah sent out a dove. However, this dove could not find anything to eat or anywhere to land, so it returned to Noah. Noah waited another week and sent the dove out again. This time the dove came back with an olive leaf in its beak, so Noah knew that olive branches were beginning to sprout again on the land.

Noah waited seven more days and sent the dove out again. This time it did not return.

One year and ten days after the rain had begun, the land was now dry. God told Noah to come out of the Ark with his family, and to bring the animals and birds out too. They could now live on the earth again and start having families which would spread out over all the earth in place of the creatures that had died.

after the flood

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How did animals

Have you ever wondered how the kangaroos got to Australia? The animals moved away from the Ark in different directions and, as time went by, they had families that had families that had families. Some of them were able to cross into Australia, because at that time the oceans were lower, and more land was exposed. That's because there was an Ice Age after the Flood, and lots of water was locked up in huge mountains of ice on the land. Most of that ice melted when the Ice Age ended, raising the sea level and stopping animals from migrating any more. This is how animals were able to migrate all over the world.

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**Fossil graveyards!**  
 Three-quarters of the earth's land surface contains fossils—billions of them. Most of these are sea creatures; some are large land animals, including dinosaurs, often jumbled together in huge fossil graveyards.

**Legends from many nations!**  
 Hundreds of different people groups around the world have stories about a great flood that left only a few survivors. Such traditions have been found among the native people of North and South America, Australia, Japan, China, India, Europe and Africa.

**On the face of the earth, everything wiped out!**  
 The words used in Genesis 7:21–23 show that it was a GLOBAL FLOOD: “And all flesh that moved on the earth perished—birds and cattle and beasts and every swarming thing that swarms upon the earth, and all mankind; of all that was on the dry land, all in whose nostrils was the breath of the spirit of life, that was blotted out every living thing that was upon the face of the land, from man to animals to creeping things and to birds of the sky, and they were blotted out from the earth; and only Noah was left, together with those that were with him in the Ark.”

**Depth of the Water!**  
 The water “increased greatly upon the earth ... so that all the high mountains everywhere under the heavens were covered” (Genesis 7:18–19). This wasn't a local flood—it covered Earth completely, including the mountains.

**God's promise!**  
 After the Flood, God said, “I will never again destroy every living thing, as I have done” (Genesis 8:21b). There have been many local floods since then, but not a global one. God has kept His promise.

**The Lord Jesus Christ!**  
 Jesus declared that the Flood was global. He said, “... the flood came and took them all away, so shall the coming of the Son of Man be” (Matthew 24:39b). Jesus' second coming will involve the whole earth.

**Overwhelming size of the Ark!**  
 The Ark was 137 metres (450 ft) long, 23 m (75 ft) wide, and 13 m (45 ft) high, with three decks (Genesis 6:15). If it had been only a local flood, Noah could have used a much smaller ship to save the local animals.

**Birds needed the Ark!**  
 If it was only a local flood, Noah and the people could have escaped by walking away. So could the animals—especially the birds! Some birds can fly thousands of kilometres in just a few days.

**The Apostle Peter!**  
 Peter wrote: “... the world at that time was destroyed, being flooded with water” (2 Peter 3:6). And, “... a few, that is, eight persons were brought safely through the water” (1 Peter 3:20).

**Length of time under water!**  
 Water completely covered Earth for more than five months (Genesis 7:24). And the year remained too wet to live on for a whole year (Genesis 8:14). This could not have been just a local flood!

