

# FREEDOM BOUND

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*This is a 'modern' reworking of the story of Noah – although it does leave out the traditional concentration on the animals going two by two! Instead it mirrors the aspect of God's salvation to those who listen to Him. Two narrators do all the speaking. The minimum number of other actors is two (Noah and his friend) but others could be added (e.g. Ham, Shem and Japheth and any number of other friends). The other actors need to mime all the time to give as much movement as possible, paying attention to what the narrators are saying when it is relevant to the storyline.*

## CAST

Narrator 1

Narrator 2

Noah

Friend

Optional:     Ham  
                  Shem  
                  Japheth  
                  Other friends

- 1       Once upon a time there was a man named Noah. *(Enter Noah)*
- 2       How do you spell that?
- 1       N .. O.. A... H.
- 2       No "R" then?
- 1       *(Not understanding)* Yes, that's right, Noah.
- 2       I suppose that's logical.
- 1       What is?
- 2       'Cos if there was an "R", then he'd be Norah, ....*(Noah looks worried)*
- 1       Look, what are you talking about?
- 2       ... and Norah's a woman's name – but you said he was a man.
- 1       have you quite finished drivelling?
- 2       I was only saying.
- 1       *(Firmly)* Well don't! *(Pause to recover composure)* Noah was a good man, and he followed God. He had three sons, Ham, Shem and Japheth. *(Noah looks off stage as if gazing proudly at his sons)*

2 No "R"s in any of those names either.

1 *(Angry)* Look, will you shut up. I'm trying to tell these people a story, and I'd be glad of your help – and that doesn't mean constant interruptions.

2 Ooh, hark at you. Pardon me for breathing. *(Gets huffy and looks away)*

1 One day God said to Noah.... *(Pause, looks at 2)* One day God said to Noah: *(Noah looks up, as if listening to God)*

2 Oh sorry .... "I am going to put an end to the earth. I will send a mighty meteor which will cause a flood on the earth and destroy all life on it."

1 *(To 2)* Thank you. At last, some cooperation.

2 That doesn't sound very good news for Noah and his sons, Ham, Sham and Jam.

1 Ham, Shem and Japheth.

2 Whatever. They can't have been too pleased.

1 They weren't. But, the story continues, God said to Noah...*(looks at 2)*

2 *(Hurriedly looking at script)* Oh... "You are to build a huge rocket",

1 *(Noah starts to make a list of instructions)* God told Noah to build the rocket of the finest material available.

2 Not MDF then?

1 It was to stand 150 metres high...

2 Phoa .. that is a big rocket.

1 .... And be 25 metres wide.

2 Awesome. It's a mega rocket – much bigger than the one we let off on Guy Fawkes' night.

1 Quite.

2 That sent the neighbourhood cats and dogs into blind panic. I can tell you.

1 May I continue?

2 Be my guest.

1 Thank you. So Noah started building his rocket according to the plans that God had given him. *(Noah begins building his rocket)* Meanwhile one of Noah's friends scoffed at him. *(Enter friend)* He said:

2 *(He has his mouth stuffed full of a hamburger or equivalent. He talks with mouth full.)* Flflufu

1 I said, he scoffed at Noah.. not that he scoffed his food.

2 Sorry. *(Hurriedly empties mouth)*

1 He said:

2 *(Friend mimes to this)* "It'll never fly. And anyway, why do you need it? Life on earth's good."

1 "Not for much longer," replied Noah, "the Earth's going to be destroyed." *(Noah mimes explosion)*

2 "Who told you that?" asked his friend.

1 "God" said Noah. *(Points upwards)*

2 "Oh God," mocked his friend. *(Makes sign to audience to indicate that he thinks Noah is nuts)* "Did He also tell you that your flies are undone?" *(Noah hastily checks flies on trousers – which are not undone. Friend is highly amused to have tricked Noah)* "Anyway, where are you going in this rocket of yours?" asked his friend.

1 "Into space" , said Noah. *(Noah mimes rocket launching upwards)*

2 "What, up there?" said his friend. ""You really are off your rocker, Noah."

1 "Not at all", said Noah, "it'll be great. I'll be able to float around free of gravity. *(Noah mimes floating around)* It'll be one long theme park experience. Nothing will hold me down. Why don't you join me?"

2 "Join you? You must be joking" said his friend. "You wouldn't get me up in one of those things. I'm keeping my feet firmly on the ground thank you very much."

1 So Noah finished building his giant rocket. *(Noah admires finished work)*

2 And his friend carried on scoffing. *(Friend eats)*

- 1 Then one day a meteor appeared in the sky, headed directly for earth.  
(*Noah and friend look up*)
- 2 The people were terrified. (*Friend bites nails, knees knock, looks  
frightened, etc*)
- 1 But Noah got into his rocket with his sons...
- 2 Ham, Spam and Jam.
- 1 Ham, Shem and Japheth. And began their countdown. (*Noah  
encourages audience to join in*) 10 – 9 – 8 – 7 – 6 - ...
- 2 (*Very loudly*) “Wait”, cried Noah’s friend, “let me in.”
- 1 But it was too late. The countdown sequence had already begun. 5 – 4  
– 3 – 2 – 1 - Blast off!
- 2 So Noah’s friend was left behind.
- 1 But Noah and his sons, ....
- 2 Spam, Spam and Spam.
- 1 But Noah and his sons, Ham, Shem and Japheth, who listened to  
God, set off into space.
- 2 Noah’s friends remained earthbound.
- 1 But Noah and his family were freedom bound.

*THE END*