**NOAH THE ARKIVIST**

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Now this is the story of Noah; *Noah steps forward.*

Bible tells us Lamech was his dad. *A + beard joins Noah*

He lived at a time of great evil, *B & C fight*

When all people were thoroughly bad. *D picks wallet from C’s pocket*

This grieved the Lord God who had made them, *God appears in pulpit - sad*

Who’d poured into them life-giving blood. *God gestures*

So he said of all He’d created,

“I’ll wipe them out by sending a flood’. *God produces bucket*

But Noah was found to be diff’rent; *Noah ‘arrests’ D, stops fight*

Truly righteous and blameless was he. *& returns wallet to C*

So he and his family were chosen *ABCD become family*

To start off the Almighty’s Plan B. *God holds up ‘Plan B’*

“Make an ark”, said God to our hero. *Noah + ABCD start*

“You will need to start chopping some wood. *Construction.*

It’ll have an oil tanker’s dimensions, *God turns scroll & reverses to*

With a roof that will make it look good.” *show plan of ark*

“Your ark must be thoroughly damp-proofed, *Pots & brushes*

In a while it is going to rain. *All look up, hold out hands*

Fill the ark with two of all creatures, *Get animals*

And its larder with plenty of grain.” *Sacks*

When his ark was ready for launching, *Noah dons captain’s hat*

No’h and his wife, they clambered aboard. *Noah gets in +ABCD*

With his sons, that’s Ham, Shem and Japheth.

Then, right on cue, it poured and it poured. *Put up umbrellas*

Forty days Bank Holiday weather, *Buckets & spades*

With no let up – not even by night. *Torch*

The water rose higher and higher; *Look over edge of ark*

Highest mountains were far out of sight. *Binoculars*

All on earth were swamped by the waters; *Sheets for water*

The result of their evil and sin.

But for No’h, his pluvial insurance, *Noah produces document*

Safe in his ark, now gave a win win. *Thumbs up*

Then at last - no precipitation, *Umbrellas down*

The waters revealing dry ground.

The ark came to rest on a mountain; *All lurch to one side*

And so Noah began to look round. *Binoculars*

He sent birds to act as his searchers: *Birds on end of pole & string*

First a raven and then a white dove.

But at first their recces proved fruitless,

No sign of land when seen from above.

But one day, joy of joy for our Noah, *Dove round once, then*

And his family a blessed relief.

Dove returned to Noah one evening,

And in its beak - a fresh olive leaf. *change to add leaf.*

So the cruise was over for Noah; *Cap off*

The animals released in the wild. *ABCD exit carrying animals*

“Be fruitful,” said God to our Noah, *God holds up fruit*

“May your children have many a child.” *& then baby*

A rainbow he used as a promise, *Gd holds up rainbow umbrella*

Never again to send down a flood. *Walks down to get into ark*

Next rescue for us not a vessel, *Hands umbrella to Noah*

But a saviour who’d shed His own blood. *God holds arms wide*

So what do we learn from our Noah, *All stand in a row*

A man of God six hundred years old?

Built an ark when it wasn’t raining; *Puts down umbrella*

He obeyed God – did what he was told. *All go down on one knee*

But let’s heed another deep meaning,

If we want to keep our lives afloat.

He offers us all His salvation, *God invites*

But we’ve got to get into His boat.  *All enter ark*