

Stories from the Jesse Tree: Noah

Here is the story of Noah and his wife
Who tried to follow God and live a good life.
He lived through a time when everything changed
But God stayed with him just the same.



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The story begins a long time ago
as God looked at earth and thought 'Oh no!
what has happened to the people I made
They're hurting each other, and I'm afraid

That things have gone so very wrong
That the world will be ruined before too long.
I can't let this happen, there's too much pain
I'm going to have to start again.

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So God said to Noah, you must build a boat,
Use cypress wood, as it has to float
And build in a window and put on a roof
And make sure that it's weatherproof.

Now gather your family, your sons and their wives
Then two of every creature alive,
They're coming on this journey too
And Noah thought 'Good grief, it's a floating zoo!'

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Seven days later as Noah shut the door
It began to rain, it began to pour,
Water from the sky and water all around
and as it rose, the boat left the ground.

Inside the Ark there was quite a crowd,
And with all those animals it must have been loud.
Never mind though Noah this won't be for long
which is just as well 'cos the smell's quite strong!

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But for forty days and nights it rained
And it wasn't easy being contained
in such a small space, with not much to do
apart from clearing up animal poo.

They were shut away for days and days
They were bored, they were cross, they were in each other's way,

They missed the outside; and they missed their friends
They didn't know when this would journey end.

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And even when the water went down
and they landed on a mountain high above ground
They still weren't able to go outside.
It was hard to believe God was on their side.

After day two hundred and seventy one
Noah opened the window and saw the sun
He let out a raven, he let out a dove
And they flew overhead in the sky up above.

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Seven days later Noah looked around.
Was he dreaming or was that dry ground?
He sent out the dove again in disbelief
And the dove came back with an olive leaf.

When the day finally came to open the door,
They had been inside for a year, slightly more.
As they walked outside what a sight met their eyes
There was a rainbow in the skies.

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And the voice of God said, 'This is for you
I know just what you've all been though,
So this is a sign that we'll start anew
On this planet that's so green and blue.

My rainbow's a promise you can trust upon
So let's work together from now on
There's a challenge ahead in a world that's changed
But the hope in a rainbow will always remain.

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