

Noah--God's wrath and refuge, in verse

About 5 minutes, from Genesis 6 – 8,

Participants (*No need to memorize lines; the aim is to relive sacred events, not to perform*)

Noah

Mrs. Noah

Neighbor

Prompter Shout a brief line, and Echoes repeat it.

Echoes Children and all adults who want to take part. Echoes need no script.

Neighbor Old Noah, for many, many years  
You've tried to fill our minds with fears.  
Your God, you say, will punish us.  
You're wrong! So why make such a fuss?

Prompter & Echoes Hear Noah's warning!

Noah I walk with God! My faith is bold!  
Though all my neighbors' faith grows cold.  
I warn them; bloodshed they enjoy  
God shall oblige. Soon they'll destroy.

Neighbor Where is your God! You're such a fool!  
To have my way is my one rule.  
Observe my herds and lush fruit trees!  
The gods bestow whatever I please!

Noah Please do not say "gods". There is only One.

Prompter & Echoes Only One true God!

Neighbor The spirit to whom I've always bowed  
Gives strength to me and makes me proud.  
He helped me slay all who began  
To thwart my rule over all my clan.

Noah God told me, "Build an ark with beam  
Of twenty-five yards and calk each seam.  
Its length six times its width; and give  
The ark three decks in which to live  
I plan to bring destruction huge,  
All flesh I'll destroy with vast deluge.  
Your wife, your sons, their wives, I'll save.  
All else will sink below the wave.  
I'll bring to you a motely herd  
Each kind of animal and bird.  
Store feed for all and do not fear  
When land sinks down and seas appear.

Prompter & Echoes A flood is coming!

Mrs. Noah I'm Noah's wife. He's worked for years  
To make this ark with its three tiers.  
I've brought supplies to feed a zoo,  
So much! It takes so long to do!

Noah                                   A neighbor steals a bag of grain  
  I try to grab it back in vain.  
  He pulls a knife and I step back  
  He sneers and grasps the stolen sack.

Prompter & Echoes   Hey! Stop that!

Mrs. Noah                           I warn him, “Acts like yours will bring  
  The wrath of God above, our King.  
  He laughs, “I fear no king above.  
  Because my gods are gods of love.

Noah                                   At last, we’ve built this massive ark,  
  And now the sky is growing dark.  
  Wild beasts approach. Folk shake with dread;  
  They cry, alarmed, “What lies ahead?”

  A wedding’s guests can feast no more;  
  They hear and dread a growing roar!  
  Rock breaks down deep within earth’s heart,  
  It grinds and groans, tears lands apart!

Neighbor                           Earth shakes. It leaps! I cannot stand!  
  Our gods can’t calm the ruptured land.  
  Huge geysers spout up miles high!  
  Oh, stop, or soon we all will die!

Prompter & Echoes   They all will die!

Noah                                   Earth reels beneath God’s angry fist,  
  No longer soaked by friendly mist.  
  Such rain! The water rises high.  
  But eight are spared from angry sky.

Mrs. Noah                           Another roar augments our fears;  
  A thousand screams now pierce our ears.  
  Sharp knives men wield, with might they strain  
  Upon the ramp, the door to gain.

Noah                                   I hear my wife in tears implore,  
  “Oh, let them in! Unbar the door!”  
  “I can’t!” I cry. “God shut it tight.”  
  The water’s red! A dreadful sight!

Mrs. Noah                           God’s fury rages forty days;  
  Then all lies still beneath sun’s rays.  
  Months pass; God heals the tortured earth;  
  Dry land appears and seeds give birth.

  We see God’s pledge to keep earth dry;  
  A rainbow graces clearing sky.  
  We start again to rebuild our race  
  Oh thank you Lord, for saving grace!

Prompter & Echoes   Saving grace!

Noah

The Apostle Peter will later compare the ark to the risen body of Jesus. Let all discuss how they’re alike. (*Need help? Jesus raises believers in his body, as the Ark carried Noah’s family to safety, 1 Peter 3:18-21*)