

# Gem Seeking

## LITTLE GEMS STORY

### Parent/Teacher Preparation:

Please see the [Instructions for the Little Gems Story](#) on the YMTOI website. This will help you to understand how to prepare for the story.

### It's Raining, It's Pouring!

Shalom children! Welcome back to another Shabbat. Do you remember what number day of the week today is? **(Allow children to answer.)** That's right! It is Day 7, the day Yahweh chose for us to rest and spend time learning about Him and worshipping Him. Let's count to 7 together. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7! **(Place numbers 1-7 on board as they are called out.)**

Last week, we talked about how the world was created. There was the 1<sup>st</sup> daddy, Adam, and the 1<sup>st</sup> mommy, Hawwah. **(Place Adam and Hawwah on board.)** And all the animals. **(Place animals from Bereishit on board.)** Well, today we are going to talk about something that happened many, many, many years later. Adam and Hawwah had children, and they had children, and so on. This is a story about one of their great-great-great-grandchildren. His name was Noah.

**(Remove characters from board.)**

This is Noah. **(Place younger Noah on board.)** He had a wife and 3 sons. **(Place Noah's wife and 3 sons on board.)** Noah's sons were called Shem, Ham and Yepheth. **(Point to each son as you say their names.)** Noah loved Yahweh and taught his children to love Him too. This made Yahweh happy. **(Place happy emoji on board.)** But in Noah's time, there were people who did not love Yahweh. **(Remove happy emoji from board)** This made Yahweh sad. **(Place sad emoji on board.)**

Yahweh told Noah that He wanted him to build a BIG boat called an ark. It had to be big enough to hold 2 of every unclean animal He made, like large pigs and elephants. **(Place 1 pair of unclean animals on board.)** It also had to be big enough to hold 7 pairs of all clean animals, like cows and sheep. **(Place 7 pairs of clean animals on board.)** Yahweh was going to make it rain so much that there would be lots of water on the ground and even on the mountain tops. Yahweh told Noah that He was going to take care of Noah and his family. **(Remove younger Noah, Noah's wife and 3 sons from board.)**

It took Noah a long time to build an ark that big. **(Place large ark, older Noah and older wife on board.)** Noah and his wife got older and their sons got married. **(Place 3 sons and wives on board.)** The ark was finally ready. Noah waited for all the animals to get on the ark **(place animals from Bereshith and this parsha on ark)**, and then his family got on the ark too. **(Place family on ark.)** Yahweh closed the door and it began to rain. **(Remove emojis, all people and animals from board. Place cloud with raindrops on board.)**

It rained for 40 days and 40 nights. The water got higher and higher. **(Place waves under ark.)** Finally, the rain stopped. **(Remove cloud with raindrops from board.)** The sun came out. **(Place sun in sky.)** The water went down, and the ark rested on a mountain called Mt. Ararat. **(Remove large ark and waves, then place mountain on board and lay small ark over mountain.)** Noah wanted to see if it was safe to get out of the ark. He sent out a raven. **(Place raven in sky.)** He flew around but didn't find a place to rest. Next Noah sent out a dove **(Remove raven from board and place dove in sky)**, but the dove came back because there was no place for it to rest. **(Place dove near ark.)**

Seven days later, Noah sent out the dove again. **(Place dove back in sky.)** This time the dove came back with an olive branch. **(Place olive branch near dove.)** Noah brought the dove back into the ark. After 2 more months, it was finally dry enough for Noah, his family, and the animals to leave the ark. **(Place all people and animals on land.)** Yahweh was happy with Noah and his family, and Yahweh promised Noah He would not fill the whole world with water again. Yahweh put a rainbow in the sky **(place rainbow on board)** to show Noah He would always keep His promise. So children, whenever you see a rainbow in the sky, think of Yahweh and His promise that He made thousands of years ago and how much He loves us all and is very happy when we follow and obey Him. **(Place happy emoji on board.)**

Well children, we have come to the end of our story for today. We will see you next week for another exciting Little Gems story!