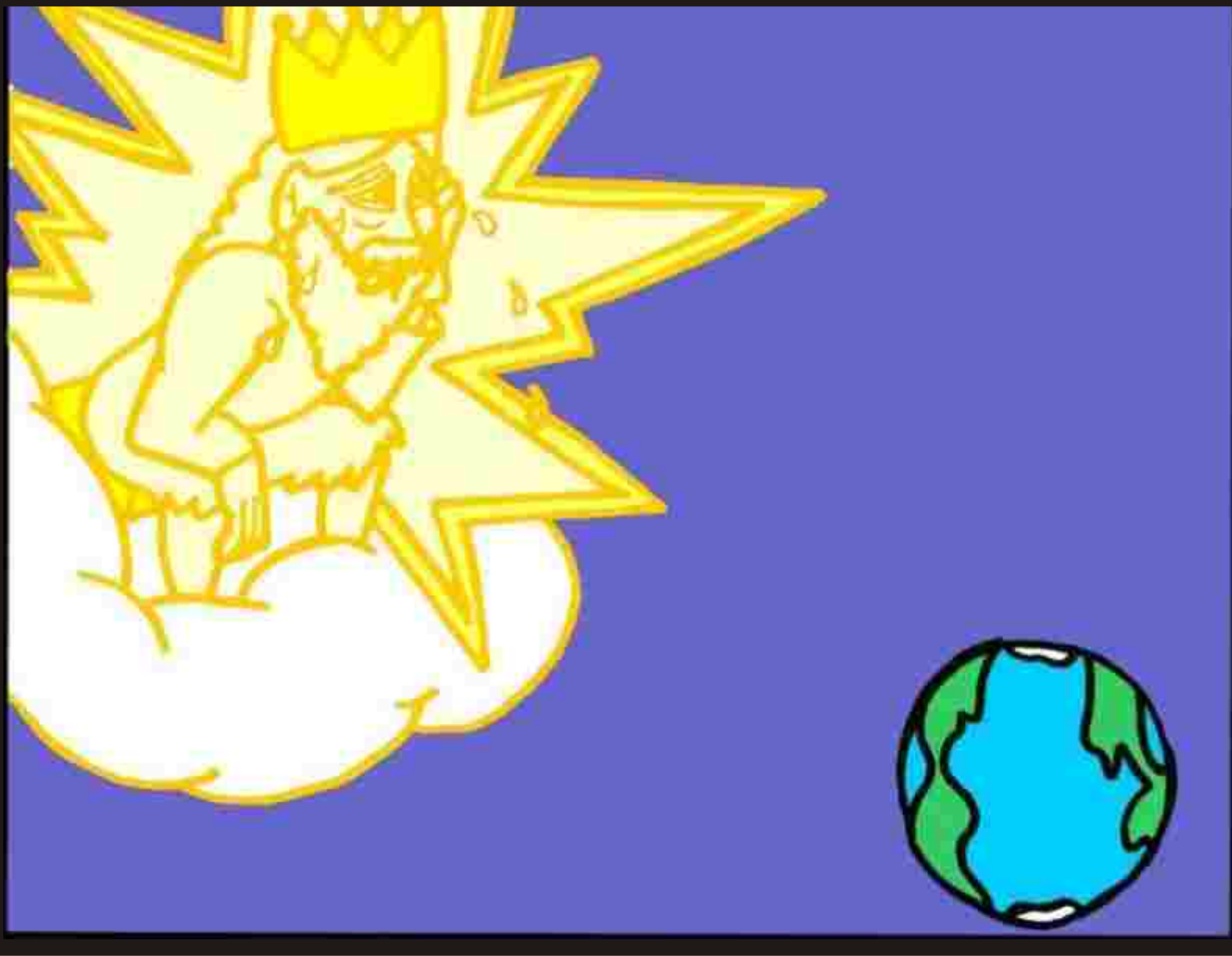


# The Flood

(Based on Genesis 6:5 - 9:17, 2 Peter 2:5)

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The people on earth did bad things and that was all they thought about. God was sorry that he had made man on the earth and his heart was filled with pain. "I will destroy people, animals, reptiles and birds," said God.



But a man named Noah pleased God. Noah was honest, he did good and he walked with God. "You guys should stop doing bad things and get right with God," said Noah to the people around him. The earth was full of violence because of mankind.



God told Noah to build a big boat called an ark and Noah obeyed. “Two of every kind of animal will come to you so that you can keep them alive, a male and a female,” said God. “Gather enough food for you and them.”

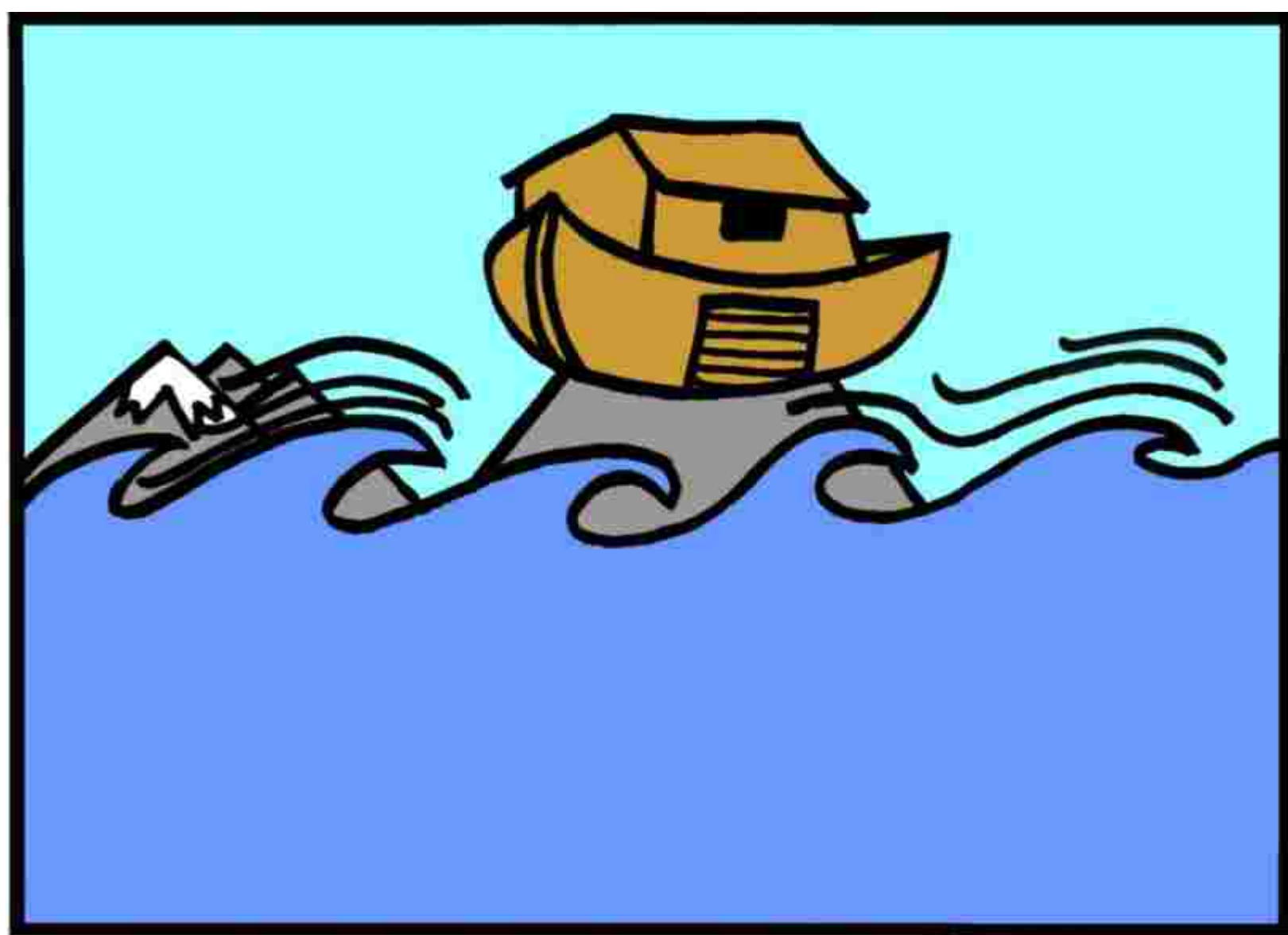




Noah, his wife and his three sons with their wives, went into the ark. They brought seven of some types of animals and birds but they brought two each of the others. Then the Lord shut them in and it rained for forty days and forty nights. Noah was six hundred years old.



Also the water that is under ground sprang up until the whole earth was covered, even the highest mountains. But the ark rose up and floated safely on the top. All people, animals, reptiles and birds died except the ones in the ark.



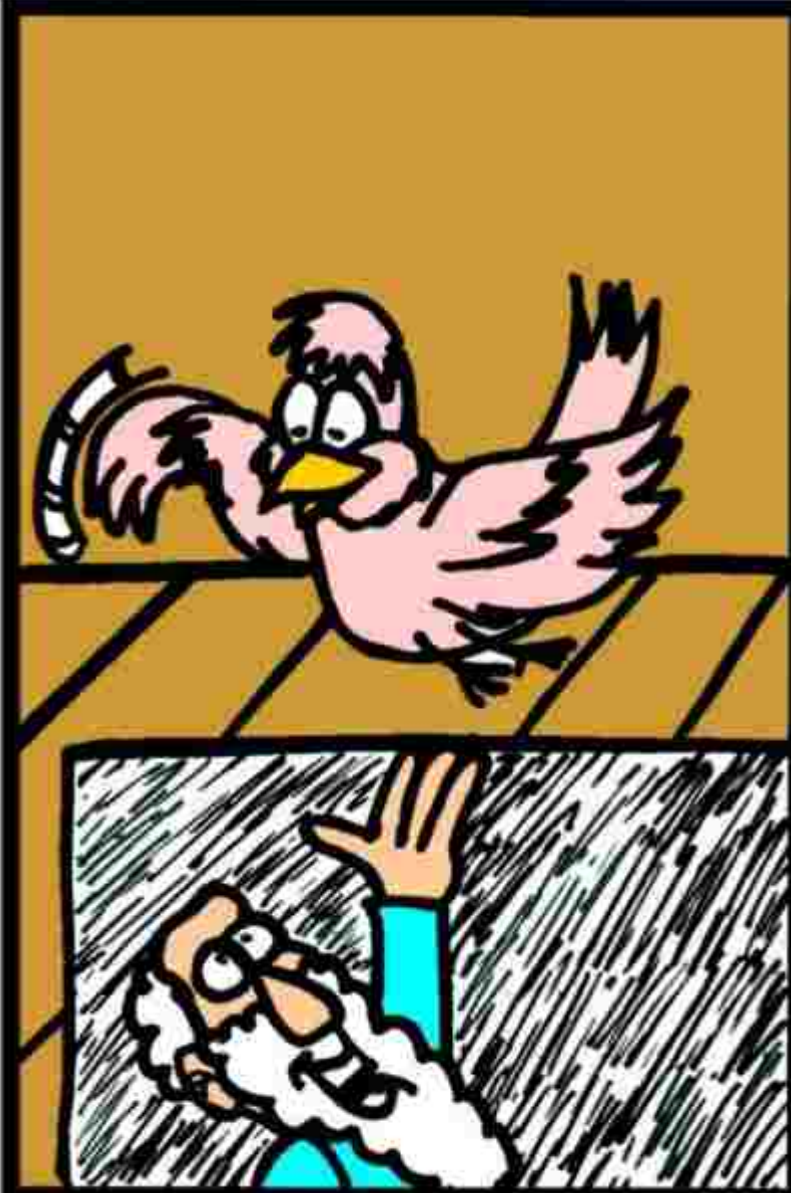
For one hundred and fifty days the water level remained high until the Lord sent a wind over the water, then the waters began to go down. The ark came to rest on Mount Ararat. On the first day of the tenth month they could begin to see the tops of the mountains.





After forty days Noah opened a window and sent a raven and a dove to see if the land was dry yet. The raven flew back and forth and the dove came back to the ark because she could find no dry place to land.

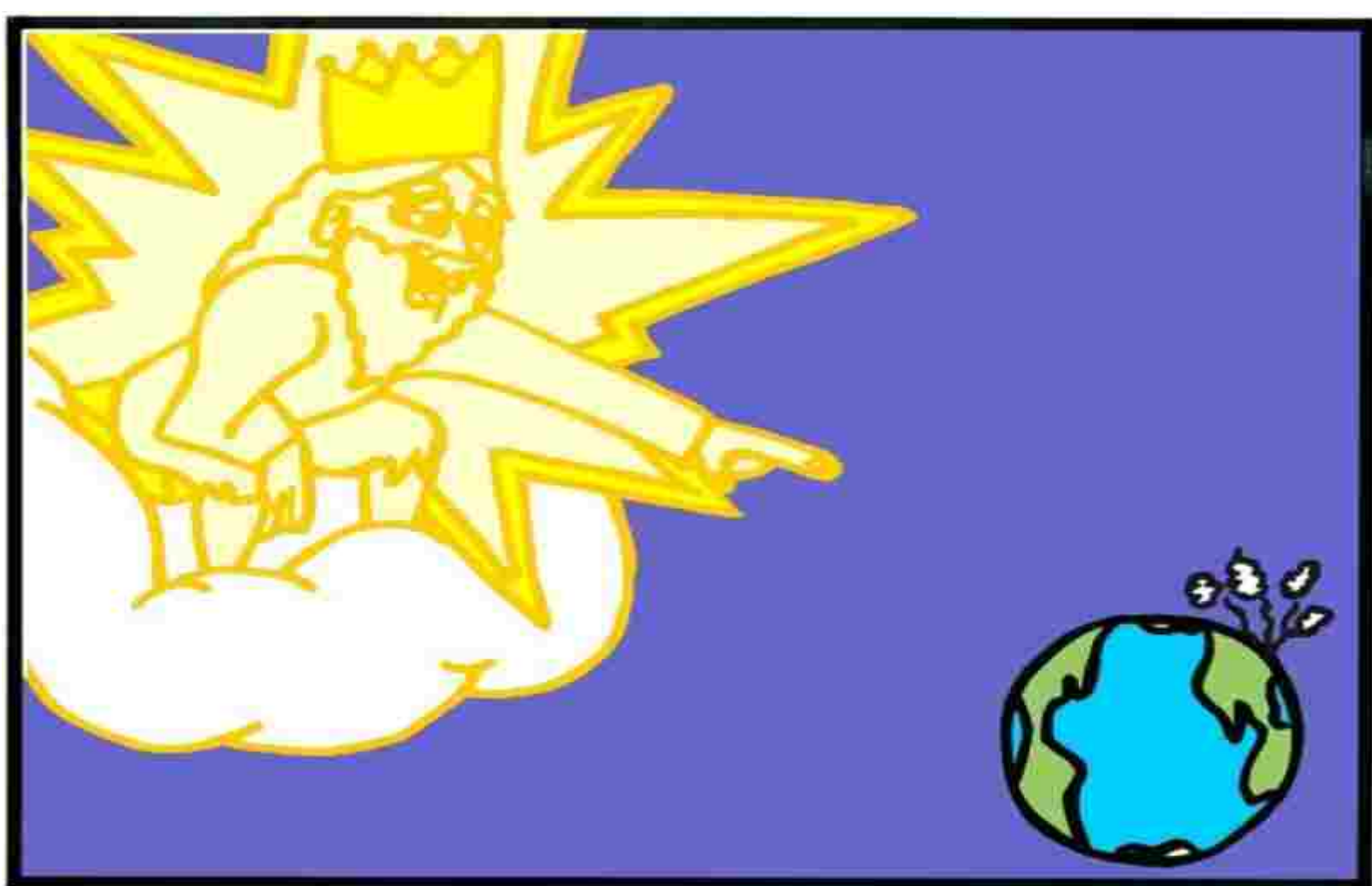




Seven days later Noah sent the dove again. This time the dove returned with a freshly plucked olive leaf so Noah knew that the water was no longer covering the earth. Seven days later Noah sent the dove again and this time she did not return.



Noah removed the covering from the ark and God said, "Go out of the ark, you people, birds and animals."



Noah made a burnt offering to the Lord. God smelled the offering and said in His heart, "I will never again curse the earth because of man or destroy every living thing. As long as the earth is here there will always be seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, winter and summer, and day and night.





Go out and have lots of kids," said the Lord. "Fill the earth with people. Never again will there be a flood to destroy the whole earth. The rainbow will be in the cloud and I will look on it and remember the promise between me and all the living creatures of the earth."



Lord, help me to be quick to change my ways whenever you correct me. I want to walk with you and obey you.