

GET IT RIGHT

A One Act Play in Four Scenes by Donna D. Gordon
Based on The Book of Genesis in the “Bible”, Chapters 7-9

CAST OF CHARACTERS

THE VOICE OF GOD.....MOST IMPORTANT
NOAH.....AN OLD BUT DEVOUT MAN
NOAH’S WIFE, SARAH..... ..SHE KEEPS THE FAMILY TOGETHER
SHEM.....NOAH’S OLDEST SON
BELLAH, SHEM’S WIFE..... ..SHE’S USUALLY WITH SARAH
OLDEST CHILD, REBECCA.....LIKES TO SING AND PLAY
NEIGHBOR, JACOB..... HE RIDICULES NOAH
ANIMALS.....CHICKENS, LAMBS, PIGS, HORSES

SCENES AND NOTES

SCENE ONE:.....NOAH HEARS FROM GOD ONE NIGHT
SCENE TWO.....NOAH SHARES GOD’S WORDS WITH FAMILY
SCENE THREE.....NOAH’S FAMILY ENTERS THE ARK
SCENE FOUR.....NOAH’S FAMILY FINDS DRY LAND
PRODUCTION NOTES.....COMMENTS ABOUT THIS PLAY

SETTING: THE PLAY BEGINS IN NOAH’S STONE HUT. THE FAMILY LIVES TOGETHER.
THIS TIME PERIOD IS ONLY BRIEFLY REMOVED FROM THE STONE AGE.

Scene One

NOAH IS TOSSING AND TURNING ON THE STONE FLOOR. HE KEEPS TRYING TO KEEP HIS FLEECE BLANKET OVER HIM. THE WIND CAN BE HEARD FROM THE WINDOW. HE GETS UP AND CLOSES A FLAP

THE VOICE OF GOD: (heard by NOAH, not by his Wife or Sons) I am not pleased with man.

NOAH: What is this I hear? Is it the wind? (He quickly gets up. The tune “They Call The Wind Maria” is played here with suitable lyrics.)

THE VOICE OF GOD: It is I, the Almighty God and I am speaking to You, Noah.

NOAH: (not believing) It is true. No one else in the house hears you.

THE VOICE OF GOD: Noah, my son, I am not pleased with the people in your town.

NOAH: (stuttering with fear) Why? What have we done? Or what have I done?

GOD: No, Noah, you are not one of these bad people. You are my son and my chosen one. You are a good man, and a good father.

NOAH:(crying) But, Dear God, we try, don't we?

THE VOICE OF GOD: Noah, my child. You plead well for your friends, but they are sinning continually.

NOAH: (agreeing) I have often thought that I didn't want my sons to grow up in this city.

THE VOICE OF GOD: You are right, my son. People no longer place me at the center of their lives. I thought man would always remember the garden I had made for him in the beginning, and the lessons that were learned there. Instead, he eats, drinks and makes merry with no thought of tomorrow. I am deeply grieved.

NOAH: Why is the world full of such wickedness? - what is going to happen - can I do anything about the sinfulness?

THE VOICE OF GOD: I will bring an answer to that prayer - Noah, I am going to wipe all mankind from the face of the earth.

NOAH: (trembling with fear) What have I caused by my questions? Do you mean we will all die?

THE VOICE OF GOD: No, I will save you and all your family from the massive flood I will send upon the earth.

NOAH: A flood? How can a flood destroy everything? - I am afraid for all of us - my family and the whole world.

THE VOICE OF GOD: This is one time when prayers for the human race will not change my mind. I will, however, save you and your family from the flood. I also want to keep some plants and animals from being destroyed.

NOAH: (desperate) What can I do to help myself in such a disaster?

THE VOICE OF GOD: (with great assurance, as a father would speak to a son) Do not despair, Noah. Build yourself an ark, a big boat to protect you and your family from the flood. When you complete the ark, put every plant and animal you can think of, along with its mate, into the ark - and get yourselves inside.

NOAH: (still in shock) Can this really be happening to me? To all of us?