

## Noah Builds A Boat.

### Key words

Hot: Phew!

Boat: Ahoy there!

build: Bang bang.

Rain: Pitter patter.

God: Hallelujah.

Noah lived in a hot (Phew!) country. A country in which it hardly ever rained (pitter patter). Instead the sun shone brighter and brighter and it got hotter (Phew) and Hotter (Phew) and hotter, (Phew). For miles and miles around Noah's home there was nothing but sand and desert. He was no where near the sea, no where near a lake and no where near a river. In fact there was no water near them at all.

You might be able to imagine then how surprised Noah's wife was when one morning Noah got out of bed and said:

"I'm going to build (bang bang) a boat (Ahoy there!).

Well actually he called it an ark, but ark, boat (Ahoy there), what's the difference?

"I'm going to build a boat (ahoy there)," said Noah. "Right here in the back garden."

"A boat (Ahoy there!)," said Misses Noah. "Right here in the back garden? What do you want to build (bang bang) a boat (Ahoy there) for?

After all, we don't live near the sea, it never rains (Pitter patter) and its always hot (Phew)! A boat (Ahoy there) is about the last thing we need here. I'd rather have a nice summer house and a bit of decking. But definitely not a Boat (ahoy there)!"

"I know," said Noah, "but you see I've got to build (bang bang) a boat (Ahoy there!). The thing is you see, God (Hallelujah) told me to."

"What!" said Misses Noah. "Have you gone stark raving bonkers Mister Noah?

You think God (Hallelujah) told you to build (bang bang) a boat (Ahoy there!)!

"err ... yes," said Noah, " God (Hallelujah) told me to do it. So that is what I will do." And with that he got to work building (bang bang)a boat (ahoy there!) in his back garden.

Building (bang bang) a boat (Ahoy there! takes a long time and building (bang bang) a boat (Ahoy there!) as big as this one takes a long long time. So for over a year Noah was building (bang bang) and building (bang bang) and building (bang bang) his boat (Ahoy there).

It was very hot (Phew) and thirsty work. All of Noah's neighbours sat out in their gardens enjoying the sunshine. When they heard what Noah was doing, they called him 'Nutty Noah' and poked their tongues out at him.

"You wait," said Noah. "God (Hallelujah) told me that it is going to rain (pitter patter). It's going to rain a lot, then you will wish that you had been building (bang bang) a boat (ahoy there) just like mine." But his neighbours laughed at him all the more and thought up even worse names to call him!

Noah worked hard until one evening he had just finished the last coat of paint. He looked at his Boat (Ahoy there). It was just as God (Hallelujah) had told him to build it.

"Well," he said, "I've done my bit God (Hallelujah). Now it's up to you."

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