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Introductory Talk

(to be spoken by a child, or divided among several children)

We're going to sing music today that has lots and lots of rhythm in it. Rhythm isn't anything new to us. When I was a child, most of my play things had to do with rhythm. The first toy I ever had was a rattle that I shook and made nice sounds to rhythm. Then there was the rocking horse, and then the swing in the back yard. So, you see, we like rhythm. And we're glad to be singing about the Bible and praising God to rhythm because we think that is why God gave it to us.

Whenever we hear about the flood we're told about all the animals that went on the Ark. Today we're not going to sing about the animals. We're going to sing about Mr. Noah and why God chose him, and why God had to flood the earth, and how sad it was to drown all those people, and of God's wonderful promise that came out of it. It gets pretty wet in our story – but it has a happy ending. We like singing it.

100% Chance of Rain

1. Now the Lord Was Unhappy

Walter S. Horsley Walter S. Horsley Jazz style (J=c. 116) (Snap fingers in absence of drums.) Now the (5) un-hap-py with the peo-ple on the earth, They were not what they ought to be and Lord was not what they're worth, They were bad and ug ly and mean as could be, and the Lord So the had to clean things up you see (15)Lord turned the wa - ter on and let And for for - ty whole days they did - n't ter poured down and made ev - 'ry-thing clean, e - ven see the sun, wa -And 0 day It's gon-na long-er wash has nev - er been seen. Pt. I (25) rain, rain. rain;_ It's gon - na rain. Pt. II rain;___ It's gon - na rain, rain;_ It's gon-na rain, (30) rain; *A hun-dred per-cent rain, rain; _ It's gon-na rain, rain, rain, rain, rain; *Spoken in rhythm together.

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(The women are gathered around a huge box downstage.)

SHEM'S WIFE: What do you suppose is in there!?!? It's sooo big!

JAPHETH'S WIFE: I don't know but I heard my husband talking to your husband late at night

saying that we were going on a trip. I think that will be wonderful. Perhaps

we'll visit a faraway land and it will be full of riches.

A caravan trip – how exciting!

Dream on dear - we're going on a trip - but not by carayan. Ham peeked HAM'S WIFE:

in the box last night after everyone was asleep. Noah has parts for a boat

in there.

ALL: A BOAT????????????

NOAH'S WIFE: There must be some mistake. We couldn't all fit in a boat. I think we

should just wait to find out what's up.

(She finds the instructions on the top of the box.) It is going to be a boat – an ark – it's going to be 300 cubits long!!! SHEM'S WIFE:

Impossible – why that would be about 450 steps. That's huge!!!! JAPHETH'S WIFE:

NOAH'S WIFE: You see. It can't possibly be a boat. There's not enough water anywhere

around to float a boat that big

HAM'S WIFE: We'll know soon enough. Here they come now.

(All of the women scatter.) (Noah leads men into the box.)

NOAH: Right this way, boys.

With all due respect, Father, a boat? Why? SHEM:

NOAH: I told you, it's going to rain.

JAPHETH Father, wouldn't an umbrella be sufficient? We could just build a large

house for all of us on top of that mountain.

NOAH: That wouldn't do for this storm.

HAM: Father, I can think of far better things to do with my time. I'm not even

afraid of storms.

NOAH: (very determined) I said – we are going to build an ARK!!!!!

Yes. Father. **BOYS:**

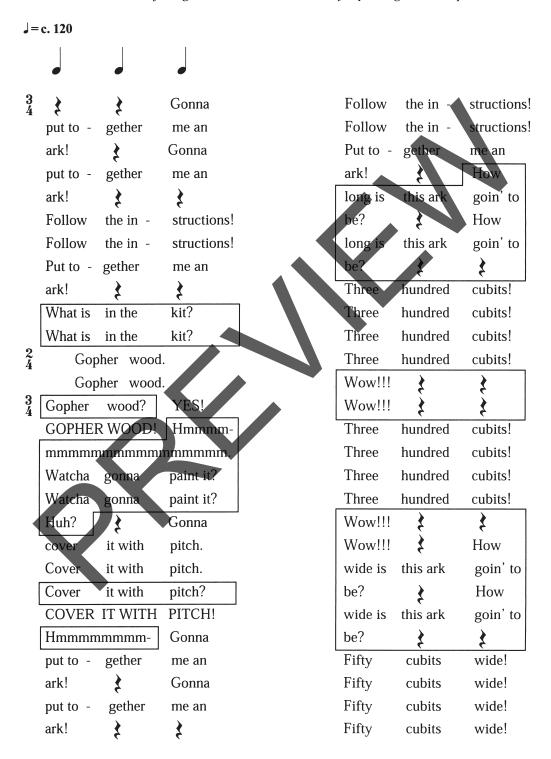
NOAH: Now, I've contracted some help. Let's get started.

4. Follow the Instructions

(A Rhythmic Chant)

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The words in boxes may be spoken by an individual, or by a small group of reactors, or by the girls of the choir, with the boys speaking the Noah parts.



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