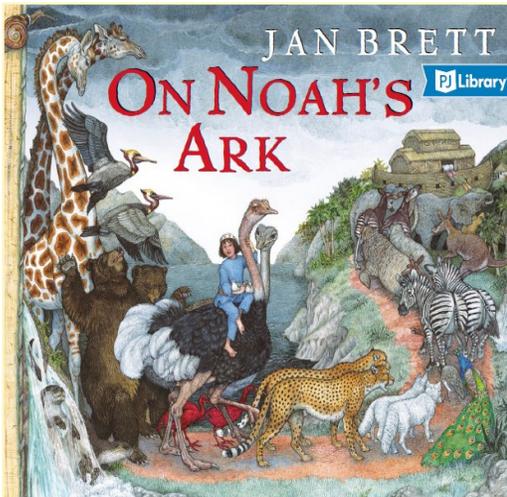


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{ What do you hope for? }

## Silver Linings

Can you imagine life on the ark for Noah and his family? There were probably many fears and uncertainties as they sailed through the unending rains. Perhaps despite the heavy rain clouds, they were able to see the silver linings of this incredible adventure. In this book, Noah's grandchild gets to hang out with every kind of animal imaginable – creatures big, middle-sized, small, flying, and swimming. That's a pretty great silver lining, and it's a powerful reminder that even during unsettling times, we can strive to find and enjoy the good. To learn more, visit [pjlibrary.org/onnoahsark](http://pjlibrary.org/onnoahsark).

## HANDS ON!

### Make a Noah's Ark Snack

We don't mean to encourage you to play with your food, but this is a delicious activity.

#### Ingredients

- Animal crackers (or small animal-shaped cookies)
- Cantaloupe
- Graham cracker (or rectangular cookie)
- Fruit O-shaped cereal

Cut the cantaloupe in half and scoop out the seeds. Place it on a plate, then lean a graham cracker against it like a gangplank. Two by two, march the animal crackers up the gangplank into the ark. When you're finished, sail your ark around the table, then arrange the cereal in a rainbow at the top of the plate. (And then enjoy your snack!)

## Life with Lions

According to the story of Noah in the Torah (the first five books of the Bible), Noah's family was on the ark with the animals for a long time – over a year in total. For animals who aren't used to being cooped up, it must have been especially hard. In this story, Noah's grandchild looks after the animals and tries to make them as happy and comfortable as possible on the ark. Tza'ar ba'alei hayim, caring for animals, is a deeply held Jewish value. But it might require courage at times – Noah's grandchild untangles boa constrictors and snuggles with a lion! Bravery must run in the family.

## Colorful Promise

After the flood, everyone on the ark emerged into a new world. They began to build new homes and resume normal life. But perhaps the thought "What if this happens again?" flickered through their minds. That's why a beautiful rainbow – the first ever! – appeared in the sky. It was a symbol of God's promise that a flood would never cover the world again. What a relief! They could truly start life anew. In this story, Grandpa Noah and his grandchild plant a tiny seed in the earth, a gesture of hope for better times ahead for their family and the world – something to think about the next time you see a rainbow in the sky.

## TALK IT OVER WITH YOUR KIDS

**HAVE** you ever had to stay in one place for a long time? What was it like?

**IF** you were on the ark, what job would you do to help?

**WHAT** would it be like to live with so many animals?