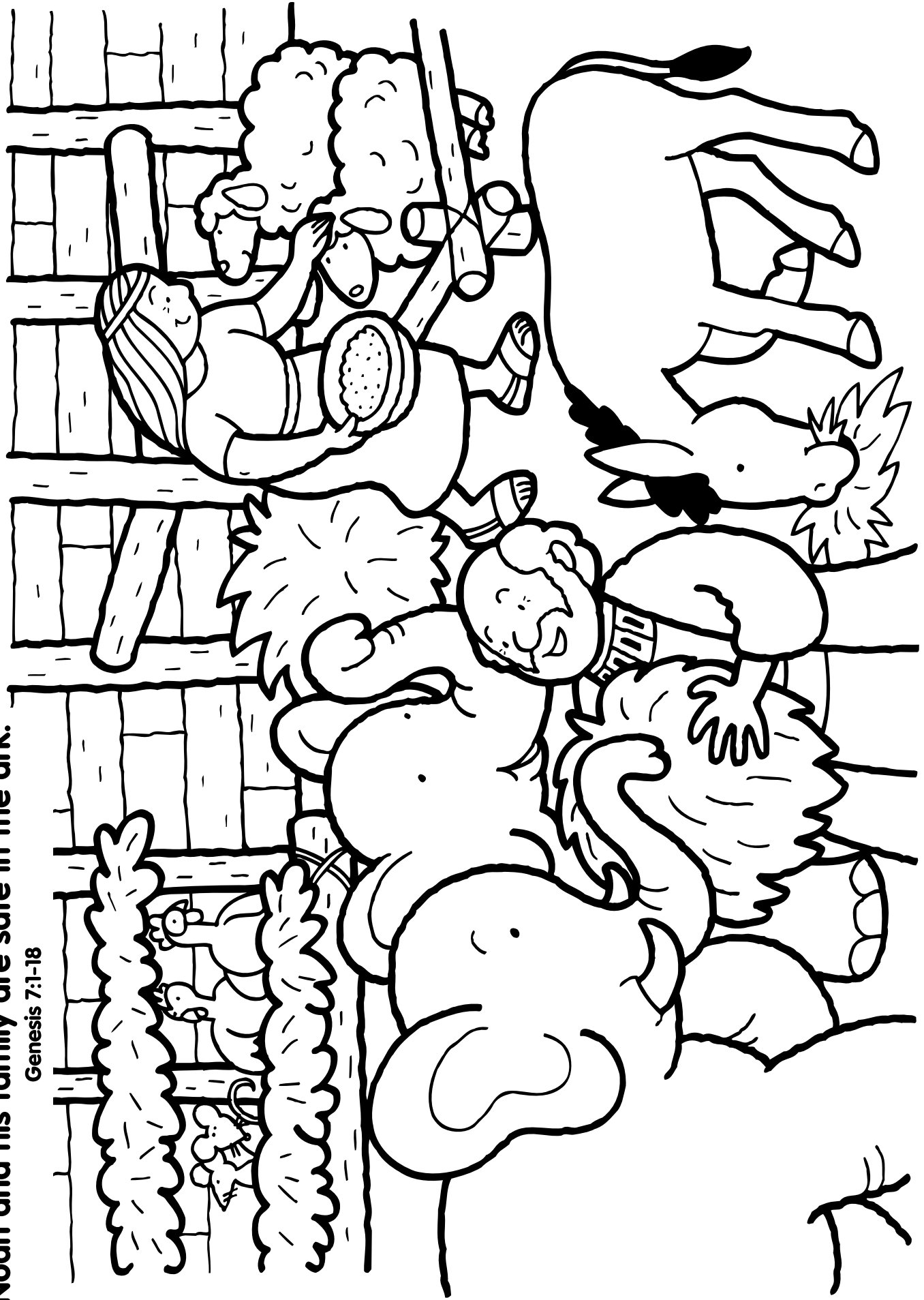


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Genesis 7:1-18



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One day the big boat, the ark, was finished. God said, "Noah, take your family into the ark. And take a pair of every kind of animal and bird into the ark with you."

So Noah did what God told him to do. He loaded food for his family and for all the animals into the big boat. Then God sent the animals to Noah.

Elephants, mice, lizards—animals of every kind and size came to Noah! Noah loaded them all on board. Rabbits and hippos, sparrows and turtles all found places in the boat.

Finally Noah, his family and the many birds and other animals were in the big boat. God shut the

door tightly. Noah and his family stood in the boat looking around at their new home. Then the rain started falling. At first the rain made little puddles on the ground. After a while the puddles got larger. It kept on raining, harder and harder! Finally, the ground around the boat was covered with water.

Then the boat began to float on the water! The rain kept falling! One day, even the tallest mountain was covered with water. It rained for 40 days and 40 nights. But inside the big boat, the people and the animals were safe and dry.