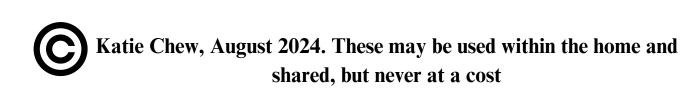
## Bible Ballads Noah and the Flood







Early on in history, Years and years after the Fall, Mankind increased, and evil too, And this is what God saw:

People's thoughts and all of their ways

Were evil all the time,

With pain and sorrow, God then chose

To wipe out all mankind.

Both far and wide corruption spread So God would cleanse the land, Destroying all that He had made, All but one righteous man.



This man was known as Noah,
All alone he walked with God.
So he, his sons, and all their wives
Were given a great job.

Even in heartache, God still saved Humans and creatures both, When, by grace, he said to him, "Noah, you must build a boat.

An ark to save your family,
The animals and birds,"
And so Noah obeyed the Lord
In everything he heard.



For God would soon be sending rain,
Not yet seen on the earth.
A massive flood was coming near,
So Noah worked and worked.

When the ark was completed, Noah's family went inside.
Then animals of every kind
Joined in to hitch a ride.

As pairs, all of the creatures— Both the clean and unclean—came. Then God himself shut the door, And soon after, sent the rain.



The springs burst forth and rains fell down
For forty nights and days,
But God sustained the ark and all—
They were completely safe.

For months and months they floated
On the surface of the seas,
When God remembered them once more
And sent a mighty breeze.

With waters now receding,
The man sent out a raven.
But it flew back and forth again,
Finding no safe haven.



Later on, out flew a dove,
Bringing back an olive leaf.
The earth seemed to be drying up,
Noah waited a week.

After that week, the dove went out,
This time did not return.
To Noah's joy, God called them out
To walk upon dry earth.

Then Noah built an altar,
And he sacrificed in praise,
And God made him a promise
That has lasted to our day.



God promised with a rainbow Not to flood the earth again. But aren't people still wicked? Don't we wicked people sin?

That's why God sent us Jesus:

To flood all our sins away,

It's him who makes us righteous,

Calling on him, we are saved.

Then we can live like Noah did,
Obeying God's commands.
Trusting him with all our hearts
For we're safe within his hands.