Read Genesis 6–8 for the story of how Noah listened to and obeyed God and saved his family and many animals during the Flood. Noah manifested great faith in both hearing God's voice and acting on what God had said, even when what he heard was unthinkable. Noah even did so when what he was doing seemed odd and unnecessary to the majority of people in his day. After all, there had never been a flood before.

God spoke to me and shared with me His plans to rebuild life on earth.

> I had faith in God's love and believed what He said, even when others thought it was crazy!

Faith-filled Models from the Old Testament: Noah

It was through faith in God's guidance that Noah built the ark according to the directions God had given him. It also took faith for his family to help him with the preparations and to board the ark when the time came.

It took faith to trust God for the care of the animals He had them carry on the ark—seven each of the clean animals, and two each of the unclean. That included storing enough food on the ark to feed both his family and the animals for the next year.

> Imagine the faith it took to watch as the door was shut behind them, not knowing what would happen next. Or to believe God would continue to protect and supply for them while

the storm outside raged.

"By faith, Noah built a ship in the middle of dry land. He was warned about something he couldn't see, and acted on what he was told. The result? His family was saved" (Hebrews 11:7 The Message).