


Important Lessons from the Story of Noah's Ark

Read the following:

Noah is a type of savior who saves the world from sin and death	Jesus is THE SAVIOR of the world, saving us from sin and death
The Ark built to "save" the world	The Catholic Church wherein we find salvation
The wood of the Ark	The wood of the Cross
Flood waters cleanse the earth	Waters of Baptism cleanse us of Original Sin
Door in the side of the Ark	The wound in the side of Christ from which water and blood gushed forth symbolizing Baptism and the Eucharist
The door in the side of the Ark	The door of entrance into the Catholic Church
This is a story of God's Re-Creation Genesis 6-9	In Christ we are made a "New Creation" (2 Cor. 5:17)
Rained for "forty days and forty nights"	Jesus fasted "forty days and forty nights"

The Rainbow  was the sign of the Covenant that God made with Noah. Here are some "just for fun!" rainbow clips and songs:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WS3Lkc6Gzlk>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OQSNhk5ICTI>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PSZxmZmBfnU>

Annotate this paragraph:

"At times, biblical authors, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, used figurative language to communicate God's truth. It is indeed possible for something to be truthful but not necessarily factual. When Scripture says that "God is my rock," (Psalm 18:2) we are not to believe that God is literally a rock. The image, while not intended to be literal, expresses a truth about God using figurative language – like a rock, God is strong, steadfast, solid, and can be leaned on! Likewise, the story of Noah's Ark employs a great deal of figurative language to express an absolute truth about God and our relationship with him: when we sin, it is as if we are drowning, however, God will spare us if we live justly as Noah did."

(<https://bustedhalo.com/questionbox/do-catholics-believe-that-noahs-ark-is-a-factual-event>)

What is the "absolute truth" about God and our relationship with Him in the story of Noah's Ark?
