

Noah's Incredible Cruise

For Expanded Cast

(A Musical Drama in One Act)

By Gloria Emmerich

A note from the playwright:

In the original version of *Noah's Incredible Cruise* only Noah and his wife Huldah had spoken lines. Due to the popularity of this musical, and at the request of many schools, churches, and children's theatres and groups around the world, I have been encouraged to incorporate more speaking roles into the show. Though the original version is still available, in this new rendition of *Noah's Incredible Cruise* I have now also given lines to all of Noah's sons and their wives. Naturally, Noah and Huldah are still the major characters in this new script. Shem, Ham, Japheth, and their wives have also been added to many of the songs previously only sung by Noah and Huldah.

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CAST OF CHARACTERS:

Noah	Huldah (Noah's wife)
Shem (Noah's son)	Anna (Shem's wife)
Ham (Noah's son)	Phoebe (Ham's wife)
Japheth (Noah's son)	Bernice (Japheth's wife)
Animals (optional)	Nasty Neighbors (optional)

List of Songs:

1. Noah and the Flood..... Noah and Huldah
2. Righteous and True..... Huldah and Noah
3. Pounding and Hamm'ringNoah and Sons
4. Knockin' Noah RapNasty Neighbors
5. Pounding and Hamm'ring (*Reprise*)Noah and Sons
6. Big N' Small and Short N' Tall Noah and Huldah
7. Big N' Small and Short N' Tall (*Reprise*) Noah and Family
8. A Storm Noah and Family
9. Munchin' and a Crunchin'Huldah
10. Floating out under the Sky..... Full Cast
11. Dear Lord Full Cast
12. Promises Do Come True/Dear Lord (*Reprise*)..... Full Cast
13. Promises/Dear Lord (*Encore-Finale*) Full Cast

Throughout the script an (#) indicates approximately where the sound track begins for each song/sound cue. The exact cue number appears inside the parentheses as well.*

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HULDAH: *(Comes down aisle through audience while talking, then goes to SR table.)*
You probably don't know much about me, but I tell you, I had to put up with quite a few things in those days! Noah can be pretty bullheaded at times and work too hard. And, I usually get the brunt end of it all! Yes, you guessed it; I'm Noah's wife, Huldah...which means "weasel." So, it's no wonder *my* name didn't go down in history like Noah's! You know, it was quite a sight to see the day Noah and our sons started to build the ark. I tell you, if it weren't for the grace of God and the help of our three boys, Noah would be a nervous wreck by now! Shem was a great help keeping peace and order around here. And Ham always was a good worker like his father. Why, even Japheth, our youngest son, worked hard. Oh, here I am bragging about *(*#1)* my boys when I really ought to be getting on with my story. Perhaps I should explain a few things to you first...

SONG # 1 - NOAH AND THE FLOOD *Huldah and Noah*

HULDAH: Have you heard about Noah and the flood,
How the rain poured down and turned the earth to mud?
The Lord said, "Noah, an ark you should build."
And it turned out bigger than a football field!
(Noah enters also coming down the aisle.)

BOTH: You see the ark was a boat that was made to float,
Many, many days on the sea.
God destroyed the world of sin, but protected us within.
And He gave us a new life and set us free!
(Interlude)

BOTH: You see the ark was a boat that was made to float,
Many, many days on the sea.
God destroyed the world of sin, but protected us within.
And He gave us a new life and set us free!

BOTH: Now you'll hear about Noah and the flood,
How God stopped sin and nipped it in the bud!
The Lord protected Noah and his whole family.
Now listen to the story of their life upon the sea.
And maybe you will hear what God can do for you and me!

(Sound track continues to play out as underscore until it fades - then OFF.)

HULDAH: I'll never forget the night Noah called the boys into our tent. Noah told them all about what the Lord asked him to do. They all sat so still and listened. They knew Noah was a just and righteous man and they believed his every word. They knew that God had spoken to their father and that now they too must help build the ark the Lord said to build. You see, the world had gotten so wicked and full of evil that God decided to send a flood to destroy every living thing on the earth. *(HULDAH chuckles.)* I remember the boys got a little nervous when Noah mentioned the flood. But Noah reminded them that the Lord God promised to take care of us because our family had always loved and trusted Him. Noah was very honored that God would choose him *(*#2)* to carry out this plan.

SONG # 2 – RIGHTEOUS AND TRUE***Huldah and Noah***

HULDAH: For Noah was righteous. He was a good, good, man.
And Noah was truthful; the only one in the land.
Noah, chosen of God, to take this trip abroad;

BOTH: To gather the animals two by two,
And travel with them in a floating zoo. True - oo - oo - blue!

BOTH: For Noah was righteous. He was a good, good, man.
And Noah was truthful; the only one in the land.

HULDAH: God needed a man,
NOAH: *(Shouts) That's me!!*
HULDAH: To carry out His plan.

BOTH: So He searched in all the Land,
And found that Noah would lend a hand. True - oo - oo - blue!!

BOTH: For God chose Noah. God chose Noah.
Righteous and true - woo-woo-woo!!

(Sound track continues to play out as underscore until it fades – then OFF.)

HULDAH: Noah, what you need is a good night's sleep; now off to bed with you! One "Ham" in the family is enough!! *(NOAH goes off to bed, SL; HULDAH goes to her SR table. NOAH quickly settles and goes to sleep.)* The next morning Noah woke at daybreak, rarin' to go!

(Sound effect (#3): rooster crowing two times.)*

NOAH: *(Yawns very loudly.)* What a glorious day to begin work on the ark. Huldah, I'll need a hearty breakfast this morning. I want to chop down as many trees as possible before dark.

HULDAH: You'd better holler at the boys to get up Noah. They'll need to get the oxen ready for work.

NOAH: Shem! Ham! Ja-a-pheth!! It's time to get up boys. We've got lots of work to do. *(To HULDAH.)* I'll be back before dark, my dear. *(SHEM, HAM, and JAPHEPH enter with their wives. Each wife gives her husband a wrapped parcel for his lunch later that day. The sons follow NOAH. The wives join HULDAH and begin various chores: sewing, cleaning, preparing food, etc.)*

HULDAH: Week after week they continued to work hard cutting down trees. I was forever sending the boys' wives out with more food. They would build up such an appetite working like that. Finally, after months and months of chopping, **(*#4)** they had enough wood to start building the ark! *(HULDAH hands NOAH a pack of food.)*

SONG #3 – POUNDING AND HAMM'RING***Noah and Sons***

NOAH: Pounding and hamm'ring all day.
SONS: One by one...not much fun!
NOAH: Building the ark the Lord's way.
SONS: When it's done, it's just begun!
SONS: Sawing and measuring logs.
NOAH: Short ones here...long to the rear!
SONS: Working as hard as a dog.
ALL: The end I fear is not very near! *(NOAH hits his thumb and yells, "OUCH!!")*
(4 measures of music; NOAH and SONS ad lib.)
ALL: Four hundred fifty feet long, three stories high...my, oh my!

pretty good... *(Aside so HULDAH doesn't hear.)* for an ark, mind you!!
(HULDAH does a double take at BERNICE'S comment.)

HAM: Well, it's finally starting to look like a boat.

SHEM: It shouldn't be too much longer and we'll be done.

JAPHETH: *(Looks pleadingly at the women like he may faint at any moment and winks at NOAH.)* But...we'll need to *keep up our strength* to finish...

NOAH: *(Getting the hint, he responds to JAPHETH.)* Oh...right! *(Then turns to his wife.)* Uh...Huldah, dear...we could use some more food you know. You wouldn't want us passing out up on the deck now, would you? **(*#6)**

(HULDAH hands NOAH a rubber chicken. The wives follow suit, handing their husbands various strange food items. NOAH and his sons are downcast at first, but they become more jovial as the tempo picks up and they get back to work.)

SONG #5 - POUNDING AND HAMM'RING *(Reprise)* *Noah and Sons*

NOAH: "Build me an ark." the Lord said. Yes, I heard every word.
This wasn't just in my head. It's not absurd! I heard His word!

SHEM: I'll put pitch all over this ship!

HAM/JAPH: We'll make stalls, wide and tall.

ALL: We're gonna have a great trip!

NOAH: The wicked fall; I'll make them crawl!! *(Gets a look from the others so he shouts out.) Just kidding!!*

ALL: All in all...we'll have a ball!
When God calls...we give Him all! Give all! Give all!

(Track OFF when accompaniment finishes.)

(If a set is used the ark is "revealed" or set into place during the last lines of the song.)

HULDAH: At last the day arrived...the ark...

WIVES: Is finished!! *(HULDAH jumps from their outburst, but definitely agrees.)*

HAM: Well, what do you think?

SHEM: Not bad, huh?

JAPHETH: God has been so faithful in helping us finish this great task.

NOAH: I'm sure that He's pleased with our work. Now, if only the people would listen to me and turn from their sin, they might be saved. But, it saddens me so when they only laugh and walk away.

HULDAH: I know, but you can only do so much, Noah. I doubt if God Himself could get them to repent; their hearts are like stone!!

NOAH: Huldah!! *(Gives her a stern look!)*

HULDAH: *(Quickly changing the subject.)* We must remember to thank the Lord for taking care of us and our family. He has been so good to us, Noah...

NOAH: Yes He has; Praise His name! Now, have you and the girls finished storing food and supplies inside the ark?

HULDAH: It is perfect timing, Noah!

ANNA: We've just finished loading the ark with everything we'll need for the trip.

PHOEBE: Now all that's left is to load the animals...

BERNICE: *(Grimaces.)* ...And I'm not looking forward to *that!*

HULDAH: *(Rolls her eyes at BERNICE.)* Do you even know what to bring, Noah?