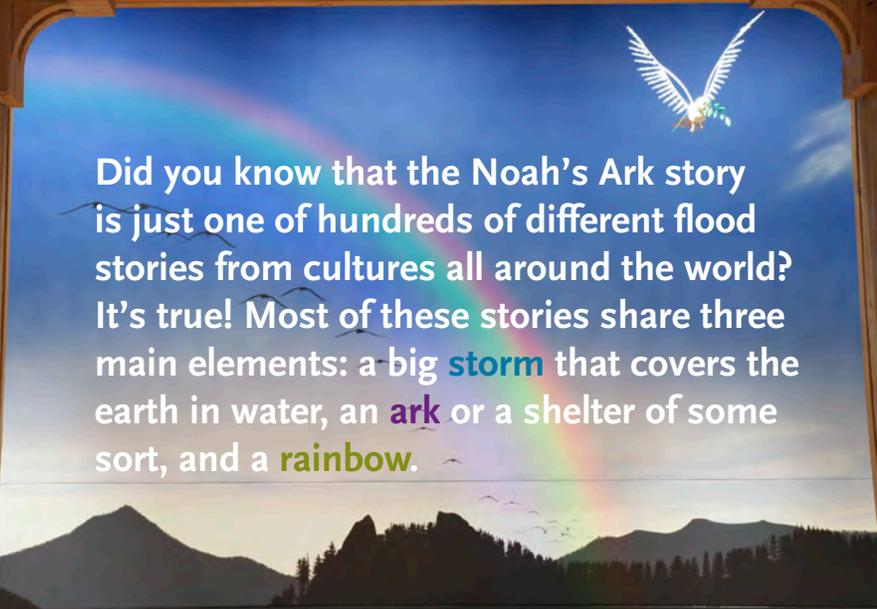


Storms, Arks, and Rainbows

The Three Chapters of the Skirball's Noah's Ark Story



Did you know that the Noah's Ark story is just one of hundreds of different flood stories from cultures all around the world? It's true! Most of these stories share three main elements: a big **storm** that covers the earth in water, an **ark** or a shelter of some sort, and a **rainbow**.

In the Noah's Ark galleries, we treat these three elements like the main chapters of a storybook, and YOU get to bring them to life. **But what does each chapter mean?**

Storms

In Noah's Ark, you encounter an "actual" storm with rain, wind, thunder, lightning, and, of course, a flood. But there is more to it! We see storms as metaphors for challenging, lonely, or dark times in a person's life, a family's story, or a cultural group's history. These storms set in motion a difficult journey to a new, unknown land. Weathering storms requires courage, resilience, and relying on one another.



Arks

At the Skirball, you build and climb aboard a huge wooden ark that provides shelter from the storm. But, again, Noah's Ark isn't just an ark—it symbolizes a welcoming community, the places we go to feel safe and belong. On the Ark, we all have something to contribute and are valued for who we are.



Rainbows

As you and your fellow travelers leave the Ark and enter the final chapter of the story, you come upon an evanescent rainbow with a glorious array of colors. As you might guess, the rainbow is not only beautiful. It signifies hope and possibility—the opportunity to build a new future together in the aftermath of the storm.

In the Noah's Ark galleries, as you take in the view from the first section of the storybook, you will always be able to catch sight of the rainbow. Though far away in the last chapter, it is a beacon of hope, pulling us through our long journey together.

