

Bible Off Broadway



Noah
AND THE ARK
St. Pauls Church

**2023 CAST,
PRODUCTION TEAM,
AND SONG LYRICS**

**2023 Bible Off Broadway
“Noah and the Ark” Cast
(In Order of Appearance)**

Moses & his wife Zipporah, the Storytellers	Jareth Renfrow & Katlyn McVey
Moses and Zipporah’s Children	Aniston Hartanov, Deirdre McGrath, Brooke McGuire, & Lee Waldschmidt
Noah	Miles Davidson
Emzara, Noah’s Wife	Valerie Schimp
Noah and Emzara’s Sons	
Shem	Zack Murray
Japheth	Simon Baurer
Ham	Owen Waldschmidt
Noah and Emzara’s Daughters-in-Law	
Sedeqetelebab (“Sadie”), Shem’s Wife	Claire Nitzsche
Ne’eltama’uk (“Nellie”), Japheth’s Wife	Chloe Combs
Adataneses (“Ada”), Ham’s Wife	Eleanor McGuire
God	Joe JaQuay & Alayna Mack
The Raven	Colette (Coco) Schimp
The Dove	Sylvia Pine
The Olive Branch	Jennie Hamm

The Song Ensemble Members:

The “Arky Arky” Kids: Warren Bettler, Adrian Broderick, Ryan Castle, Charlie Coe, Holland Emmrich, Wynne Emmrich, Eve Lytal, Theo Lytal, Sully McGrath, Micah McMenamin, James Mix, Grant Mutch, Natalie Mutch, Nora Penniman, Kelly Sensenbrenner, Patrick Sensenbrenner, Catalina Smedley, Josiah Smedley (Mary Brown, Christina Cedeño, Nancy Voigts Godinez, Leaders)

The Sins of the World (Bad Guys/Girls): Cece Chamberlain, Everett Hamm, Aniston Hartanov, Mahalia Henry, Oscar Hull, Thomas Mix, Leo Pensinger-Sok, Kai Renfrow, Maira Simonton, Lee Waldschmidt (Jeff Carlson, Leslie Chamberlain, Philip Smedley, and Wayne Parman, leaders)

The Construction Workers: Warren Bettler, Holland Emmrich, Grady Hartanov, Eve Lytal, Theo Lytal, Sully McGrath, Nora Penniman, Toby Smedley (Nate Chamberlain and Gerald Wilk, leaders)

The Waves: Grace Ashley-McGraw, Winnie Castle, Faye Johnson, Deirdre McGrath (Erin Fitzgerald, Gail Renfrow, and Peg Wander, leaders)

The Birds and Branch: Myers Emmrich, Jennie Hamm, Sylvia Pine, Colette (Coco) Schimp, Abby Simonton, Toby Smedley (Cindy Zinn Ball, Breanna Coe, Jen Kew, leaders)

The Cool Cats: Amelia Baurer (soloist), Jennie Hamm, Annika Hull, Eva Mack, Thea Mack, Brooke McGuire, Hannah Mutch, Mia Pensinger-Sok, Coco Schimp (Jessica Ashley, Haley Weldon, leaders)

**2023 Bible Off Broadway “Noah and the Ark”
Creative, Production, and Performance Team**

Director/Script Writer	<i>Jana O'Brien</i>
Music Director	<i>Kecia Waldschmidt</i>
Stage Manager	<i>Carrie Bruggers</i>
Costume and Prop Director	<i>Sue Finkle</i>
Set Construction & Set-up Leader	<i>Gerald Wilk</i>
Pastoral Liaison	<i>Jeff Carlson</i>
Additional Planning Team	<i>Breanna Coe, Joe JaQuay, Philip Smedley</i>
Group Leaders/Wrangers	<i>Jessica Ashley, Cindy Zinn Ball, Mary Brown, Christina Cedeño, Leslie Chamberlain, Nate Chamberlain, Breanna Coe, Erin Fitzgerald, Nancy Godinez, Jen Kew, Wayne Parman, Gail Renfrow, Philip Smedley, Peg Wander, Haley Weldon</i>
St. Arbucks Trio	<i>Brendan Henry, piano; Alex Austin, bass; Kris Hansen, trumpet & vocals; Matt Plaskota, percussion</i>
Song Lyricists	<i>Jeff Carlson, Breanna Coe, Jana O'Brien, Philip Smedley, Kecia Waldschmidt</i>
Choreographers	<i>Cindy Ball, Christina Cedeño, Margot Frank, Nancy Godinez, Jana O'Brien, Philip Smedley, Haley Weldon</i>
Costume Assistants & Contributors	<i>Jenny Benefeld, Mary Brown, Julia and Sonya Brizzolara, Julian Chaiken, Jennifer Earl, Jorie Hamm, Jana O'Brien (with her costume expert sister-in-law, Mary Rosebrock), Gerald Wilk</i>
Makeup Team	<i>Renae Bradshaw, Graham Hicks, Barb and Maegan Kaiser, Winnie Kearns, Gail Renfrow</i>
Sound Consultant & Engineer	<i>Kevin Dzierzawski</i>
Youth Education Leaders	<i>Liz Nickerson, Erin Fitzgerald, Danielle Mayfield</i>
Riser Set-up Team	<i>David Baratz, Todd Coe, Nate Combs, Ross Penniman, Donn Schimp, Phil Smedley, Gerald Wilk</i>
Rehearsal Space Set-up/Assistance	<i>Ramiro Gonzalez, Fernando Diaz</i>
Office Assistance	<i>Claire Higgins, Maddy Lockhart</i>
Camera Operators	<i>Jim Alrutz, Marie Ankenman, Bob Ball, Jose Cruz, Brian Hafner</i>
2023 Bible Off Broadway Logo	<i>David Hewlett</i>

Special Lyrics for “Noah and the Ark” Songs

“Rise and Shine” (“The Arky Arky Song”)

Traditional

*The Lord said to Noah
There's gonna be a floody floody
Lord said to Noah
There's gonna be a floody floody
Get those kids out of the muddy muddy
Children of the Lord*

*He called for the animals
They came in by twosies twosies
Called for the animals
They came in by twosies twosies
Elephants and kangaroosies roosies
Children of the Lord*

*God told Noah to build him
To build him an arky arky
Told Noah to build him
To build him an arky arky
Build it out of hickory barky barky
Children of the Lord*

*So rise and shine
And give God the glory glory
Rise and shine
And give God the glory glory
Rise and shine and give God the glory glory
Children of the Lord
Children of the Lord!*

“What a Man”

Original song recorded by Salt-N-Pepa; special Lyrics by Jana O'Brien

*What a man, what a man, what a man, what a mighty good man
He's a mighty mighty good man!
What a man, what a man, what a man, what a mighty good man...*

*I want to take a minute or two, and give much respect due
To the man who'll make a difference in the world
'Cuz though most men are bozos, he never makes a no-no
'Cause in God's eye, he is pure as any pearl.
Yeah, he don't sweat it; yeah, he is not pathetic
And so God chose him to save this wicked world.
I know ain't nobody perfect
I give props when he deserves it
And believe me y'all, Noah's worth it.
So here's to the future 'cause y'all messed up the past
God finally found someone to make humankind last.
The world's so crazy, God thinks he'll flood it, maybe...*

*What a man, what a man, what a man, what a mighty good man
He's a mighty mighty good man
Noah is! Yes, Noah is!*

“Bad Guy/Girl” (“Bad Guy”)

Original song recorded by Billie Eilish; special lyrics by Philip Smedley

*Black shirt, bad sins all on my clothes
Sinnin', you're on your tippy toes
Creepin' around like no one knows
You call us criminals
We won't bend all our knees to you
Don't say thank you or please, ...
I do what I want when I'm wanting to*

My soul? So cynical...

*So you're a tough guy
your wrath is so rough guy
Smite us straight from the sky
Kick us out of paradise.
But we're that bad type
Make our mama sad type
Make Noah's fam' mad tight
Wicked to the core type
I'm the bad guy, duh
I'm a bad guy*

*Don't like when God is in control
Even when Noah thinks, you don't
Own me, I'll let you play the role
We're not your animals.
You say that we are in the sewer,
Dirty, unclean and so impure.
Yahweh, no way can we endure*

...your way. Petty Supernatural.

*So you're a tough guy
Your wrath is so rough guy
Smite us straight from the sky
Kick us out of paradise.
But we're that bad type
Make our mama sad type
Make Noah's fam' mad tight
Wicked to the core type
I'm the bad guy, duh
I'm a bad guy
I am only good at being bad... bad*

“Build an Ark, Noah's Ark” (“Build Me Up, Buttercup”)

Original song recorded by The Foundations; special lyrics by Jana O'Brien

*Why don't you build an ark
A great big ark, Noah
So that you don't drown
When the rain's
pouring down
'Cuz the human race
Is a big disgrace, Noah,
And they've let us down
And messed all around*

*We need you
More than anyone, Noah
We know you've been good
from the start;
So build an ark
A great big ark
Don't break our hearts!*

*I'm going to build an ark
A great big ark, Yahweh
I won't let you down
Or mess you around*

*So when rain pours down
Our group won't drown,
Yahweh
We'll just float away
'Til the next sunny day
We'll serve you
And we'll always be faithful
'Cuz we love you
with all of our heart.
We'll build an ark
A great big ark
We'll do our part!*

“When the Ants Go Marching In”

Traditional song; special lyrics by Jeff Carlson

*Oh, when the ants go marching in,
Oh, when the ants go marching in,
Oh, Lord, I want to be in that number
When the ants go marching in.*

*The birds and beasts go marching in,
The birds and beasts go marching in,
Oh, Lord, I want to be in that number
When the ants go marching in.*

*The bugs and snakes go marching in,
The bugs and snakes go marching in,
Oh, Lord, I want to be in that number
When the ants go marching in.*

(CONGREGATION JOINS IN SINGING)

*Oh, when we all go marching in
Oh, when we all go marching in
Oh, Lord, I want to be in that number
When we all go marching in!*

“Catch a Wave”

Original song recorded by The Beach Boys; special lyrics by Jana O'Brien

*Catch a wave
while we're floatin' on top of the world!
Don't be afraid that the rain might take us down;
God promised Dad that the flood
won't make us drown.
Surf will be high for 40 days, so we can
Be the founders of a surfin' craze
And we can catch a wave
while we're floatin' on top of the world!*

*We're Noah's sons, and we need our exercise
'Cuz we don't want to develop thunder thighs!
We'll stay right close to the giant ark, as we
Ride our boards made of cedar bark
So we can catch a wave
while we're floatin' on top of the world!
Yeah, catch a wave
while we're floatin' on top of the world!*

“Purple Rain”

Original song recorded by Prince; special lyrics by Jana O'Brien

*God never meant to cause you any sorrow
God only wanted to stop the human pain
God just wanted to give the world a fresh start
And so God wants to see you make it
through the endless rain
Endless rain, endless rain
Endless rain, endless rain
Endless rain, endless rain
God only wants to see you make it
through the endless rain.*

*Noah, you know times are changin'
It's time we washed it out for something new –
That means you, too.
You say you want to be a leader
But you're afraid you're gonna lose your mind
And I think you better trust God
And let God guide you through the endless rain
Endless rain, endless rain,
God only wants to see, only wants to see,
only wants to see you make it
through the endless rain.*

“Forty Days, Forty Nights” (“Lonely Days, Lonely Nights”)

Original song recorded by The Bee Gees; special lyrics by Jana O'Brien

*Forty says, forty nights
When will this endless rain quit falling?
Forty says, forty nights
The smell on this ark is just appalling!*

“Sunroof”

Original song recorded by Nicky Youre and dazy; special lyrics by Jana O’Brien

<i>La da la da da, la da da da...</i>	<i>We’re feeling like this might be</i>
<i>I got my head out the sunroof</i>	<i>our time to shine</i>
<i>Escape from the oinks and moos</i>	<i>Please God, please God, please God!</i>
<i>I only got one thing on my mind</i>	<i>I got my head out the sunroof</i>
<i>We’ve all been stuck in the endless rain</i>	<i>Escape from the oinks and moos</i>
<i>It’s started to hurt our brain</i>	<i>I only got one thing on my mind</i>
<i>It’s time to get sunshine in our eyes</i>	<i>We’ve all been stuck in the endless rain</i>
<i>We’ve got a sunny beach on our mind,</i>	<i>It’s started to hurt our brain</i>
<i>you know it</i>	<i>It’s time to get sunshine in our eyes</i>
<i>We’re praying to our God to quickly show it</i>	<i>I got my head out the sunroof</i>
<i>It is exactly what we want,</i>	<i>Oh-whoa, oh-whoa, ooh</i>
<i>It would be cool because it’s hot</i>	<i>It’s time to get sunshine in our eyes</i>
<i>We wanna send our prayers to you</i>	<i>I got my head out the sunroof</i>
<i>Yeah, we’ve been floating</i>	<i>Oh-whoa, oh-whoa, ooh</i>
<i>40 days and nights</i>	<i>It’s time to get sunshine in our eyes</i>
<i>We’ve only got one thing</i>	<i>La da la da da, la da da da,</i>
<i>in the front of our mind</i>	<i>La da la da di da da, la da da da da...</i>

“It’s a Branch!”

Based on the kids’ song “It’s Corn!”; special lyrics by Breanna Coe

<i>It’s a branch!</i>	<i>But this means</i>	<i>Let’s take a dance break.</i>
<i>A big stick with knobs,</i>	<i>that we can leave now,</i>	<i>Take a dance break.</i>
<i>It has some leaves.</i>	<i>‘cause ev’rything changed!</i>	<i>Branch dance!</i>
<i>I can’t imagine</i>	<i>It’s a branch!</i>	<i>Anything else we should say</i>
<i>a more beautiful thing.</i>	<i>A big stick with knobs,</i>	<i>about this branch</i>
<i>It’s a branch!</i>	<i>It has some leaves.</i>	<i>before we go?</i>
<i>I just cannot believe it.</i>	<i>I can’t imagine</i>	<i>Yeah! What?</i>
<i>I mean, look at this thing.</i>	<i>a more beautiful thing.</i>	<i>It’s a branch!</i>
<i>When we found it together,</i>	<i>It’s a branch!</i>	<i>A big stick with knobs,</i>
<i>ev’rything changed.</i>	<i>I just cannot believe it.</i>	<i>It has some leaves.</i>
<i>Well, the best thing about</i>	<i>I mean, look at this thing.</i>	<i>I can’t imagine</i>
<i>this,</i>	<i>When we found it together,</i>	<i>a more beautiful thing.</i>
<i>It means there’s land.</i>	<i>ev’rything changed.</i>	<i>It’s a branch!</i>
<i>Just seeing it</i>	<i>We hope you have a</i>	<i>I just cannot believe it.</i>
<i>restores my energy.</i>	<i>branch-tastic day.</i>	<i>I mean, look at this thing.</i>
<i>We are really tired of being</i>	<i>What?</i>	<i>When we found it together,</i>
<i>stuck here on this ark</i>	<i>It’s just a pun</i>	<i>ev’rything changed.</i>
<i>with you,</i>	<i>about a branch, okay?</i>	<i>It’s a branch!</i>
	<i>It’s a branch!</i>	
	<i>And, well, like,</i>	
	<i>now that we have found it...</i>	

“It’s About God’s Time” (“It’s About D#&n Time”)

Original song recorded by Lizzo; special lyrics by Philip Smedley & Jana O’Brien

*It’s been forty days, yeah, it’s not purty
We’ve been through a lot, but we’re still flirty
We’ve all been stuck up in this arky
And everybody’s feelin’ pretty snarky
And we can’t take another day of barking
In the arking –
That’s how we feel right now!*

*Oh, we’ve been so down and under pressure
We’re way too blessed to be this stressed, yeah
Oh, we’re not the bad ones that we used to be
Uh, God, we might be better
Let’s leave the ark now, turn up sunlight
We got a feeling’ we gon’ be alright
Okay (okay), alright, it’s about God’s time
Bring out the turtles, and all the birds
Go ‘head and flourish, reproduce the earth
Okay (okay), alright it’s about God’s time!*

*In a minute, I’mma need this water finished
and dry land that holds me up
Feeling sunny, walkin’ with my kitty homies
Try’na rebuild our fabulous
‘Cause I’ve been with this duck way too much
I’m-a need like two trees and a shrub
One to climb up, one to get down
Mm, that’s how I feel right now*

*Oh, we’ve been so down and under pressure
We’re way too blessed to be this stressed, yeah
Oh, we’re not the bad ones that we used to be
Uh, God we might be better
So leave the ark now, turn up sunlight
We got a feeling’ we gon’ be alright
Okay (okay), alright, it’s about God’s time
Bring out the turtles, and all the birds
Go ‘head and flourish, reproduce the earth
Okay (okay), alright, it’s about God’s time!*

“Over the Rainbow”

Original song from “The Wizard of Oz”; special lyrics by Kecia Waldschmidt

*When all the world has been
washed and humbled
As the raindrops tumble all around
Heaven sends a sign of God’s love
When all the clouds darken up the skyway
There’s a rainbow highway to be found
Leading from the skies above
To a place behind the sun
Just a step beyond the rains*

*Somewhere over the rainbow,
Way up high
God sends all of the colors
Here to give us a sign
At the end of this rainbow
White doves fly
And the peace that God sends us
Causes the land to dry
If God will bring the end of strife
With this bright rainbow,
We will have new life.*

FINALE: “We Can See Clearly Now”

Original song recorded by Johnny Nash; special lyrics by Kecia Waldschmidt

*We can see clearly now the rain is gone
God has moved all obstacles from our way
Gone are the dark clouds that kept you inside
It’s gonna be a bright, bright sunshiny day.
God will shine a bright light to find our way!*

*We think we can move along, the pain is gone
All of God’s bad feelings have disappeared
Here is God’s rainbow we’ve been praying for
It’s gonna be a bright, bright sunshiny day.
God will shine a bright light to find our way!*

*Look all around, the land’s finally dry!
Look straight ahead,
There’s nothing but blue sky!*

*We can see clearly now the rain is gone
God has moved all obstacles from our way
Gone are the dark clouds that kept us inside
It’s gonna be a bright
Bright sunshiny day
God will shine a bright light to find our way*