

# Reporter Shem Script

## CHARACTERS:

**Reporter Shem:** Shem is one of Noah's three sons. He is reporting from the Ark, speaking into a pretend microphone.

**Ark Sound Effects cue sheet holders:** Several students that carry the cue sheets across the stage in front of Shem, signaling the audience to make a sound effect.

**Audience:** The audience should participate by making sound effects only when the cue sheet is being displayed.

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**Reporter Shem:** Shem here. I'm reporting from the site of the world's largest building project. The foreman for the project is actually my father, Noah. He calls it the Ark. This structure is huge! The men working on it are tireless—75 years now. It's a ship. Funny—it's nowhere near water. *(Hold up cue sheet that reads: HAMMERING and SAWING NOISES)* *(Shem beginning to shout)* Sorry, you may have trouble hearing me with all the hammering and sawing noises in the background.

**Reporter Shem:** Shem here again. It's been three days since my last broadcast. I'm still reporting from the Ark. Presently, Noah is taking another break. He takes time out regularly to preach righteousness to the crowd that gathers to mock him. The heckling doesn't seem to bother Noah. He is still hoping that someone will repent. But all he hears is . . . *(Hold up cue sheet that reads: BOOOOOO! NOAH!)*

**Reporter Shem:** Shem here. It's been one week since my last broadcast. Construction is continuing on the Ark, despite the extreme violence that surrounds us. It seems like the minds of everyone are filled with evil. See, over there, in the distance? Two men are fighting. There seems to be no end to all the violence. *(Hold up cue sheet that reads: Fighting Noises.)*

**Reporter Shem:** I'm Shem, and I'm back. It's been several days since my last report from the site of the Ark. There's been a new development. Animals! Animals from near and far seem to be gathering around the Ark. Each day we're seeing new creatures, large and small. There have been many pairs of exotic birds sighted. They seem almost tame—hovering near the Ark's opening—even dinosaurs! As you can imagine, it's quite a sight. *(Hold up cue sheet that reads: ANIMAL NOISES.)*

**Reporter Shem:** Incredible, just incredible! The family has gathered in the Ark now. All the animals were led aboard the Ark and placed in their stalls just moments after my last broadcast. The only people on board so far are Dad, (clearing throat) I mean Mr. Noah, his three sons, and their wives. Over the past 75 years, not one person outside of this family has repented. Time is certainly growing short. Will anyone believe? *(Hold up cue sheet that reads: 3, 2, 1, STOMP ONCE!)*

**Reporter Shem:** *(Swaying right to left, as he talks)* Hello, hello? Is anyone listening? This is Reporter Shem. The heavens opened and the fountains of the deep burst forth right after God closed the door to our Ark. Listen. *(pause)* Maybe you can hear the sound of the rain now. I feel safe inside the Ark. We're riding the waves, but by now I'm used to the rocking motion. I can't predict when this rain will stop. *(Hold up cue sheet that reads: STORM NOISES)*

**Reporter Shem:** *(Clear throat)* This is Shem, reporting for the last time. I realize no one else is listening to this broadcast. But I would like to record one last news bulletin. This is a recording that I can pass down to my grandchildren someday. They need to know how God saved our family when all the people around us had stopped listening to Him. I just want to say . . . *(Hold up cue sheet that reads: Say: THANKS LORD!)*

**Reporter Shem:** *(Continuing)* God is going to use us to repopulate the earth. I know things are different. The land looks different. We're different. I hope future generations will honor God instead of hate Him. Soon the land will be dry enough and we'll be able to release the animals and make new homes. Today, we've received great hope! One of our doves was released this morning. She just returned with an olive branch in her beak! Praise the name of the Lord! *(Hold up cue sheet that reads: Praise God.)* **The End.** *(Hold up cue sheet that reads: APPLAUSE)*