

**The Time Machine:  
A Day on the Ark**

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Once upon a time, a boy named Ben lived with his mom and dad. He had brown hair and he was in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. In the neighborhood was a creepy house (everyone thought). One day at school, Ben's friends dared him to go inside the creepy house. Finally he decided to do it.

After school he crept into the house but then he realized that it was just an ordinary house. But when he went to the upper level it wasn't an ordinary house. He walked up the stairs and suddenly he heard a voice. He saw a little machine attached to the wall. The voice said, "What state would you like to go to".

He said "C...C...California".

Then the voice said "you may pass". Ben walked on. When he got to the top level, he wasn't in the house. He was in California! Then he saw a door. He walked up to it, opened it, walked through and there he was in the house again. He went downstairs. There he saw another door and he opened it and he saw that it led down to an unfinished basement. He walked down. Then he saw a watch but it didn't have the right time according to his watch. He wound it up and then something amazing happened. He was traveling through time!

He kept traveling and finally he stopped. Where was he? He was in the middle of nowhere! Ben started walking. Finally he found water. He drank the water. Then someone grabbed him by the collar. The man said, "what are you doing drinking my water".

"It's not yours", Ben said.

"Oh yes it is. Look around buddy", the man said, still choking Ben. "Dig your own well. Ha!"

Then Ben heard a big sound. When he looked around he saw a flood! Then he saw a big boat, bigger than he had ever seen! The flood was coming very close! He shouted to the big boat, "Please help me!" Then the boat turned. It heard him! They opened the big door right before the flood would have hit him! "Phew! That was a close one", Ben said.

Inside the boat there were thousands and thousands of animals! But there were only two of every kind. He saw an old man. "What is your name?" the old man said.

“Uh...Ben”, he answered. After forty days and forty nights, it was time to get off the boat. Ben liked being in the old days but he didn't know that there were also some unexciting things that were going to happen. Ben wanted to go somewhere else but he didn't know how to control the time machine. So, he just randomly pushed buttons and he was in the creepy house again. His mother was calling him in for dinner. He was right on time and now he knew how to control the time machine! Ben ran home. He planned to go the creepy house everyday after school.