



How would the animals be able to survive in 'the wild' after getting out of the ark? I mean, they've basically been domesticated for over a year and a half. They are used to having someone feed them."

Wow! Great question from one of our Confirmation Students. It's a very practical question that had never crossed my mind, but that made perfect sense.

The Bible doesn't mention anything about the animals having an adjustment period - or any difficulties surviving - after life on the ark. As a result, I'm going to answer the question using things God has told us.

As it relates to the animals on the ark, one of the questions that typically comes up is this one: "How could Noah have found and rounded up and transported all those animals to the ark?" He didn't have to!

In Genesis 6:20 we read

"Two of every kind of bird, of every kind of animal, of every kind of creature that moves along the ground WILL COME TO YOU to be kept alive."

One of the truths we see over and over in the Bible is this one:

"God asks us to do what we can, and He promises to take care of the things we *can't*."

Here for example, what Noah could do was build the ark. What would have been impossible for him to do was gather two of every bird and animal. So, God took care of that part.

My best answer to the above question is this:

Just as God somehow prompted the animals and birds - just two of each kind - to head to the ark, He somehow also gave those animals and birds the instincts to survive in the vast new world they would encounter after leaving the ark.

It's a great illustration of the thing that's extremely important to remember: *"God only asks us to do what we can. He promises to take care of the stuff that we can't!"* (And He always knows, what we can and can't do!)

Thanks for asking,
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