

**Read the legend. Follow the directions.**

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### **A Flood Legend**

Through the years, storytellers in South America have passed down a legend about a great flood. In the story, some people lived at the bottom of a mountain range. These people began doing evil things. The gods did not like the way these people behaved. Other people lived up high in the mountains. These people did not do evil things. They were shepherds who took care of llamas. One day, two brothers noticed their llamas were behaving in a strange way. They asked their llamas what was wrong. The llamas said the stars had warned them that a great flood would soon cover the earth. Quickly the brothers took their families and llamas into a cave. Then it rained for four months! The flood never reached the cave because the mountains grew taller. These people and animals were saved, but the flood had destroyed all the rest of life on earth.

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**1. Underline the sentence that tells the big idea of the story.**

It can rain for a very long time.

Llamas are smart animals.

Evil people will be punished.

**2. What happened before the brothers talked to their llamas?**

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