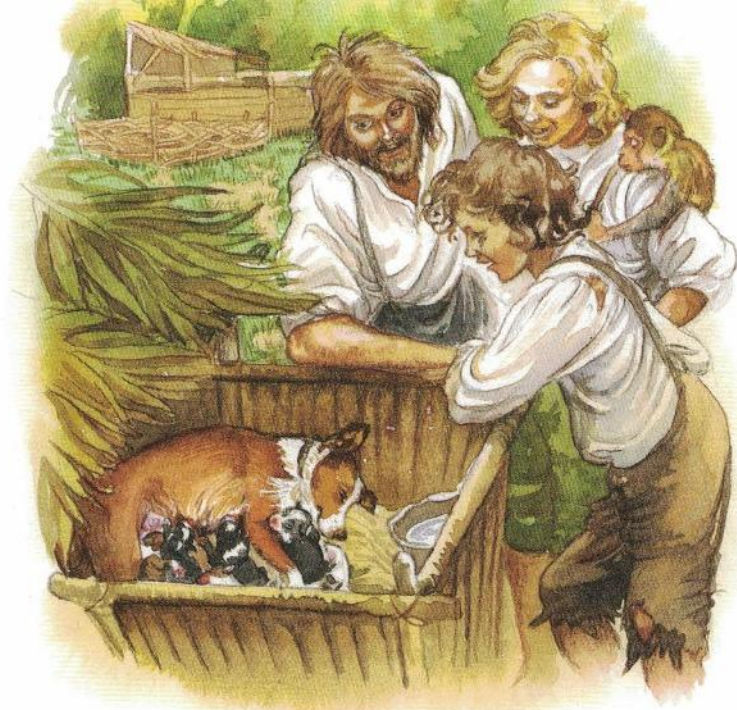


First they made a ladder, and then they made the house. The house was really beautiful. It had many different rooms, and it even had a kitchen. Dad left one side of the house open so that the family could look out at the island. Then they started to make beds, tables, and chairs.

When everything was finished, Mom cooked them all a delicious meal. The family sat at the new table in the new house. "This is much better than our house back home!" they joked.

"The island is our home now," said Dad.



"What about homes for the animals?" asked Fritz.

"Yes," said Ernest. "We must build houses for the animals, too." So they made a little house for the chickens and bigger ones for the cows, the dogs, and the sheep.

They made a special house for the donkey because he had helped them so much by carrying wood. And they made a special house for the dog that had just had five puppies.

"Knips doesn't need a house," said Fritz. "He likes to sleep with us!"

"Our little family is growing bigger every day," laughed Mom.