

# God's Promise

## Theme : The Rainbow of God's Promise

Opening Prayer:

Lord Jesus, Thank you for today. Thank you for the world you created. Help me to always be thankful and obedient. Amen.



**Aim:**

- God makes a promise and never breaks It.

### Bible Reading: Genesis 6: 11-22; 9:12- 17

#### Genesis 6: 11-22

<sup>11</sup>Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight, and the earth was filled with violence. <sup>12</sup>And God saw that the earth was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted its ways upon the earth. <sup>13</sup>And God said to Noah, "I have determined to make an end of all flesh, for the earth is filled with violence because of them; now I am going to destroy them along with the earth. <sup>14</sup>Make yourself an ark of cypress wood; make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and out with pitch. <sup>15</sup>This is how you are to make it: the length of the ark three hundred cubits, its width fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits. <sup>16</sup>Make a roof for the ark, and finish it to a cubit above; and put the door of the ark in its side; make it with lower, second, and third decks. <sup>17</sup>For my part, I am going to bring a flood of waters on the earth, to destroy from under heaven all flesh in which is the breath of life; everything that is on the earth shall die. <sup>18</sup>But I will establish my covenant with you; and you shall come into the ark, you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you. <sup>19</sup>And of every living thing, of all flesh, you shall bring two of every kind into the ark, to keep them alive with you; they shall be male and female. <sup>20</sup>Of the birds according

to their kinds, and of the animals according to their kinds, of every creeping thing of the ground according to its kind, two of every kind shall come in to you, to keep them alive. <sup>21</sup>Also take with you every kind of food that is eaten, and store it up; and it shall serve as food for you and for them." <sup>22</sup>Noah did this; he did all that God commanded him.

#### Genesis 9:12- 17

<sup>12</sup>God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: <sup>13</sup>I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. <sup>14</sup>When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, <sup>15</sup>I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. <sup>16</sup>When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." <sup>17</sup>God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."



## Teacher's Preparation

In this lesson, we will learn how God protected Noah, his family and all the animals in the ark. Before you start the lesson, tell the children that you need them to find the matching animals. Place a pile of either mini plastic animals or small cut out animal printouts or animal crackers. Ask them to take turns to find 2 of a kind of animal. Once they find the match, they can place it in a transparent plastic glass( which you can later pretend is the boat). Once they are done finding the match, you can tell them that this is exactly what God wanted Noah to do—find 2 of every kind (male and female) of animal on the earth, and get them in the ark. Noah was a righteous man and God wanted to save him. This is where our story begins.

## Student Introduction to the Lesson

After the activity, the teacher should tell the students that God asked Noah to gather his family and 2 of each kind of animal. Ask them if they thought whether gathering the animals was easy for Noah to do.

There was a time when God was very sad with how the people in the world were behaving. The only person God was happy with was Noah. So He told him to make an ark, gather his family on it. An 'ark' is a big boat. Then it rained for 40 days and 40 nights. Once Noah and his family were safely inside God closed the door to the ark and sent the flood waters. It rained for 40 days and 40 nights. All the other people and animals on earth drowned in the flood. After many months, dry land appeared once again.

When Noah and his family left the ark God made a promise to Noah and the people of earth to never flood the whole earth again. God put a rainbow in the sky as a symbol of this promise.

## Activities

1. Play the game "Teacher Says". The children should be given a command to follow using the phrase "Teacher Says". If you do not say, "Teacher Says" before the command, the children should not follow the command. The children who did not follow the rules will sit down for the next round only.

This will help them move around and also follow rules.

2. Bring in paper plates. Cut the shape of an ark out of the plate with the top arch looking like a rainbow. (Refer to picture below)



Make it with just one plate, or make the pouch as above with 2 paper plates, Staple the sides and bottom and then put animal crackers in it, they can then eat it as snack.

## Main Idea

Use illustrations or cut out figures to tell the story of how God saved Noah, his family and the animals in the ark and then made the promise.

Main things that should be emphasized are :

- ◆ God has feelings. It saddened Him when people did not follow Him.
- ◆ God was pleased with one man (Noah ) on the earth. Only one man and his family followed God.
- ◆ God told Noah to build a giant ark( boat) because He was going to flood the whole earth .
- ◆ God wanted to save Noah. So God gave Noah specific directions on how he could be saved. He had to build the ark. He had to follow God's directions – every little step – in order to be saved.
- ◆ Noah did everything exactly as God commanded him. God asked him to bring into the ark his wife, sons , sons' wives and two of every kind of animal from earth.
- ◆ Once Noah and his family were safely inside God closed the door to the ark and sent the flood waters. It rained for 40 days and 40 nights.
- ◆ All the other people and animals on earth drowned in the flood.. After many months, dry land appeared once again.
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## Lesson Review

Why was God sad? (Genesis 6: 12)

What were some of the things He asked Noah to do? ( Genesis 2: 14-16 and 18-21)

Do you think it was easy for Noah to do what God asked?

How many days and nights did it rain?

How would you feel if God asked you to do something really big like He did of Noah?

God promised never to flood the entire earth again. What does God put in the sky to remind us of this promise? (Genesis 9: 14-15)

When you see a rainbow, what will it remind you of? (Genesis 9: 16-17)

## Values for Life

God, parents, teachers and other elders may give us rules to follow. We must follow those rules. Disobedience can lead to Sin and we may be punished because we did not follow rules.

It may not have been easy for Noah to follow God's orders. Building the Ark may not have felt right. Yet Noah obeyed , and because of that , his life was saved.

God did not like flooding all the earth, and He made a covenant between Himself and all mankind that He would never again flood the earth like that. He placed a rainbow in the sky as a sign of His covenant (promise). So, any time we see a rainbow in the sky we should remember His covenant . It is always good to obey God.

*Memory Verse: Genesis 9:13*

***“ I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ”***

*Closing Prayer:*

***Thank you God for bringing us together to learn about Noah. Help us to always obey you like Noah did. Help us remember how you love and save those who obey you. Thank for the rainbow that reminds us of your promise. We love you. Amen***



# Can you help Noah?

Noah needs to finish building his ark before the flood waters come. Can you help him by connecting the dots together and completing his ark?



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*After connecting the dots, make sure you draw a rainbow above the ark. Color the picture*