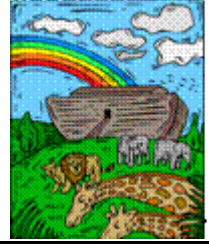


Get Ready!

Noah Gives Thanks

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Text

Genesis 8:20-22; 9:1-17

Key Quest Verse

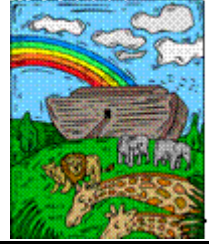
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Bible Background

The flood was finally over and Noah and his family were faced with starting over. God lovingly gave them a blessing, a covenant and a sign. “Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the earth . . . everything that lives and moves will be food for you. Just as I gave you the green plants, I now give you everything” (Genesis 9:1, 3). God blessed Noah and his family for their perseverance and dedication through the difficult year He had just brought them through. No longer would they eat only plants, but meat also.

“I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you. Never again will all life be cut off by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth” (Genesis 9:9-11). God generously extended His covenant not only to Noah, but also to all his descendants and even the animal kingdom. God can almost be seen here as a Father comforting His child after a traumatic event. “It won’t happen again. Never. Not even to your animals. I promise.”

“I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth” (Genesis 9:13). Though the rainbow likely existed before the flood, it took on new meaning after God proclaimed it to be His covenant sign, a visual reminder, of His promise. In the Old Testament, a covenant was a legal binding promise made before witnesses. Today, we, along with all mankind, are witnesses to the covenant sign that God will never again destroy all the earth with a flood.

Get Ready!**Lesson Quest****What I want my students to:****Know:** God keeps His promises.**Feel:** I can find peace in God's promises.**Do:** Remember God's promises when they see a rainbow.**Leader's Devotion**

Today is a cold snowy day in the north. On days like this, I dream of warm summer days with flowers in full bloom. I know that spring is just around the corner, but I can't wait to see those first flowers bloom and the green grass. What great things God has promised us! "As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease" (Genesis 8:22). God has given us many promises, and we know He keeps His promises. This week promise to pray for your students, each child by name. Ask them if they will each pray for you, also. Making a promise to small children is very important and there is nothing more important than bringing them before the Lord and asking for His blessing. Send them a postcard this week as a reminder of your promise that you are praying for them. God gave us a reminder of the promise that He gave to Noah. Whenever the rainbow appears, it reminds us of God's promise to never again flood the earth.

Get Set!



Option A

GOD DOES “KNOT” FORGET HIS PROMISES

Materials: 36” string or yarn for each student

Procedure: Tie a knot in the string by holding each end of the string in either hand without letting go of the string with your hands. Promise that it can be done! Give each child a string or piece of yarn 36 inches long. Hold one end of the string in the right hand and the other end of string in your left hand. Have the children try to tie a knot in the string without letting go with their hands. Promise that it can be done! Make sure you practice this; it’s not easy. Give the children a short period of time to accomplish the challenge. I gave my promise, and now I will show you how to tie a knot without letting go with your hands. Watch my hands . . . cross arms as if you have an attitude and then pick up string with either hand. Uncross arms and the string will automatically knot. Let the children repeat your actions. Take this home and show your mom and dad. Whenever you see this, remember, God does “KNOT” forget His promises!

GO TO THE BIBLE STORY

Option B

NOAH’S HAPPY SURPRISE

Materials: Plastic Easter egg with a small hole drilled in one end, or a brown lunch bag and hole punch one small spot.

Procedure: Fill egg or bag full of leaves and close. **I promise I’ve got Noah’s happy surprise here. I’m going to pass this egg around, and I want each one of you to smell it, shake it and hear what may be inside, and try to see what is inside. I promise you that Noah was happy to see this item.** Make sure the egg or bag is not opened. Let each child take a turn smelling, shaking, and looking. **I’ll set this egg to the side until we discover what Noah was so happy to see or we could open it now. Each of you must close your eyes, and I will put the item in your hand; you feel it and see if you know what Noah was happy to see.** Open the egg and place a leaf in each child’s hand. Let the children feel the object and guess. **Can anyone tell me why Noah was so happy to see a leaf? I promised that I would show you Noah’s surprise, and in today’s lesson we’ll learn of a promise God gave Noah and the sign to remind us of His promise.**

GO TO THE BIBLE STORY

Get Set!**Bible Story**

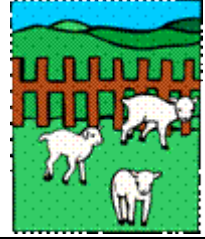
Teacher Tip: Provide markers for students to highlight portions of the story in their Bibles

Materials: Large bowl 1/2 full of water, dishwashing soap, straws

How many of you have ever ridden in a boat? Was it fun? Did you get seasick? Imagine if you had been riding in a boat and it was being tossed back and forth with the waves. Since we don't live by water, maybe we should kind of see what that would be like. I've got a bowl of water, and I'm going to add some dishwashing soap. Now we all need to be able to reach the bowl, because we're going to use our straws to make bubbles to see how the water just kept bubbling up around the ark. Have towels ready to clean up any overflow. How do you think Noah and his family felt on the ark? Scared? Sick? Tired? Safe? Noah obeyed God and God blessed Noah and kept him safe during the flood. Noah and his family stayed inside the ark for a year before it was safe to come out. Noah was getting anxious to know what was going on outside of the ark, so he sent a raven, but it couldn't find any place to land, so it came back. Make a bird and pretend that it flies around and returns to the ark. Then he waited and sent out a dove, but the dove also returned, because there was no dry ground. How long would you wait before you sent out another bird? Well, Noah waited seven days and sent the dove out again. The dove didn't return until the evening. What do you think Noah thought? The dove had something very special in his beak, an olive leaf. What did that mean? Noah knew that the earth was drying up and the plants were beginning to grow. Do you think he was excited? Now Noah was getting pretty old . . . He was 601. Even though he was an old man, he was excited and took the covering off the ark. He could see dry land. God told Noah, "come out of the ark." Do you think Noah said, "I think I'll wait until tomorrow?" No! Noah and his family and all the animals came out of the ark. God blessed Noah and his sons. Noah was so pleased, that he built an altar and thanked God. God smelled the sweet smell and was pleased with Noah and decided to make Noah a huge promise. Then God said to Noah, "I now establish my covenant with you." That means God was making a big promise to Noah. A covenant is a promise. Do you think God can keep His promises? The promise God gave to Noah is also for us. There are three parts to the promise:

1. A flood will never again destroy the earth.
2. As long as the earth remains, there will be seedtime and harvest, summer, winter, spring and fall, and also there will be day and nighttime.
3. A rainbow will be placed in the sky when it rains as a sign to all people that God is keeping His promise.

God has given us a greater promise of salvation. Just as He saved Noah, He will save us! Noah appreciated God and thanked Him. How can we show we appreciate God? Whenever you see a rainbow, thank God for His promises!

Go!

Feed the Animals**GAME**

Materials: Stuffed animals with quart jars or bowl and marshmallows

Quest Connection

God promised to take care of Noah, and Noah took care of the animals.

Procedure: Place animal with a jar or bowl in front of the students. Have each child see if they can feed the animals three marshmallows. Help Noah clean up after the animals if the food missed their bowls.

Close

Close this class session by singing the chorus “Thank You, Lord.”

Go!**Melted Crayon Rainbow**

ARTS/CRAFTS

Materials: Electric skillet, hot pad, aluminum foil, white paper, crayons

Quest Connection

God placed a rainbow in the sky to remind us that He keeps His promises!

Procedure: Heat skillet until hot and then turn down to 300 degrees to keep warm. Place aluminum foil in skillet (1 per child). Press down with hot pad. Let children draw rainbows with crayons (it will easily melt). Press white paper on the foil. Lift the paper off the foil to see print.

Close

Place your rainbow somewhere you can see it everyday to remind you that God keeps His promises.

Go!**Praise God****DRAMA**

Materials: Bible costumes for each child to dress up in

Quest Connection

Noah was happy when he left the ark and he thanked God. Let's give God thanks for all His promises.

Procedure: Make specific statements and let children act out how they feel Noah and his family would have reacted. **How would Noah act when God said,**

1. The skunks are hungry again; please feed them.
2. The lions are getting grumpy; can you go pet them?
3. The monkeys want to be played with; can you act like them?
4. Give the elephants some more hay; they're hungry.
5. Please clean out the pigpen; it's a mess!
6. It's time to leave the ark; go outside and walk on dry ground.
7. The sunshine is bright after being inside for so long. Does it hurt your eyes?

Close

Prayer: Dear God, thank You for protecting us and for Your promise to never destroy the earth with water. In Jesus' name, amen.

Go!

Rainbow Treat**FOOD**

Materials: 3 Tablespoons margarine, 1 pkg. (10 1/2 oz.) marshmallows, 6 cups Fruity Pebbles, 9 x 13 pan sprayed with cooking spray

Quest Connection

See the white marshmallows in this rainbow treat? It looks like the clouds in the sky and the Fruity Pebbles look like the different colors of the rainbow.

Procedure: Melt margarine in pan over low heat. Add marshmallows and stir until they melt. Stir in Fruity Pebbles and spread into the pan. This will make 24 treats.

Close

God made Noah a promise, and Noah thanked Him. Do you ever give God thanks?

Go!

Rainbow Necklace**ARTS/CRAFTS**

Materials: Fruit Loop cereal, 24” yarn with end taped to form needle

Quest Connection

The rainbow God placed in the sky has many beautiful colors. We are going to make a necklace that will have those beautiful colors on it.

Procedure: Give each child a bowl of Fruit Loops and a piece of yarn. Tie 1 Fruit Loop on the end of the yarn opposite the needle. Thread the needle through the Fruit Loop beads to form a rainbow necklace. Tie yarn ends together and place around each child’s neck.

Close

We just made a beautiful rainbow necklace with lots of colors, too. Let’s do as Noah did and thank God for His promises.

Go!

Erupting Rainbow**SCIENCE**

Materials: Clear see-through drinking glass, warm whole milk, food coloring, liquid dish soap

Quest Connection

God placed His rainbow in the sky to remind us of His promise.

Procedure: Pour 2 inches of warm milk into the drinking glass. Put one drop of each color of food coloring into milk at the edge of the glass. Pour dish soap into the middle of the milk and watch colors erupt. (The soap is trying to break down the milk fat and causes the colors to roll.)

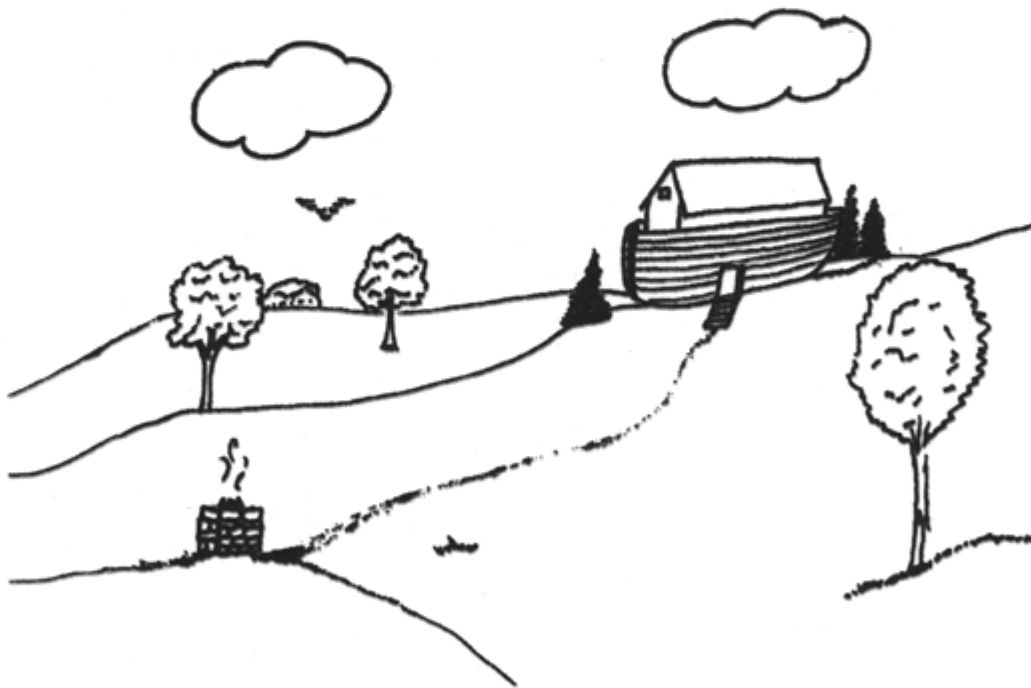
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Close this class session by singing “God Is So Good.”

Journal Page

GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES

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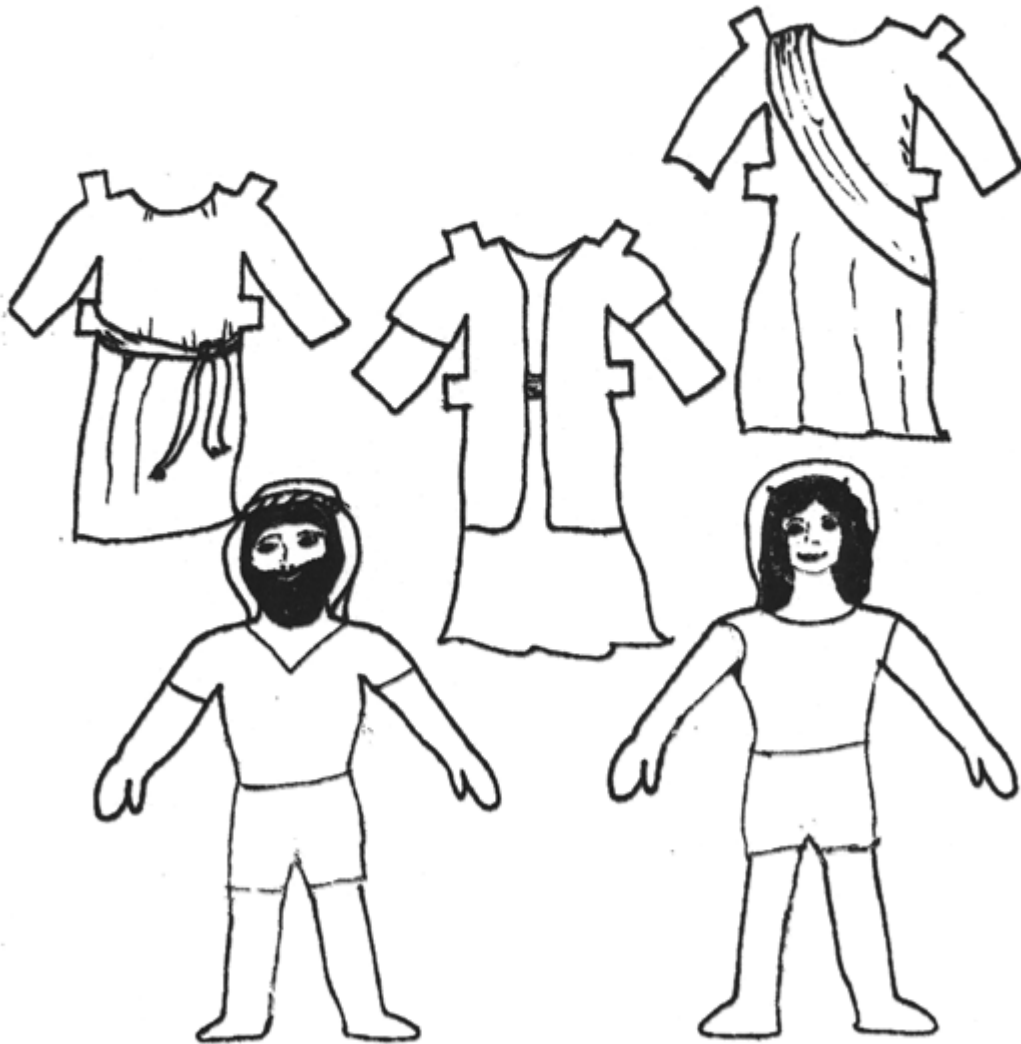
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“I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth” (Genesis 9:13). Girls and boys will enjoy retelling the story of Noah thanking God with their very own Noah’s family paper dolls. Use marshmallows to build an altar. Be sure and thank God for all He’s done and His promises. Make copies and color clothes differently to be Noah, Noah’s wife and his three sons and wives.



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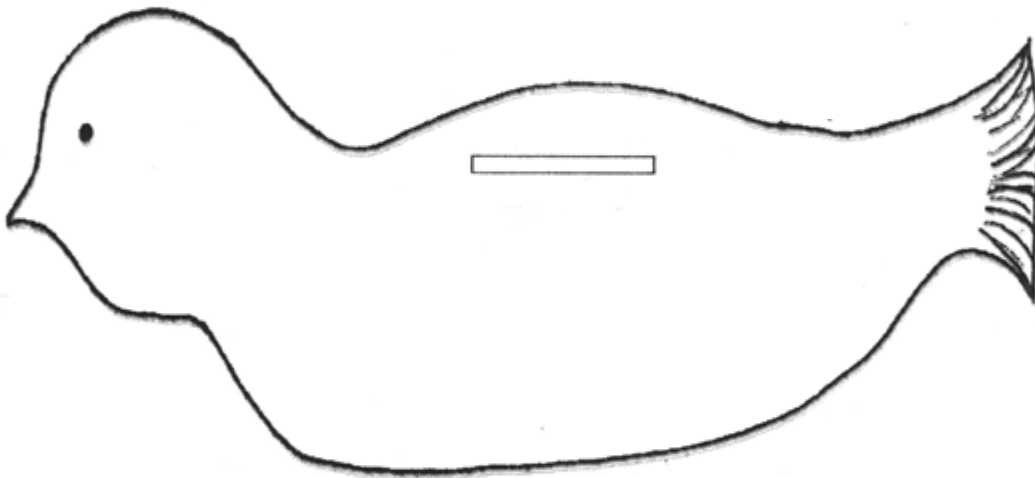
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THANKSGIVING

Can you write a story telling about Noah and his family by using all the words above?

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Cuts slit in the bird and gently fold wing and insert through the slit.



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