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..... BIBLE LESSONS



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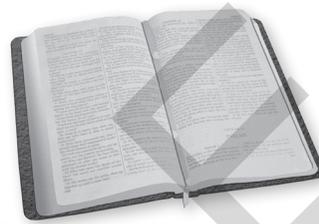
Group
Real. Bold. Love.

..... Noah

Children will learn that God's promises are true.

Key Scriptures

- Genesis 6:5-7:12; 8:18-9:1, 8-17
- 1 Peter 5:7



For the Leader

The account of Noah's flood is a beautiful story of how God cares for those who love him. God's promises are as true as God himself. As children grow in their knowledge of God and his Word, they'll discover God's faithfulness and watch his promises come true in their lives.

Use this story as a foundation for children's trust in God because it gives them such a vivid reminder of how much he cares for them. These activities will help kids get a deeper understanding of God's character.

Bible Verse

"Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you." 1 Peter 5:7

Bible Time: Noah and the Flood

Supplies:

- Bible
- twig or small branch for each child
- tape

Place the twigs at one end of the room. Gather kids in a circle at the opposite end of the room. Say: **Think for a moment about a promise you made to someone. It might be a promise to clean your room or do your homework or something like that. I'll give you an example from my life.** Tell the children about a simple promise that you made, and also tell if you kept the promise (and what happened) or if you broke the promise (and what happened). Model the type of sharing you would like them to do. Then ask:

- **What was the promise that you made to someone else?**
- **If you kept your promise, what happened?**



- If you didn't keep the promise, what happened?

The twigs at the other end of the room are pretend promises. When I say "Go," hop to the twigs, break one, and then bring both pieces of the broken twig back to the circle.

When all the kids are back in the circle, pass around the tape, and challenge each child to tape his or her twig back together. When all the twigs are "repaired," ask:

- How easy was it to break your twig?
- Was it easy or hard to repair? Explain your answer.
- Is the repaired twig as strong as it was before it was broken? Why or why not?

These twigs are like promises. If they're broken, the strength is gone. They can never be made as good as new. God knows how important promises are. Let's read about a special promise God made to a man named Noah. Listen carefully and see if you think God has ever broken this promise.

Read Genesis 8:18–9:1, 8-17 aloud to children. Note that some translations of the Bible use the word "covenant" instead of "promise." Be sure you explain that these words mean the same thing. If you have children who are comfortable reading aloud, you may want to invite them to read a few of the verses for you.

God promised Noah that he would never again send a flood that would destroy all life on earth and that the rainbow would be a reminder of that promise. Ask:

- How do we know that God has still kept this promise?

Even though God made the promise to Noah, God has still kept this promise even today. God cares for us. And here's a promise God has made to you and me that he'll always keep. Read aloud 1 Peter 5:7. **God always keeps his promises, and just like Noah, he has promised always to take care of us.**



Game: Rainbow Ball

Supplies:

- Bible
- a couple socks
- long strips of rainbow-colored ribbon
- safety pins

Prep: Roll the socks together to make a ball. Pin the ribbons onto the socks.

Read Genesis 9:12-16 to remind kids of the rainbow and how this is a reminder of God's promise to never flood the entire earth again.

Have kids form two groups and stand on either side of the room. Show them how the ball creates a rainbow when thrown across the room. Invite the kids to create games that involve tossing the rainbow ball. For example, see how far it can be

thrown, how high it can be thrown, if the ball can hit a target in the room such as a chair or other object, or how many times it can be tossed back and forth without being dropped.

Say: **The rainbow is a sign that God always keeps his promises. God cares for us, and that's a promise we know he'll keep!**



the rainbows are finished, pass out paintbrushes, dark watercolor paint, and water. Have the kids paint their entire papers with the paint. The rainbows will still show through as the paint will not stick to the wax texture of the crayons.

Even though the paint is dark, it can't cover up the rainbow. No matter what, God's promises always remain true. God cares for us, and that's a promise.



Craft: Forever Rainbows

Supplies:

- Bible
- white paper
- crayons
- paint brushes
- dark watercolor paint
- water
- paper towels for spills and cleanup

Have the kids sit in a circle. Read aloud Genesis 9:13.

Say: **This verse comes at the end of the story of Noah. God has promised always to take care of us, and God never breaks his promises. God gave Noah a rainbow as a sign that he keeps his promises.**

Hand out paper and crayons, and have the children draw rainbows. Make sure they create brilliant rainbows by pressing hard with the crayons. When

Prayer: Rainbow Full of Promises

Supplies:

- Bible
- sticky notes in a variety of rainbow colors
- pencils

Say: **The Bible tells us about a time the world was so full of sin that God covered it with water and destroyed every living thing. Only a man named Noah and his family obeyed God. They were kept safe in a huge boat called an ark that God told Noah to build. After the flood was over, God made a promise.**

Read aloud Genesis 9:13 and 16.

God has also made a promise to us to always take care of us.

Read 1 Peter 5:7 aloud.



God cares for us. Let's take some time to pray and tell God about our cares.

Have the kids write things they're worried about or want God to take care of on the colored sticky notes. For children who are too young to write, let them draw pictures. Then have them prayerfully place the notes in the shape of a rainbow on the wall.

After the rainbow has been made, say: **See our rainbow? It's made of all our cares that we want God to take care of. And this rainbow is a sign of God's promise to take care of every one of those cares.**

Close in prayer, thanking God for taking care of us.

Bonus Idea: Rainbow Bread

Supplies:

- sliced white bread
- milk
- food coloring
- cups
- toaster
- clean paintbrushes

Pour about two inches of milk into each cup. Put a few drops of food coloring into each cup of milk. Make sure you have a new, clean paintbrush for each child in your class.

Give each child a slice of bread and a paintbrush. Help children dip their paintbrushes into the colored milk and then paint the colors onto their bread. When children are finished, take their bread and toast it. Once the bread is toasted, the rainbow colors will really show up!

