

Adventures with GOD!

NOAH PRAISES GOD (B.1.FALL.12)

Biblical Reference	Genesis 8:20, 9:8-17
Key Verse	Genesis 9:16
Key Concept	The rainbow can help me remember God's promises.
Educational Objectives	At the end of the class today, the children will be able to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Share two promises that God has given us 2. Explain why the promises of God are for us today 3. Give thanks to God for certain promises

LIFE APPLICATION

The rainbow was a symbol of a promise that God made Noah. God said he would never again send rain to destroy the earth. The Bible is full of promises God has made with humans. All of these promises God has kept and will keep. Understanding this truth will help the children to remember that God makes and keeps promises. Just like Noah, our response to the promises of God should be praise.

Possible Activities and Class Plan

Activity	Materials	Time
Opening Prayer	Candle	1 minute
Bible Reading	Bible	5 minutes
Activity	Paper, crayons	10 minutes
Bible Story	Rocks, contract, rainbow	15 minutes
Bible Verse		10 minutes
Praise		5 minutes
Activity	paper plate, glue, scissors, crayons/markers/paint, hole puncher, yarn, cotton	15 minutes
Closing Prayer	Candle	1 minute



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INSTRUCTIONS

Opening Prayer: Gather children around a candle. Light the candle and explain that we are entering into a special time with God. Encourage the children to hold their hands out in front of them palms up as a sign they are ready to receive what God has for them today.

Prayer Example: Lord God, thank you for making us, for loving us, for forgiving us, and guiding us. We know you are here with us right now. As we enter into your word, the Bible, help us draw close to you, to understand and to listen to what you have to say to us. Amen

(For safety sake, you may wish to extinguish the candle after the prayer)

Bible Reading: Explain that as we read the Bible we do that first to spend time with God. Children can remain with hands out stretched palms up to receive the word as it's being read. Alternatively they can be invited to draw what they hear. Read the Bible passage for the day two times and ask children to respond.

Question examples: What did you notice in this story? How does it make you feel? Was there anything you would ask God about that you didn't understand or was confusing? Is God saying anything to you though the story?

Room set-up: As a suggestion, you can hang up a really big rainbow or lots of little rainbows and have them all over the walls of the classroom. You can use large sheets of paper and paint the big rainbow, or use markers and letter size paper to make the small ones. Or you might use fabric to make a rainbow. Use your creativity.

Activity: Give children a copy of the worksheet with the hidden message. Have them work on it by themselves or in groups to find the message. While they do it, start a conversation with them about the promises of God. Ask them if they've ever made a promise. What do you think about promises? Have you kept your promises? (It is possible that the children have had bad experiences with broken promises with their parents, siblings, etc.) Be sensitive to their needs in this area. Talk about the difference between when humans make a promise and when God makes a promise. God always keeps promises.

Bible Story: Read the story ahead of time and plan how you will tell it in your own words. When they got off the ark, Noah and his family made an altar and gave thanks to God for his goodness. Make a pile of rocks with the children to show how Noah would have made this altar. Then, God make a promise, a covenant, with Noah that God would never again send a flood to destroy the earth. Show them a piece of paper which represents a contract and tell them that



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in all the world this covenant or promise is unbreakable because God signed it with a rainbow. Then share with them how the rainbow is a symbol of God's promises.

Bible Verse: In the pages that follow, you will find some written promises that God has given us and you can use them to explain exactly how God is when God makes a promise. It's important to remind them that not one promise of God's will go without being kept. God is a God who keeps his word. You can also use the verse for this week as a promise God gave. Help them to memorize it.

Praise: With instruments that are homemade, or with music that's already recorded, sing some songs of praise that talk about God's promises. Remember that they love to thank God with their voices and songs.

Activity: The instructions to make the mobile are found in the lesson in the following pages. When they've finished this craft, they should glue the verse for the week to the back of the plate and take the craft home to share with their family the wonderful promise that God has given us.

Closing Prayer: Gather children around the candle again. As you light the candle explain that the flame is something that is present in the light and the darkness. In the same way, it reminds us that God is always with us. Is there anything anyone wishes to say to God? After children have responded, close the prayer time.

Prayer Example: Lord God, we thank you that you are always with us, and always love us. It's good to be with you. Thank you for what we have learned today. Thank you for being with us and for teaching us through the Bible. Help us to remember what you have taught us today and to live it out when we leave. Amen



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BIBLE VERSE

Promises of God

There are many promises in the Bible. Below are some that you can write out on poster board and put up during the class today.

Psalm 81:16, Psalm 73:24, Proverbs 10:27, Psalm 91:4, Psalm 34:7

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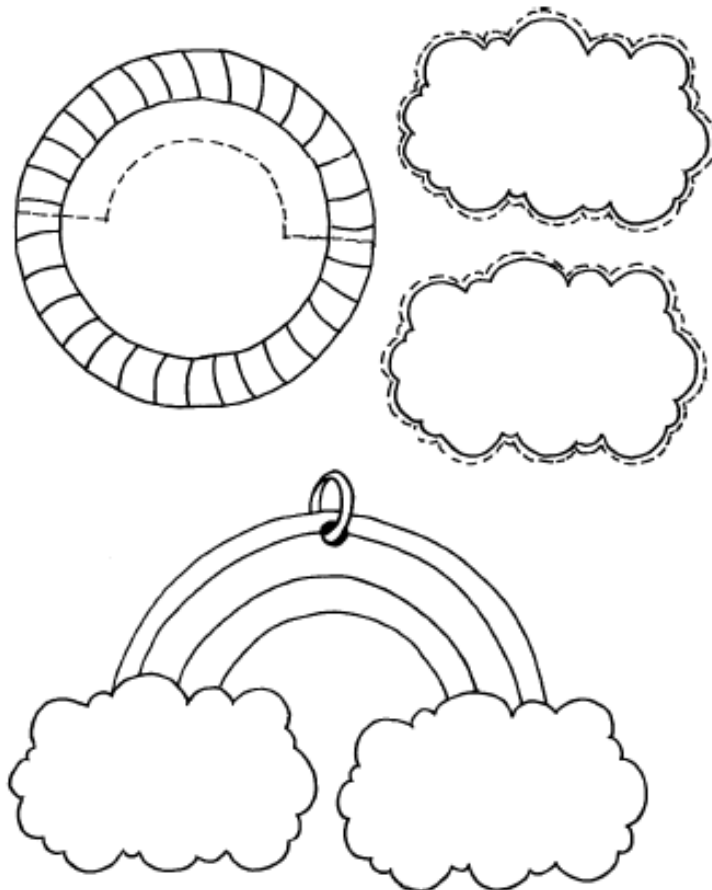
CRAFT 1

Rainbow

Materials: paper plate, glue, scissors, crayons/markers/paint, hole puncher, yarn, cotton

Instructions:

1. Make sure to have all the necessary supplies ready
2. Give each of the children a paper plate that's cut in the form of a rainbow as you see in the illustration below.
3. Have them color the rainbow, help them with the order of the colors.
4. Give them two sets of clouds (cut out of white paper).
5. Have them write the verse on the back side of the rainbow.
6. Using the hole puncher, make a hole in the upper part of the rainbow. Give them a piece of yarn that can go through the hole and make a loop, so they can hang their rainbow.

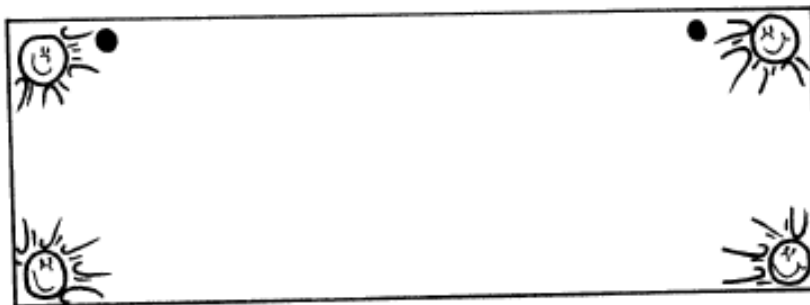
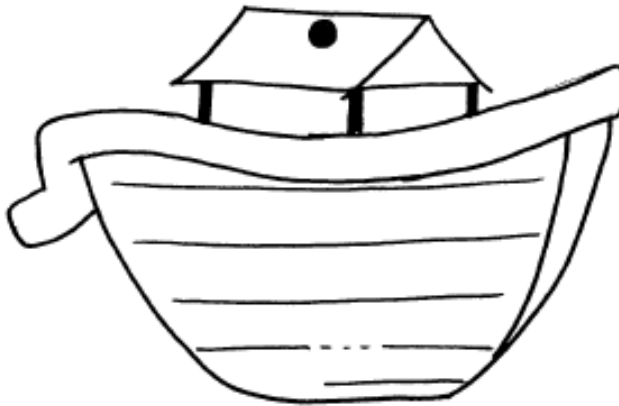
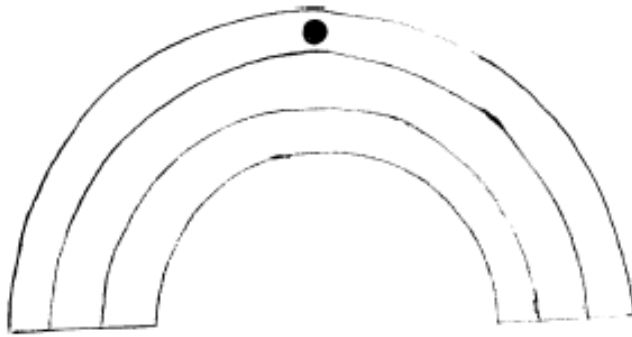


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CRAFT 2

Mobile

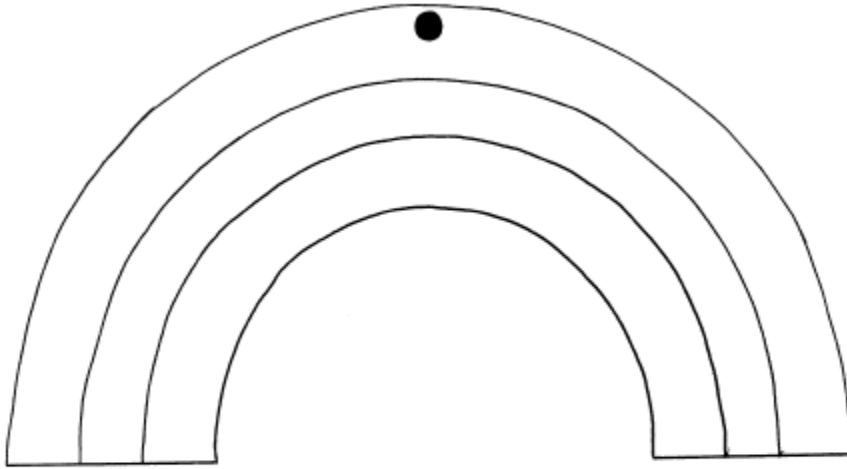
After the flood, God sent a sign of the promise to never again destroy the earth with another flood. The symbol of God's promise was a rainbow. Color the rainbow, the ark, and the sign. To make the mobile you need to find clothes hangers and tie three pieces of yarn to it, in varying lengths.



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PATTERN

Ark



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ILLUSTRATION



GENESIS 9:14, 16

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WORKSHEET

Hidden message

1=B 2=T 3=A 4=W 5=D 6=N 7=O 8=H 9=R 10=K 11=I 12=D 13=Y 14=S

1. All of the people on the earth were very _____. (Genesis 6:5)
1 3 5
2. _____ still loved God. (Genesis 6:8-9)
6 7 3 8
3. God told Noah to build an _____ (Genesis 6:14)
3 9 10
4. When God closed the door, it started to _____. (Genesis 7:12-
9 3 11 6
5. The flood waters covered the earth for 150 _____. (Genesis 7:24)
12 3 13 14
6. The ark came to rest on the mountains of _____. (Genesis 8:4)
3 9 3 9 3 2
7. God put a _____ in the sky as a symbol of God's promise to Noah. (Genesis 9:12-
16) 9 3 11 6 1 7 4



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WORKSHEET

Answers to the Hidden message

1. All of the people on the earth were very bad. (Genesis 6:5)
2. Noah still loved God. (Genesis 6:8-9)
3. God told Noah to build an ark. (Genesis 6:14)
4. When God closed the door, it started to rain. (Genesis 7:12_
5. The flood waters covered the earth for 150 days .(Genesis 7:24)
6. The ark came to rest on the mountains of Ararat. (Genesis 8:4)
7. God put a rainbow in the sky as a symbol of God's promise to Noah. (Genesis 9:12-16)

ILLUSTRATION

With Bible verse

(insert image)

PUPPET

This puppet is the puppet you will use to tell the story today. Enlarge the illustration, color it, cut it out and glue it to a paper bag. The children can also make this as one of their crafts if there is time.