

## NOAH AND THE ARK

### LESSON 4: GOD'S RAINBOW COVENANT

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*Through this Sunday school lesson, children learn about God's everlasting covenant with Noah and the earth.*

*by Kristy Thornton*

#### TOPICS

Covenant, Noah, Promises, Rainbow

#### AS KIDS ARRIVE (10 MINUTES)

**Streamer Time (Activity)** [Click here](#)

#### WORSHIP TIME (5 MINUTES)

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#### BIBLE VERSE (7 MINUTES)

**"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 NIV**

Have the children repeat this verse several times aloud with you. As the children repeat the first part of the verse, have them wave their streamers up and down in the air. During the second half of the verse, have the students twirl their streamers in circles as if they are circling the earth.

#### BIBLE STORY (15 MINUTES)

Gather the children around you for story time. After the introduction, read the story directly from the Bible. If possible, use a Children's Bible so it will be easier for the kids to understand.

#### Introduction:

Noah continued to please God after the flood. He placed sacrifices on the altar to worship God. God's Love for Noah and the earth was great. He wanted Noah's help to populate the earth with more people. He allows humans to govern the earth and animals. God also wanted to demonstrate how much He loved Noah and the Earth. Let's read and find out what promise God makes to Noah and the earth to demonstrate His Love.

#### Read Genesis 8:20-22, 9:1-17

Read the passage through once, then read Genesis 9:1-17 again, but this time have the children provide sound effects or movements when certain words are read. This is a fun way for the children to listen to the story, and remember some of the important words.

#### Discussion Questions:

1. What symbol did God put in the sky to remind Himself never to flood the whole earth again? (*Rainbow. Genesis 9:15 Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will remember my covenant between me and you and all living creatures of every kind. Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life.*)
2. With whom did God make a covenant? (*Noah and all life on earth.*)
3. Will God keep His covenant even if the humans continue to sin and be evil? (*Yes, God will keep His covenant. He will never flood the Earth again. God always keeps His promises.*)
4. How long is this Covenant last? (*As long as the earth endures or for all generations to come.*)
5. Why do you think God chose a rainbow as a sign of His covenant? (*Allow children to speculate. Since a rainbow appears when there is rain, it would serve as a good reminder of God's promise not to flood the whole earth again.*)

#### FUN TIME (10 MINUTES)

**Covenant of Love (Activity)** [Click here](#)

#### ALTERNATE FUN TIME (10 MINUTES)

**Rainbow Race (Game)** [Click here](#)

#### PRAYER/SNACK (10 MINUTES)

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Before having a snack, start by giving thanks to God for His everlasting covenant of love. Use graham crackers, white frosting, and skittles. Have the children create their own rainbow snack out of Skittles.

#### CLOSING ACTIVITY (5-10 MINUTES)

**God's Beautiful Rainbow (Song)** [Click here](#)

#### NEXT WEEK

Come back next week for an action packed review on the life of Noah!

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## COVENANT OF LOVE

**Through this free Sunday school activity, children will gain an understanding of covenants, while making a keepsake to take home.**

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### TOPICS:

Covenant, Promises, Rainbow

### MATERIALS:

Colorful yarn, scissors, wedding ring or ring

### DURATION:

Approximately 10 minutes



### WHAT YOU WILL SAY:

*(Hold up a ring or point to your wedding ring.)* It is beautiful, but it also holds a lot of meaning and promise. When a couple marries, typically they exchange rings. This ring is the symbol of their covenant. It signifies that the man and woman will love, honor, and respect each other all of the days of their lives.

In the same way, God has made a covenant with the earth. Although He did not give the earth a metal ring, such as this one that I'm holding, He did give the earth a ring: He gave the earth a rainbow as a sign to us that He will never flood the earth again.

Today we are going to tie a colorful piece of yarn around our thumbs like a ring to help us remember God's covenant of love to us and the earth.

*(Tie a piece of yarn loosely around each child's thumb. Make sure it is loose enough so that it can be easily slid off and on.)* The rainbow is not the Lord's only promise to us. For years, God told His people that a Savior would come to them. God delivered His promise when Jesus was born. Similarly, Jesus promised us a gift when He went to Heaven. His promise came true and the Holy Spirit came. God keeps His promises. Each promise is a covenant of His love for us.

When people ask you what is around your thumb, say, "It is a reminder of all God's loving promises, or covenants, to His people." *(Have the children practice saying this to each other several times.)*

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## STREAMER TIME

***This activity will be a visual for the children to identify the colors in the rainbow and introduce them to one of God's most memorable covenants.***

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### TOPICS:

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### MATERIALS:

Colorful crepe paper, tissue paper, or construction paper  
(red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple)  
Masking Tape

### DURATION:

Approximately 5 minutes



### PREPARATION:

Before class, tear long strips of crepe paper into streamers and lay them down on the table for the children to pick up and wave around. Using the masking tape, make a rainbow shape on the floor.

### WHAT YOU WILL SAY:

As you enter the room, please choose one of God's colors and wave your streamer around in the air celebrating the color you chose. I will go around the room and ask you what color your streamer is. When I call on you, you will tell me the color of your streamer and place it in the middle of the circle.

*(Call on the colors in order of the rainbow. If you have some with the same color, have them place their color beside the same color or on top. Call them in order starting with Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue, and Purple.)*

Now that all the streamers are in the middle of the circle, what is it that we have created? *(Allow children to guess.)* That is right! It is a rainbow. Today we are not just going to learn about rainbows and colors, but there is something more beautiful hidden in the colors of the rainbow. It is God's everlasting covenant with the earth. We cannot see all the colors because there are so many shades. We cannot see all of the earth because it is so big, but God sees all the colors and all the earth. God made a covenant, promising that He would never flood the entire earth ever again.

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