



## LESSON SNAPSHOT

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**OBJECTIVE:**

Kids will understand that Jesus died to save them from sin once and for all.

**KEY PASSAGE:**

Genesis 9:8-17. God puts a rainbow in the sky.

**MEMORY VERSE:**

*"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight." - Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV)*

**SUMMARY:**

God put a rainbow in the sky as a sign of his promise never to flood the whole Earth again. God also gave another promise that he fulfilled through Jesus - to save us from sin once and for all!

**A SIMPLE PRAYER:**

*Dear God,*

*Thank you for rainbows, and the promises you've made. And thank you for saving us from sin through your son Jesus.*

*In Jesus' name,  
Amen*



# NOAH

## THE BIG FLOOD

### MEMORY VERSE

*“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.” - Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV)*

*“Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Do not depend on your own understanding. In all your ways remember him. Then he will make your paths smooth and straight.” - Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV)*

#### **LARGE GROUP:**

As a group, see if the kids can recite the memory verse without seeing it on screen. Then put the verse on screen and read it once more together.

#### **SMALL GROUP:**

Say the verse once with the kids, then see how many kids can recite the memory verse backwards.



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## THE BIG FLOOD

### SKIT

#### THE RAINBOW

#### ITEMS NEEDED:

None

#### CHARACTER BREAKDOWN: 3M

#### CHARACTERS:

Ham

Shem

Noah

*Shem and Ham walk on stage to center.*

SHEM: You feel that, buddy?

HAM: Feel what?

SHEM: We're not rocking back and forth anymore. No more up and down and side to side on the waves. We're on land!

HAM: Ah yes. Feels good.

SHEM: Feels very good.

HAM: Are all the animals off?

SHEM: Every last one.

HAM: We're not gonna have to clean it out, are we?

SHEM: No, Dad said we could leave it.

### NOAH: THE PROMISE

# SKIT

HAM: Thank goodness.

SHEM: I know. If I ever smell another wildebeest again, I think I might snap.

*Ham points in the sky.*

HAM: Hey, look up there.

SHEM: Whoa! Take a look at that!

HAM: What is it?

*Noah enters.*

SHEM: Looks like an optical and meteorological phenomenon caused by both reflection and refraction of light in water droplets in the Earth's atmosphere, creating a spectrum of light appearing in the sky.

HAM: Interesting. I was gonna say it looks like a bunch of colors stretched out like a bow.

NOAH: It's called a rainbow.

HAM: How do you know?

SHEM: Did you just jump ahead of us and name it? Because I might have had a better name for it.

NOAH: Actually, God named it after he put it in the sky.

HAM: Too late, Shem.

SHEM: It's okay.

NOAH: It's a sign of God's promise, never to flood the Earth again.

HAM: Never?

NOAH: Never.

HAM: But what if the Earth goes bad again?

SHEM: You mean our kids?

# SKIT

HAM: More likely Japheth's kids.

SHEM: Yeah, Japheth. Hey, where is that guy? He's never around when anything important happens.

NOAH: Boys, boys, as long as there's sin, there's going to be trouble. But God also made a promise that one day, he'll take away all the sins of the world.

HAM: How's he gonna do that?

NOAH: I don't know. But if God can make an optical and meteorological phenomenon caused by both reflection and refraction of light in water droplets in the Earth's atmosphere, creating a spectrum of light appearing in the sky, I'd say can find a way to forgive all our sins.



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### OBJECT LESSON OR KIDS SERMON

**ITEM NEEDED:**

A Nativity scene

Can anyone guess why I've brought a Nativity scene today?

Today's message was about a promise God made. God put a rainbow in the sky after the flood as a sign of his promise not to destroy the world by flood again. Every time it rains, that sign reappears in the sky, reminding us all of the flood and God's promise.

God made that promise because he planned to keep another promise - to save the world from sin. When Adam and Eve sinned, mankind became separated from God. An imperfect people cannot stand in the presence of a perfect God. So God made a way to forgive our sins - he sent his son to die in our place.

God saved Noah and his family with the ark. God made a way to save everyone when he sent Jesus Christ. When you see a rainbow, remember the promise God made, never to flood the Earth again. Then remember the promise he kept when his Son was born in a stable outside Bethlehem!



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### LARGE GROUP GAME

#### TOSS THE RAINBOW

##### ITEMS NEEDED:

Skittles  
A plastic cup

##### INSTRUCTIONS:

Choose one contestant for this game. Give him the bag of Skittles (make it a big one), and have him stand ten feet from the cup. The contestant has 60 seconds to toss one of each color Skittle into the cup. If he gets at least one of all five colors in the cup before time expires, he wins.

##### VARIATION:

Move the kids closer to the cup if they are young. Or, have them stand on a chair and try to drop them into a cup from above.



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### **KEY PASSAGE:**

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### **INTRO**

**Begin by reading Genesis 8:15-19**

Can you imagine how good it must have felt to finally get off that ark? No more bad smells, no more scooping poo, no more seasickness. After half a year, Noah, his family, and all those animals were back on dry land.

Not only were they back; they were given a promise that the tragedy they just witnessed would never happen again.

### **READ Genesis 9:8-17**

God was ready to start over with Noah and his family, but while the evil world that once was no longer existed, one problem still remained - sin. Sin still blocked Noah, his family, and every other person yet to be born from a reunion with the God who made them. Sin is what caused the downfall of man that led to the flood, and sin would inevitably make things go bad again. How would God overcome sin?

God had a plan already in motion. God would send a perfect sacrifice to pay for the sins of the world.

### **READ John 3:16-17**

# LARGE GROUP LESSON

## MAIN POINT

Sin came into the world through the first man and woman, Adam and Eve. When Adam and Eve sinned, they were separated from God. God is holy and perfect, and no sinful creature can stand in his presence. The God who walked in the Garden of Eden with Adam and Eve was now far away. Mankind began to forget about God. He ignored the teachings to treat others with love and he did as he pleased. Kind of sounds like our world, doesn't it?

God didn't want to keep sending floods to purge the Earth. Floods were not the solution anyway. God wanted to be reunited with us personally. So he sent his Son Jesus not to judge the world again, but to die for our sins. Jesus was the only man who never sinned, making him the only man who did not deserve to die. Yet Jesus chose to die on a cross so that he could wash our sins away - just like the flood.

## DRIVE IT HOME

People often wonder why God allows bad things to happen. If this world is so bad, if we are so bad, why doesn't he wipe us out and start over again? Two reasons. One, he already promised he wouldn't do that again. And two, he already sent a solution.

Jesus died for all the sins of all the people. If any man or woman or child accepts Jesus, their sins will be washed away. God will send the Holy Spirit to those who accept him, and that Holy Spirit gives us a direct connection to God. We can tell God when we're sad, when we're confused, when we're scared, when we're impatient, and when we are happy.

As we end this series on Noah, it's important to know that the end of Noah's tale was only the beginning. From the day Noah left the ark, God was preparing his plan of salvation. Jesus would be born to the wife of a carpenter, both of whom would trace their ancestry back to the ark. The work God began with Noah had its fulfillment in Jesus. God doesn't just give us new life like he did Noah. He gives us eternal life.

If you are already committed to Christ, thank him for what he's done for us and renew your commitment to love him. If you haven't accepted Christ, your small group leader would love to talk with you and your parents about that decision. Don't leave here wondering. If you have questions, ask someone. We would love to help you claim the promise God fulfilled through Jesus - to have forgiveness of sins and eternal life!

## CLOSE WITH A SIMPLE PRAYER

*Dear God,*

*Thank you for rainbows, and the promises you've made. And thank you for saving us from sin through your son Jesus.*

*In Jesus' name,*

*Amen*



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## THE BIG FLOOD

## SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION (K-2ND)

### ICEBREAKER

Have you ever seen a rainbow? Ever taken a picture of a real one?

### MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY

Proverbs 3:5-6.

Without putting the verse on display or looking it up, see how many kids can recite the memory verse. Then see how many kids can recite the memory verse backwards.

### SMALL GROUP GAME/ACTIVITY

Have the kids make a rainbow on a table with some M&Ms and Skittles. Then share them with the kids while you discuss the lesson.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read Genesis 9:8-17

Why did God flood the Earth?

What promise did God make to Noah?

What was the sign of the promise not to flood the Earth again?

Why did God send Jesus to Earth?

How can Jesus take away our sins?

### SIMPLE PRAYER

*Dear God,*

*Thank you for rainbows, and for all the promises you've kept. Help us to remember those promises when we see a rainbow, including how Jesus died for our sins.*

*In Jesus' name,*

*Amen*



## SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION (3-5TH)

### ICEBREAKER

Have you ever seen a rainbow? Ever taken a picture of a real one?

### SMALL GROUP GAME/ACTIVITY

Have the kids act out the day's scripture, with Noah leaving the Ark and God creating the rainbow.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

**Read Genesis 9:8-17**

Why did God put the rainbow in the sky?

What did God do to save mankind from sin?

**Read John 3:16-17**

What did Jesus come to Earth to do?

Why was Jesus the only one who could pay for our sins?

How can we be saved and have our sins forgiven?

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## POWERPOINT REVIEW GAME

### Lesson Trivia

How did God spare Noah and his family from the flood?

- A. Noah built an ark.\*
- B. They crossed the Red Sea.
- C. They were swallowed by a great fish.

Who else was saved besides Noah and his sons?

- A. Their neighbors.
- B. Their wives.\*
- C. The people who stowed away in the lower decks.

What promise did God make after Noah left the ark?

- A. To make Noah a great nation.
- B. To save Noah from the Philistines.
- C. To never flood the Earth again.\*

What was the sign of that promise?

- A. An altar.
- B. A rainbow.\*
- C. The ark.

How did God fulfill his promise to save us from sin?

- A. Through the flood.
- B. Through Moses.
- C. Through Jesus.\*

# MAKE IT STICK

## 5 Simple Ways You Can Make This Lesson Stick With Your Kids

### THIS WEEK'S LESSON: THE PROMISE



#### IN THE CAR:

On the drive home, ask your child what he learned about this week's lesson: Today we talked about the rainbow, God's promise never to flood the Earth again. God used the flood to wipe as much sin off the Earth as he could, but he used his son, Jesus, to give us a solution to sin once and for all.



#### HANGING OUT:

Make this week's lesson real:

The next time it rains, look for the rainbow. See if you can spot God's promise in the sky, and discuss what that promise means.



#### AT DINNER:

Here are some great discussion starters:

- Why did God flood the Earth?
- What did God promise when he made the rainbow?
- What did Jesus do to save us from sin?



#### AT BEDTIME:

Quiz your child on this week's memory verse:

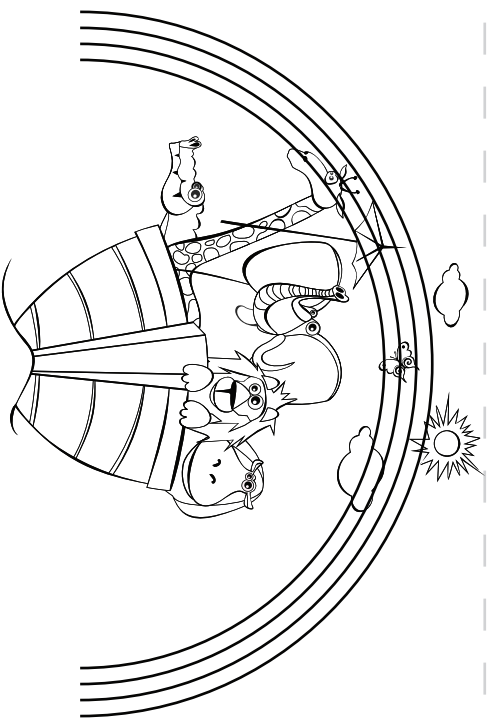
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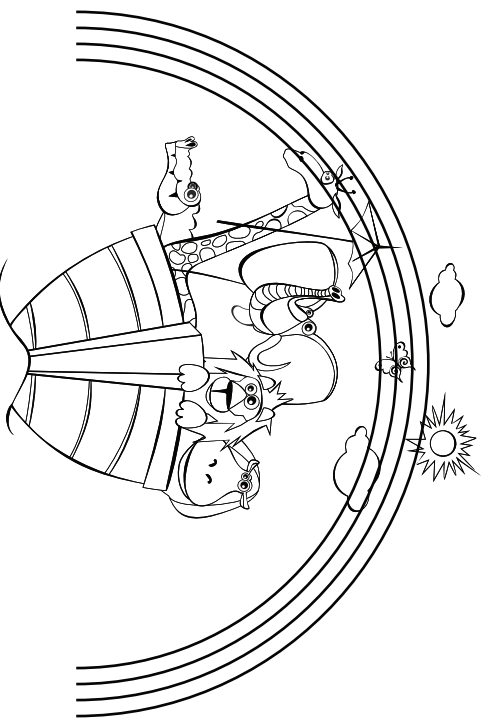
#### PARENT TIME:

What you need to know:

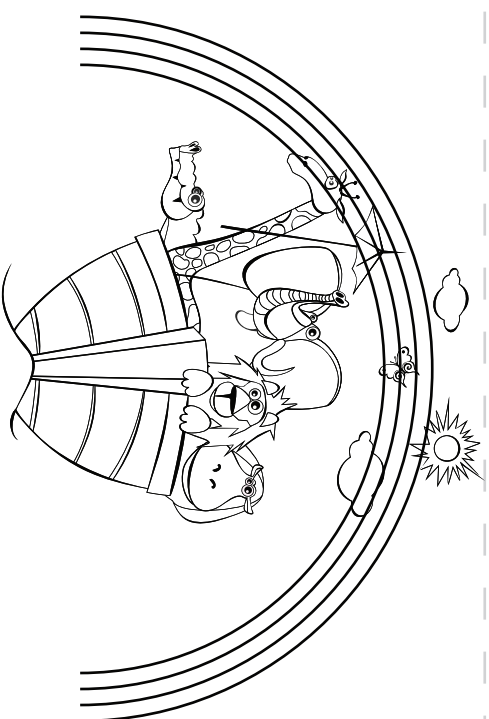
God has made and kept many promises, from the promise of the rainbow to the promise to save us from sin. Take some time to reflect on these promises and thank God for his goodness.



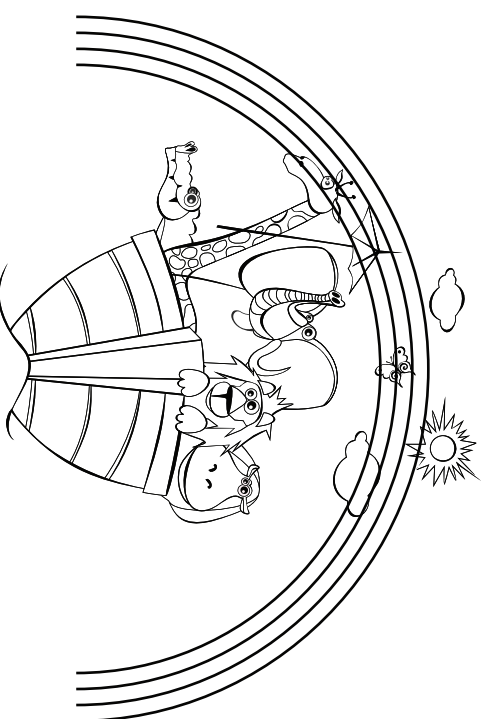
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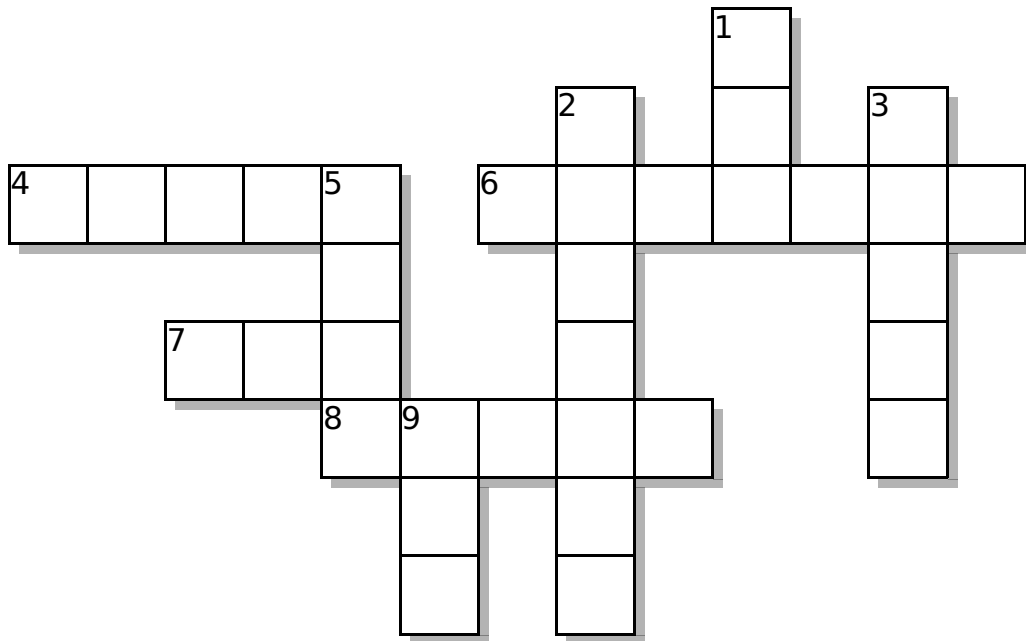


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# God's Promise to Noah



## ACROSS

- 4 God promised never to do this to the Earth again.
- 6 A sign God put in the sky to remember his promise.
- 7 \_\_\_\_\_ of each animal went into the ark.
- 8 First bird Noah sent out to look for land.

## DOWN

- 1 God sent Jesus to save us from this.
- 2 Brother of Ham and Shem
- 3 Number of days and nights it rained.
- 5 Shut the door of the ark when it was full.
- 9 Boat constructed by Noah

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