

Roots

WBS Kids' Lesson #07

Genesis 8:1-9:17

Hook: Have you ever made an agreement with someone? Or, has anyone ever made a promise to you? Maybe you made an agreement with your friend that you would each borrow a toy from each other overnight. After that night was over, you gave her back her toy and she gave you yours. Within an agreement there is a promise. The Bible uses another word: "covenant."

Book: Last week we learned that God saved Noah, his family and the earth's creatures by instructing Noah to build an ark and fill it with two of every kind of animal. Then we heard about how the great flood covered the earth. Even after the rain stopped, Noah and everyone had to stay inside the ark for many days until God finally dried up the flood water. When He did, the Bible says, "...**Noah, his wife, and his sons and their wives left the boat. And all of the large and small animals and birds came out of the boat, pair by pair.**" They must have been thrilled to finally be able to see and walk on dry land again! Even though God destroyed the whole earth with that flood, afterward the earth got a fresh start with Noah, his family and the animals that were saved.

Look: There's never been another flood like that again and there never will be. Storms will continue to happen and parts of the earth will flood from time to time, but God made a covenant (or promise) that He wouldn't destroy the earth with a flood. To showcase his covenant, God created the rainbow. He said, "**When I send clouds over the earth, the rainbow will appear in the clouds, and I will remember my covenant with you and with all living creatures.**"

Took: Next time you see a rainbow in the sky, you can announce, "That rainbow reminds us of God's covenant!" Then, thank God for giving us Noah's example of faith and for God's promise—that He will never destroy the earth with a flood again.

Bible Verse: "So God said to Noah, 'The rainbow is the sign of my covenant. I have made my covenant between me and all life on earth.'" Genesis 9:17

Prayer: "Dear God, Thank You for creating the beautiful rainbow. Thank You for such a special reminder of Your covenant with not only Noah, but with us. Help us to live by faith like Noah. Amen."

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what we learned

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memory verse

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parent/child activity

Have some rainbow fun with your child! Color rainbows on paper, go on the Internet and look up simple ways to make a rainbow reflection, or, if it’s been raining, step outside in search of a real rainbow in the sky. Then talk about the story of Noah and God’s covenant with him...and with us all. Pray the prayer below:



daily prayer

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