



LESSON 8

REFERENCES: GENESIS 8:20–9:17; PATRIARCHS AND PROPHETS, PP. 105–110.

God's Rainbow Promise

Have you ever seen a rainbow? Sometimes you can see one after it rains. Noah and his family saw the very first rainbow God made. Do you know why?

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oah and his family had been living in the ark for a whole year, and they were, most likely, eager to get out. The animals were probably wanting to get out too.

Finally God said to Noah, "It is time. It is time to leave the ark."

So God sent an angel to open the heavy door. The animals thundered down the ramp. Horses kicked up their heels as they ran. Kangaroos bounced happily back and forth. Eagles soared, and lions roared.

Noah and his family felt happy and sad at the same time. They were very happy to be out of the ark. But they were sad

Memory Verse

"I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be [a] sign."

GENESIS 9:13, NIV.

The Message

We thank God for His promises.





at what they found outside the ark. Even though new green grass sprouted almost everywhere and young trees were beginning to poke up through the ground, it didn't look anything at all like the beautiful world they had left when they entered the ark. But they were safe. God had kept His promise.

So Noah built an altar and gathered his family around it. They thanked God for keeping His promise to save them from the terrible flood. They praised God for His protection. God gave Noah's family a special blessing. "Have many babies," God said. "Fill the earth."

Then God gave them a promise. "I am making a promise to you, and to all who come after you. Even though rain will fall, I will never again destroy the whole world with a flood. Look in the sky, and you will see the sign of My promise."

Noah and his family looked up. A brilliant rainbow stretched across the heavens. They had never seen anything like it before. "Whenever you see the rainbow in the clouds," God said, "you can be sure that I will keep My promise."

Noah and his family stayed near the altar for a long time. They may have sung songs and prayed prayers of thanksgiving. They had a rainbow sign. They knew God would always keep His promises. And we know that too. God has never again covered the whole earth with water. He still keeps His rainbow promise.

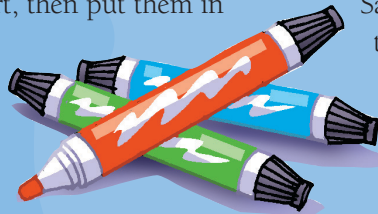
Just as God kept His promise to Noah and his family, God will keep His promises to us today. We can find His promises in His Word, the Bible. And we can be sure He will keep them because He loves us very much.

Do and Say

SABBATH

Go for a walk today. Look for colors in nature. Did you and your child find all the rainbow colors?

Using red, orange, yellow, green, blue, and violet markers (in that order) write the memory verse, using a different color for each word. (See page 62.) Cut the words apart, then put them in rainbow order and say the verse together. Save the words for another day.



SUNDAY

Together, read Genesis 8:15–21; 9:13–15. Ask: How do you think Noah felt when he came out of the ark? What do you think the animals did when they came out? Why did Noah thank God? Has God kept His promise? Thank God for keeping His rainbow promise.

MONDAY

Find a piece of colored cellophane and have your child look through it. Ask: What happens to everything you see? Would you like everything to be the same color? Put the rainbow-colored memory verse words in order, then say the verse together. Repeat the rainbow finger play on page 64. Thank God for all the colors He put in the world around us.

TUESDAY

Name all the colors of the rainbow. Ask: How

many are there? Name or find some fruit and flowers in different colors. Thank God for His rainbow promise and for all the colors that make our world beautiful.

Say the memory verse together.



WEDNESDAY

Help your child draw and color a rainbow. Use the colors of the rainbow in the correct order. Write the memory verse on it, and hang the drawing in their room to remind them of God's promises. Sing "Who Made the Beautiful Rainbow?"

THURSDAY

Early today, promise your child you will do something special later. Keep your promise, then talk about God's promises. Tell about one of God's promises that helped you. Together, say the memory verse, then thank God for keeping His promises.

FRIDAY

Act out the lesson story for family worship, emphasizing God's rainbow promise. When you pray, ask each person to thank God for keeping a specific promise, then close by thanking Him for His rainbow promise.