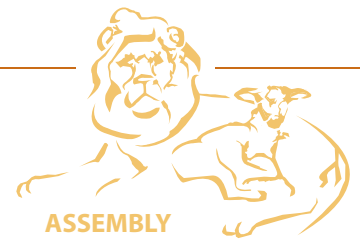


THE RAINBOW OF GOD'S PROMISE

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: GENESIS 6-9



*Please do not feel the need to cover the entire portion of scripture in your lesson.
The following are some ideas for creative ways that you can
present this material.*

LESSON IDEAS

OUT OF THE ARK

Supplies:

masking tape

Using masking tape on the floor, tape out the shape of an ark only large enough to fit all the children. Have one of the children play Noah with the others acting out the parts of animals and family. Have the children act out the following:

- The ark runs aground as the flood waters recede
- Noah sending out the raven and the dove (Genesis 8:6-12)
- Noah and the animals coming out of the ark
- Noah building an altar to the Lord (Read Genesis 8:20-22)
- Noah and his family see the very first rainbow

Talk to the children about the gratefulness of Noah toward God after coming out of the ark.

MAKE A GIANT RAINBOW

Supplies:

- tape
- crayons
- two sheets of large paper

Note: Quantity of consumable supplies should be adjusted for the number of sessions you will be teaching.

On a very large piece of paper draw an outline of a rainbow. When the children come in, have them start coloring in the various sections of the rainbow with large crayons. Send the paper back with the children to their class and have them work on it until the rainbow is all colored in. You can have them tape it up somewhere as a reminder of God's faithfulness. The next week when the kids return, see how many can remember why God placed the rainbow in the sky.

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WHERE IS JESUS?

Please use the following comments connecting today's lesson to the Gospel to help inform your understanding and serve you by aiding your preparation for class. Remember, we want to do more than present disconnected Bible stories and lessons to our young children. We want them to understand how each story in the Bible plays a part in God's greater plan of redemption.

The rainbow is a sign of another of God's covenants with His people. It reminds us of God's promise that He will not again destroy the earth by flood. This covenant was made in response to Noah's sacrifice of some of the animals after they came out from the ark. God's heart was affected by this sacrifice because it surely reminded Him of His plan to sacrifice His Son Jesus. Noah and his family's salvation from the flood is meant to point us to God's plan to ultimately save His people. Jesus' covenant is a better covenant than all those that God made before Jesus He came.

