

Bible Passage: Genesis 6-10

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LEADER DEVOTIONAL

The Bible is full of promises. As early as the first few chapters of Genesis, we begin to see God make, and even fulfill, His promises: promises for punishment and for blessing, for death and for life, for separation and for salvation. In Noah's journey to build an ark, survive the flood, and begin to repopulate the earth, we find multiple reminders that the Lord is faithful to fulfill His promises.

When God destroyed the entire population of the earth, except for Noah and his family, we are reminded that God keeps His promise to preserve a remnant of His people always. When Noah sent a dove to find dry land and it returned with an olive leaf, we are reminded of God's promise to show His people the way at just the right time. And when God painted His bow in the sky, we are reminded of God's promise that He will always keep His Word.

In a world filled with fake news and false prophets, we are often skeptical of the stories and promises that we hear and read about. When it comes to the promises and claims of the world, we should be discerning. But when it comes to the promises of God, we should be trusting.

As you survey Genesis 6–10, may it stir a great reminder in your heart and mind that God is always faithful and true. God is no liar, and He will not turn back from His word. May these chapters of Genesis also give you hope that though everything around you may fail, God's Word never will.

God is a God of great and magnificent promises. And every single one of them we can trust completely. When in doubt of this truth, look to the cross of Christ and His empty grave.

As Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 1:20, "every one of God's promises is 'Yes' in [Jesus]."

God will fulfill His promises. This week, pray that God would stir in you many reminders of how He keeps His word.

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WELCOME

Play music in the background as you greet preschoolers and welcome them to class. As children enter, have them decorate a paper bag. They will place their crafts, coloring pages, and activity pages, in the bag for easy transportation home. After children are finished decorating their bags, line them up outside the classroom along the wall for easy distribution and pick-up.

*** Please remember to reference the class schedules posted in your room for the timing of your class's various activities.

ACTIVITY PAGE

Lead preschoolers to complete “Connect the Dots” on the activity page.

Say: What animal did you discover when you connected the dots? [Allow responses.] A dove! This dove has an olive branch in its mouth. Listen to the Bible story to hear why seeing an olive branch in a dove’s mouth meant happy news for one family.

BIBLE STORY

***Three-year-old classes will line up and march to 3B at 9:40/11:10.

***Four-year-old classes will line up and march to 4B at 9:25/11:00.

GOD SPARED NOAH

Adam and eve had children and grandchildren. Soon there were many people in the world. All of them sinned like Adam and eve. They chose not to do what God said. God saw that the people did mean things and thought bad thoughts. God was very sad. He decided to send a big flood to take away all the people from the world.

But God showed favor to a man named Noah. Noah followed God. God told Noah about His plan, and He told him to build an ark—a really big boat—where Noah’s family and all kinds of birds and animals would be safe from the flood.

Noah obeyed God. He built the ark just like God told him to. When the ark was finished, Noah went inside with his family and every kind of animal, and God shut the door.

Rain began to fall. Water covered all the earth, even the highest mountains. The ark floated on the water, and everyone inside the ark was safe.

Finally, after 40 days and 40 nights, the rain stopped. The water went down, and the ark rested on a mountaintop. God told Noah to bring his family and all the animals out of the ark. Noah walked out and gave an offering to thank God. God had saved Noah, his family, and the animals from the flood.

God told Noah’s family to spread out over the earth, have children, and take care of the world. God promised that He would never again send a flood to cover the whole earth. God put a rainbow in the clouds to be a reminder of His promise.

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CRAFT

MAKE A RAINBOW CRAFT

See the provided example and help children make a rainbow craft.

Say: Noah was right to give a thank offering to God. God had rescued him, his family, and the animals from the flood. Feeling thankful is the right response for all the good things God has done for us. We can thank God for rescuing us like Noah did. God rescued Noah from the flood, but God rescues us from sin. Jesus came to save people from sin. When we trust in Jesus, He saves us from the punishment for our sin. Thank You, God, for Jesus!

GAME

Build an Ark

Set out blocks and invite preschoolers to build an ark. Display the Bible story picture poster for inspiration. Open a Bible to Genesis 6:14-16. Read to children how God told Noah to build the ark.

Say: You built an ark like Noah did. An ark is a really big boat. God told Noah to build the ark so that Noah, his family, and all the animals would be kept safe from the flood. God rescued them! Later, there was an even greater rescue. Jesus came to save people from sin. Everyone who trusts in Jesus is saved from the punishment for their sin.

SNACK AND PRAYER

Serve the snack. As children eat, review and talk about the Bible story.

When children finish snack, lead them to complete the coloring sheet. As they work, continue talking about the Bible story and emphasize the Christ connection.

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CLOSING ACTIVITES

Before doing closing activities, please have the children help you clean up the toys and materials that have been used today. After the room is cleaned up, set out markers or crayons and let kids work on today's **Bible Story Coloring Page** until their parents arrive. You can also choose a book to read to the children as they color or for those who don't want to color. Please make the effort to have the children quietly engaged when parents arrive.

When parents arrive to pick up their children, tell them something that their child enjoyed doing or did well today.

BEFORE YOU GO...

Please clean up by doing the following:

- 1) Put away any remaining toys.
- 2) Use sanitizing spray to wipe down tables.
- 3) Sweep up any cracker crumbs or dirt.
- 4) Please return your bin, binder, and sign-in clipboard to the resource room across from Toddler A.