



Lesson

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NOAH'S ARK

September 21 & 22

GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES



LESSON GOAL:

BACKGROUND INFO: When God saw how sinful people had become, He decided to send a flood to wipe out the whole earth. But one man, Noah, was still following God. God told him to build a boat and take his family and 2 of every kind of animal onto the boat and they would be saved.

GOAL: The goal of this lesson is for kids to understand that God keeps his promises, just like He promised to protect Noah and his family and to never flood the earth again.

Genesis 6:9-14 & 9:12-13

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Fall City Serve - October 5
woodmenvalley.org/cityserve

Equipping Event - October 7
Trauma Informed Training



KEY VERSE:

So God created human beings in his own likeness; He created them to be like himself; He created them as male and female.

Genesis 1:27 (NIRV)

MISSION FOCUS:

Praying for Schools

We want to begin praying for teachers, students, and other school staff as we look forward to the 2024-25 school year.

We invite each family to pick up a magnet at the Kid's greeter desk and spend intentional time together as a family in prayer.



THEME FOR THIS SERIES:

Space Scientist

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CHECK-IN

The goal of check-in is to greet parents/guardians and children by name and help them feel known and welcome.

SAY:

I'm so glad to see you today, **(insert child/parent name)**! Do you have any offering to put in our offering bin? *(Direct child to offering station)*

You can play with the classroom activities until we begin Explore time.

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EXPLORE

The goal of Explore is to help kids connect relationally and think about the Bible story. It should be completed in small groups of 5-7 kids per one Ministry Partner.



DISCUSS: God Keeps His Promises!

Help kids connect relationally and to the daily lesson by participating in the Bag of Wonder activity together.

Bag of Wonder: rainbow

SAY:

We are going to take turns passing around this Bag of Wonder! It has something inside that helps us think about our lesson today. You can hold it, smell it, shake it, touch it...but no peeking inside! What do you think it could be? You each get 1 guess!

DO:

Pass the Bag of Wonder around until each child has had a turn holding it and guessing what's in the bag. Offer hints to help the kids guess the item.

SAY:

I *wonder* why this item is in our Bag of Wonder today! Our lesson is about how **God Keeps His Promises!** This true story comes from the Bible in **Genesis 6-9!** *(Open your Bible to show the kids the verse is in the Bible then read the explanation below).*

CONNECTION: When all the people on earth were sinning so much, God sent a big flood to destroy the earth. But He had a plan to keep Noah and His family safe. When it was over, God put a rainbow in the sky to promise that He would never flood the whole earth again!



CONNECT: Why Does It Matter?

Help kids prepare for the lesson by thinking through the Big 3 questions and how the lesson relates to them, personally.

SAY:

Let's answer **THE BIG 3** questions for today's lesson!

1. Who is our story about today? **Noah**
2. What is the problem? **The people were sinning too much, so God sent a flood to wipe out the earth.**
3. What will God do? **God told a faithful man, Noah, to build a boat to protect his family and 2 of each animal. Then, he sent a rainbow to show his promise to never flood the earth again.**

SAY:

Let's connect to the story! Think about these things during our lesson:

1. Why does this matter to me?
2. How can I apply this to my own life?



MAKE: Rainbow Promise Cloud

Help kids think about the lesson further and have fun by doing this activity!

Supplies: Cloud cut out, colorful paper strips, markers/crayons, "God Keeps His Promises" sticker

DO:

Pass out one cloud per child. Give them six paper strips (1 of each color: red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple). Have them glue the rainbow strips under the cloud. Then allow them to color and place the "God Keeps His Promises" sticker on the front.

SAY:

Today we get to learn about Noah and how God had a plan to save his family from a big flood. God also sent a rainbow as a sign of His promise to never flood the earth again. Let's make a craft to remind us that God keeps His promises to us too.



CLEAN UP: Transition to Large Group

Ask kids to clean up the activity or save it to finish for the end of class. Then, ask kids to line up and/or transition to Large Group.



Craft Example



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LARGE GROUP

The goal of Large Group is to help kids grow in their relationship with God by participating in Worship and hearing an engaging Bible story.



EXPECTATIONS

As kids transition to Large Group time, play the expectations video.



HOST MOMENT

After the Large Group expectations video is finished, the Host should welcome the kids in an engaging way and share the daily host content.



SAY:

Welcome! We're so glad you're here today! Let's take a few minutes to look at our Missions project for the day and our Key Verse.

MISSION FOCUS

Introduce or share an update about the current mission focus.

KEY VERSE

Introduce the key verse then have the kids watch the Key Verse video.

PRAY FOR WORSHIP & BIBLE LESSON



WORSHIP

Invite your Worship Leader to come up and play the worship song videos. Encourage kids to participate and be respectful to others.

SONG 1: When I Look

SONG 2: Promises



LESSON VIDEO

Play the daily Bible lesson video.



WORSHIP RESPONSE

Lead the kids through a quiet time of responding to what God is teaching them.



BLESSING

As Large Group ends, speak this blessing over the kids.

May you always remember that God keeps his promises and you can trust Him to do whatever He says.



TRANSITION

After the blessing, the Host should dismiss the kids to return quietly to their classroom (if applicable) and transition to Respond.

WORSHIP RESPONSE



REFLECT: God Keeps His Promises

Help kids reflect on the lesson by providing a quiet space for the Holy Spirit to work in their hearts as they think about how it applies to them personally.

Worship Response Station

Supplies: rainbow garland (hung on response board), “promise” cards



SAY:

God keeps his promises, just like He promised to protect Noah and his family and to never flood the earth again. God sent a rainbow in the sky as a symbol of this promise. Each time we see a rainbow, we can remember God’s promise!



DO:

- Ask the kids to quietly participate in the following activity. Say:
 - ***Quietly walk to one of the boards and look at the rainbow garland hanging across the board. These rainbows remind us of God’s promises.***
 - ***Take a card that says “God Keeps His Promises - I will trust Him” and think about what this means.***
 - ***Clip the card to the garland as a way of showing God that you will trust Him to keep His promises.***
 - ***When you’re done, sit down quietly and wait for others to finish. You can listen to the music, pray quietly or just sit still.***
- Close the time by praying over the kids.



SAY:

As you leave today, remember that God Keeps His promises and you can trust Him in everything you do!

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RESPOND

The goal of Respond is for kids to think about the lesson and how it applies to them. It should be completed in small groups of 5-7 kids per one Ministry Partner.



APPLY: Why Does it Matter?

Help kids process what they learned in the lesson by answering the Big 3 questions you asked at the beginning of class.



SAY:
Let's answer THE BIG 3 questions for today's lesson!

1. Who was our story about today? **Noah**
2. What was the problem? **The people were sinning too much, so God sent a flood to wipe out the earth.**
3. What did God do? **God told a faithful man, Noah, to build a boat to protect his family and 2 of each animal. Then, he sent a rainbow to show his promise to never flood the earth again.**



SAY:
Let's connect to the story!

1. Why does this matter to me? **We can always trust God because He keeps His promises.**
2. How can I apply this to my own life? **Model an example, then ask kids to share**



PRAY: Connect Relationally

Help kids understand the power of praying together. Use the Prayer Tags from Check-In to write down prayer requests to take home and pray for during the week.



SAY:
Does anyone have a prayer request they'd like to share? You can also share with a leader privately, if you don't want to share aloud.



DO:
Invite kids to pray for each other, then the leader closes in prayer.

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CHECK-OUT

The goal of check-out is to re-connect kids with their parent and communicate any upcoming events or announcements as families leave.



DO:
Encourage kids to finish their activities or play classroom games until their parent comes to pick them up.

As kids get picked up, mention any announcements while handing their parent the announcement card and the weekly **Lesson Card**.