GOD is a . . .

Promise Keeper

"I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth."

Genesis 9:13



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OBJECTIVE: Yes, this lesson is more about the flooding of the earth, but more important is the focus on the character of God. He made promises to Noah and his family as well as those concerning the earth and He proved to be a PROMISE KEEPER.

- Simple Truths In this lesson, your children can learn that GOD loves His creation so much and demonstrates that love by making promises and keeping them. This is also a great opportunity to discuss with your children about the importance of our keeping committments and promises that we make to others.
 - **Activity Pages:** These pages are not just something to do; they are intended to be learning opportunities, so enjoy them together. Follow instructions on each page.
 - #1 PRAYER TIME STORY TIME: God is a Promise Keeper
 - #2 GENESIS Review Promise Puzzle
 - #3 GOD'S Promise to Noah
 - #4 I Wonder ????
- Enjoy singing & Rainbow Reminder learning together:
- **Memorize** together, Genesis 9:13 or any of the other selected verses for more challenge.

(Permission granted to make extra copies of coloring or game page for other children in the family as needed.)

Simple Truths



GOD Makes Promises

Are all GOD'S promises the same? --- NO

--Sometimes GOD makes promises to people concerning the earth and it's inhabitants: for destruction.

"I am going to bring floodwaters on the earthy to destroy all life under the heavens, every creature that has breath of life in it. Everything on earth will perish." (Genesis 6:17)

--Sometimes GOD makes promises to people concerning the earth and it's inhabitants: for protection or rescue.

"But I will establish my covenant with you (Noah), and you will enter the ark--you and your sons and your wife and your sons' wives with you." (Genesis 6:18)

"You are to bring into the ark two of all living creatures, male and female, to keep them alive with you. Two of every kind of bird, of every kind of animal and of every kind of creature that moves along the ground will come to you to be kept alive." (Genesis 6:19 & 20)

What is a Covenant?

- --This is suppose to be a binding agreement between two parties, but sometimes people do not keep their promises.
- --This covenant with NOAH is the first of many that GOD makes with mankind and the earth.

"I establish my covenant with you: Never again will all life be cut off by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth." (Genesis 9:11)



GOD Keeps His Promises.

How do we know GOD keeps His promises?

- --GOD'S word and His character can be trusted.
- --Time has tested and proven that He always does what He says He will do.
- "Your Word, O LORD, is eternal; it stands firm in heaven." (Psalm 119:89)

". . .What I have said, that will I bring about; what I have planned, that wlll I do." (Ephesians 1:11)



Sometimes GOD gives a Sign.

What sign did GOD give Noah?

--God provided a beautiful rainbow of color created by the moisture of the clouds and sunshine.

"And God said, This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come: I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth." (Genesis 9:12 & 13)

- --This sign was promised for all generations, not just for Noah.
 - ". . .This is the sign of the covenant . . .a covenant for all generations to come" (Genesis 9:12)
- --In future study of God's Word we will see other signs He provided with the covenants He made with mankind.



GOD deserves Worship

Why should we worship GOD?

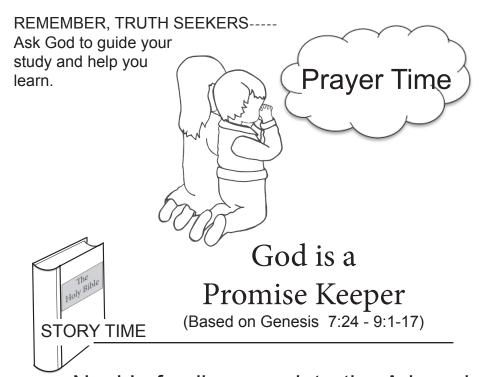
- --We can trust God; He keeps His promises.
- --God protected Noah and all on the Ark just as He had promised.

"Then <u>Noah built an altar to the LORD</u> and taking some of all the clean animals and clean birds, he sacrificed burnt offerings on it." (Genesis 8:20)

How does GOD respond to our offerings of praise and worship?

--God is pleased when we worship and obey Him.

"The LORD smelled the pleasing aroma and said in his heart: . . . never again will I destroy all living creatures, as I have done." (Genesis 8:21)



Noah's family came into the Ark and prepared for the coming rain that God said would flood the earth and kill any people, animals and birds that were not safe in the Ark. God brought two of every kind of animal and bird to Noah and he put them into the Ark, then God shut the door. He promised to keep Noah, his family and these animals and birds safe during the flood. It began to rain. . .it rained for forty days and nights.

Soon the water covered the whole earth,

even the tops of the mountains. Then . . . the rained stopped; was it time to get out the Ark? Oh no. The water still covered the earth. Did God forget about Noah's family and the BIG floating Zoo? No, of course not! Instead, He caused a BIG WIND to come and dry up the water, but it took a long time, almost a whole year--Wow!

The Ark landed on the top of the mountains of Ararat as the water dried up. God told Noah it was time to leave the Ark.

In the clouds, above the Ark, appeared a beautiful rainbow. God told Noah that the rainbow was to be a sign of God's promise to never destroy the earth again with a flood.

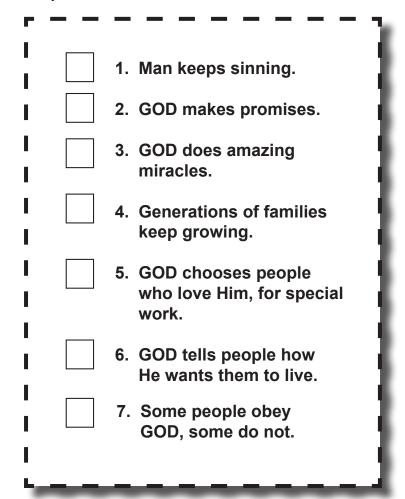
Well. . . guess what? Everything happened just as God said it would. God kept the promises He made to Noah. We can trust God too, because He is a PROMISE KEEPER.

GENESIS Review. . .

the first BOOK of the LAW

DO YOU REMEMBER these things that are true in this book of GOD'S BIG STORY?

Put a check in each box that is <u>true of this lesson's story</u>.

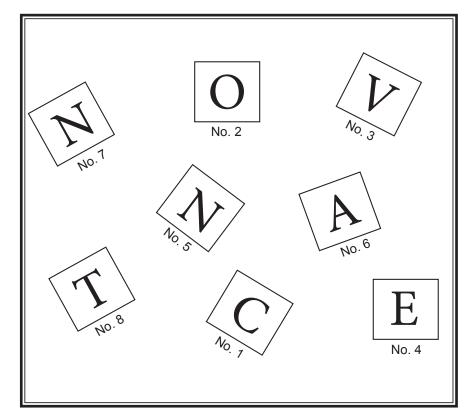


Promise is another word for



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Write the correct letters on the lines above to discover the word to complete the sentence.



CLUE: Genesis 9:12

