

Parent Take-Home Sheet Reach Community Church – Children's Ministry

THIS WEEK'S LESSON AT A GLANCE

Lesson Title: God's Promise After the Flood Bible Passage(s): Genesis 9:1–17 Big Idea: God always keeps His promises, and we can trust His Word.

MEMORY VERSE

"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

Tip for Parents: A covenant is a very strong promise. Remind your child that God chose the rainbow to help people remember that He keeps His promises.

TODAY YOUR CHILD LEARNED...

Your child learned what happened after the Flood and how God made a covenant with Noah and all living creatures. They learned that it rained for forty days and forty nights, that Noah and his family were on the ark for about one full year, and that the waters slowly went down over many months.

They also learned what life was really like on the ark. Inside the ark it was dark, noisy, and uncomfortable. The ark was rocked by powerful waters for a long time, even while the floodwaters were going down. Noah and his family had to trust God day after day, even when they could not see what was happening outside.

They also learned that God provided for people in a changed world, made a promise never to destroy the earth with a flood again, and gave the rainbow as a sign of His faithfulness. Most importantly, they learned that God can always be trusted.

WHY THIS LESSON MATTERS

This lesson teaches children that God is faithful and unchanging. Even after judgment, God shows mercy and care. God's covenant with Noah points forward to Jesus, because God's greatest promise is forgiveness and new life through His Son. When children learn that God keeps His promises, they learn they can trust Him with their lives.

DEFENDING THE TRUTH (AT HOME)

A Question Children Often Ask: "Does God still keep His promises today?"

A Simple Biblical Answer: Yes. The Bible teaches that God always keeps His promises, and every promise God has made is fulfilled in Jesus.

Scripture to Read Together: Genesis 9:13–16 2 Corinthians 1:20

TALK ABOUT IT AT HOME

Family Discussion Question: Why do you think Noah and his family had to trust God for such a long time on the ark?

Optional Follow-Up Question: How can we trust God when we have to wait for answers?

TRY THIS AS A FAMILY

The next time you see a rainbow, pause together and thank God for keeping His promises. You may also draw a rainbow together and write the words: "God keeps His promises."

PRAYER TO PRAY TOGETHER

"God, thank You for keeping Your promises. Thank You for caring for Noah and his family, and for caring for us today. Help us trust You even when we have to wait. Thank You for Jesus, Your greatest promise. Amen."

A FINAL THOUGHT FOR PARENTS

The Flood was a real, world-changing event. Scripture teaches that the earth before the Flood was very different from the world we see today, and that God reshaped the earth during and after the Flood. As parents, this is a wonderful opportunity to grow alongside your child. Reading Genesis 6-9 together can help your family better understand God's power, His patience, and His faithfulness.

If you would like to learn more as a parent, consider watching the documentary *The Ark and the Darkness*. This film is over two hours long and provides thoughtful detail about what the world may have been like before the Flood, what Noah and his family likely experienced on the ark, and scientific evidence that supports a global Flood. It is designed for adults and older teens and can help deepen your understanding so you feel more confident answering questions your child may ask.

You can find the documentary here: https://youtu.be/1sUaQAmMA8U?si=EMi_h-80vmoJhbma

Small moments of trust matter. As you talk with your child this week, remember that God is patient and faithful with families just as He was with Noah. God is at work, even during seasons of waiting.