

HOW GREAT THOU ART STUDIO

Golf Course Road Church of Christ Children's Ministry

Bible Background

Genesis 6-9:17

Focus

God's Covenant (Rainbow)

Memory Verse

"Call out to me. I will answer you. I will tell you great things you do not know. you will not be able to understand them."

Jeremiah 33:3

Materials Needed:

- 1 paper towel tube per child
- 2 circular pieces of round paper per child
- Aluminum foil
- 1/3 cup dried beans per child
- glue stick
- Rainbow colors washi tape
- Poster board and markers



Lessons in this Rotation:

Sunday Morning:

- Museum of Biblical History:* Tower of Babel
- How Great Thou Art Studio:* God's Covenant (Rainbow)
- Matters of Faith Lab:* God's Directions for the Ark
- Let there be Light Theatre:* Noah's Faith

Wednesday Night:

- Good News Game Room:* Review of Creation, Noah & Babel
- World Changers Central:* God's Mission to Reach the World
- Heart & Soul:* Re-Creation
- Connect:* Fear vs. Faith

Sunday Rotation Schedule:

DATE	MUSEUM	ART	SCIENCE	DRAMA
9/22/19	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
9/23/19	2nd	1st	4th	3rd
10/6/19	3rd	4th	1st	2nd
10/13/19	4th	3rd	2nd	1st

Introduction

Have you ever made a promise? (**allow children to answer with examples**) Did you keep your promise? Why is it important to keep a promise? **Allow for answers.**

There are two types of promises—conditional and unconditional. If I came in here and said, “I promise I’ll bring donuts for everyone next week!” that’s an unconditional promise because I’m not making you do anything to get the donuts. If I said, “I promise to bring donuts next week if everyone brings their Bibles!” that’s a conditional promise because you have to do something to get the donuts. You can probably think of lots of examples of conditional promises in your life—for example: “You can watch TV if you finish your homework.”

Have you ever heard the word covenant? A covenant is an extra special promise. In Genesis 9:8-17, God makes a covenant with Noah. This is a very important part of the story because it is the first time in the Bible that God makes a covenant. And God’s covenant with Noah is unconditional and it’s for all of us! Let’s find out more about this unconditional promise!

Story

Genesis 6-9:17

Read through the Bible story on your own beforehand and feel free to tell it in your own words. Use your Bible to help tell the story and encourage the children to follow along.

Hundreds of years after Adam and Eve, their children, grandchildren, and so on lived on the earth, the Bible says that all people had become very evil. During this time, God saw how wicked people had become, He was very sad! God could not bear to see the people He had created destroying themselves through their evil lives, so He decided to destroy every living thing except for a man named Noah and his family. The Bible says Noah was “righteous...and walked faithfully with God” (v.9). God told Noah to build an ark or big boat.

I would like three volunteers who enjoy drawing to join me at the front of the class. I want one of you to start drawing the ark on this piece of paper. Use your imagination and draw it however you would like! I want the rest of you to draw animals coming towards the ark. As you guys draw, I’m going to keep telling the story. God told Noah to bring into the ark two of some kinds of animals and seven of other kinds of animals. God told Noah He was going to send a flood that would destroy all living things, but He wanted Noah and his family to enter the ark first. Can one of you please draw eight people on the ark to represent Noah and his family?

Let’s all look at Genesis 6:18—God tells Noah that He will establish His covenant with him. What is a covenant again? **Allow for answers.** That’s right, it’s an extra special promise, and when God makes a promise, He never, ever breaks it! God keeps His covenant promises. How’s the drawing coming along? Can you guys begin to add some flood waters because it rained for 40 days and 40 nights straight! Even after the rain stopped, the earth remained covered for months.

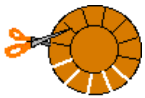
Almost one year later, the ark bumped up against Mount Ararat and rested on it. God told Noah, his family, and all the animals to leave the ark. The first thing Noah did was worship God. God saw Noah and was pleased with him. Let’s read the covenant God made with Noah in Genesis 9:11—“Never again will all life be cut off by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth.” In order to “seal” the covenant, God gave Noah a sign. Do you know what it was? **Allow for answers.** Yes! A rainbow! Let’s read Genesis 9:13 together—“I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.”

God's covenant is unconditional—even if Noah and his family sinned—which they did—God would never flood the earth again. God's covenant with Noah is also a covenant with us! When we see a rainbow, we can remember that God is a covenant keeper. He always keeps His promises.

Artists, can you add a rainbow to the top of your drawing? Can anyone name the colors of the rainbow in order? There's a simple trick to help you remember the colors: ROY G BIV. R=red O=orange Y=yellow G=green B=blue I=indigo V=violet. Look at that beautiful drawing! Thank you artists! Let's give them a round of applause.

Now all of you are going to be artists. We're going to make rainsticks for you to take home. The noise it makes will remind you of the 40 days and 40 nights of rain. On the outside of your rainstick we're going to decorate with pieces of tape in rainbow order to remind you of God's covenant with Noah.

Rainstick Craft



1. Trace around the end of your tube onto a piece of brown paper (or construction paper).

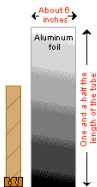
2. Draw a bigger circle around that circle and then draw a lot of spokes between the two circles.

3. Cut along the spokes.

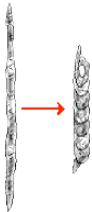
4. Put glue on the spokes and glue the cap onto one end of your tube.



5. Cut a piece of aluminum foil that is about one and a half times the length of your tube and about 6" wide.



6. Crunch the aluminum foil into two long, thin snake-like shapes. Then twist each one into a spring shape.



7. Put the aluminum foil springs into your tube.

8. Pour some dry beans, dry rice, or unpopped popcorn into your tube. The tube should only be about 1/10 full.



9. Make another cap from brown paper (the same as the first steps) and cap your tube.

10. Decorate the tube by covering it with brightly colored washi tape in rainbow order.



Sources

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