



CREATION AND THE BEGINNING OF HUMAN HISTORY

#32 - God's Promise to Noah
Genesis 8:20-9:17

PICTURES NEEDED

32-1 God's promise to Noah

32-2 What makes a rainbow

REVIEW

- **Big Question:** What can we trust in times of trouble?

We can always trust that God is our rock and keeps us safe.

- **Lesson Rhyme:** Review the lesson rhyme.

W—W	Make sign of "W"
Wait	Hands up, palms out like "stop"
A dove was sent to fly	Hook thumbs together, palms up, hands crossed
	Wiggle fingers like flying
W—W—Wait	Same as above
Until the land was dry	Move hands apart palms down in front of body
	Wipe hands off like wiping dry



LESSON CONTENT

- **Introduction:** Show visual (picture 32-1)

What is this a picture of?

When Noah came off the ark, the first thing he did was to build an altar and offer a sacrifice to God. This made God happy. God made a promise that he would never again flood the earth. The rainbow is a sign of God's promise to Noah.

The big question for this week is: **What was God's promise to Noah after the flood?**

Listen as I read the lesson book and see if you can answer the question afterwards.

- **Lesson Book:** Read the book. Refer to the attached daily discussion questions.

Title: What is the promise of the rainbow?

Page 1 – Genesis 8:18

(picture of barren earth)

The world was not the same
when Noah came off the ark.
Before the flood earth had been
like a verdant park.
But water from the flood
wiped out every plant and tree.
It was left quite barren
with nothing much to see.

Page 2 – Genesis 8:20-21

(picture of Noah offering a sacrifice)

Noah still was grateful
and an altar he did build.
Knowing that eventually
the earth more crops would yield.
Noah made a sacrifice,
which pleased God in his heart.
And so God made a promise
from which he won't depart.

Page 3 – Genesis 9:15-16

(picture of a rainbow)

God said another flood
he would never send,
Even though the sin of men
is never going to end.
The rainbow is a sign
of the promise God did make.
And when God makes a promise,
it is never a mistake.

Page 4 – Genesis 9:2-3

(picture of Tigers in the wild)

The flood changed the relationship
between animals and men.
God said there would be fear and dread
between the two of them.
Before the flood God commanded
to eat only food from plants.
But afterwards the animals
as a source of food he grants.

Page 5 – Isaiah 3:8-9

(picture of people fighting)

The perfect world God made
has never been the same.
Since men refuse to call on God
and won't bow before his name.
The hearts of men want evil;
they follow their own way.
And what is good and right
they choose to disobey.

Page 6 – Hebrews 1:10-12

(picture of the sun and beautiful earth)

God says this fallen world,
will one day pass away.
And Christ will reign as king
on that great and glorious day.
When the things of this earth
all are in the past
Our relationship with God
e-tern-al-ly will last.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Page 1: What was the earth like before the flood? What does verdant mean? Why wasn't the earth the same after the flood? What would the earth have been like after the flood?

Page 2: What did Noah do to thank God? What did Noah have to be thankful for?

Page 3: What did God promise Noah after the flood? What is the sign of that promise?

Page 4: What happened to the relationship between people and animals after the flood? What could people now eat? Why do you think God changed what people could eat?

Page 5: Why do men refuse to follow God and do what is right? How does that affect the earth?

Page 6: What will happen one day to the earth we live on? What lasts forever? What does that mean for you?

Review: Select a couple questions from above to ask the students again.

- Prayer: Thank God that he is eternal and that you will live with him forever. Pray that you would focus more on God and what is important to him than on the world and the things that will all pass away.
- The Big Question: **What was God's promise to Noah after the flood?**
The earth will never again be destroyed by a flood.

ACTIVITIES

Any age appropriate activity can be included which fits into the club time. The activities with a star are included on the class notes handout sheet.

★ **Lesson Rhyme:** Practice the lesson rhyme with movements.

R—R	Make sign of "R"
Rainbow	Spread fingers apart, move in arc in front of body
A promise	Put hand up like "I swear"
to all men	Point out & around with index finger
R—R—Rainbow	Same as above
The earth	Make circle with arms over head
won't	Shake index finger & head "no"
flood again	Quickly move arms out front and to sides



★ **Activity:** Color the Rainbow

Instructions: Have the children color in the rainbow.

Questions: How many colors are in a rainbow? What are the colors of the rainbow? What does the rainbow promise?

★ **Letter/Sound Recognition:** Say the sound of and trace over each letter in the boxes. With which sound does Rainbow begin?

★ **Coloring:** Color in the lesson picture.

- **Craft:** Rainbow Streamers (picture 32-2)

As a reminder that God sent a rainbow as a sign that he would never again destroy the earth by a flood, make a rainbow streamer.

Materials: yellow cover stock paper, white paper or colored (red, blue, yellow, green, orange) strips of paper (tissue, crepe, construction, etc.), string, scissors, glue stick.

Preparation: Run off the craft 32 sunburst on yellow cover stock paper. Run off the colored strips on white paper or cut strips of tissue, crepe or construction paper of the different colors that make up a rainbow.

Instructions: Cut out the sunburst and the strips of paper. Glue the strips of paper to the sunburst. Punch a hole at the top and attach a loop of string to hang it from.

- **Game:** Find the colors of the rainbow

As a reminder that God sent a rainbow as a sign that he would never again destroy the earth by a flood, play find the colors of the rainbow.

Instructions: Hide pieces of paper that are the colors in a rainbow. Divide into teams. The first team to find all the colors of the rainbow wins.

- **Song:** God is So Good

God is so good, God is so good,

God is so good, He's so good to me

JOURNAL

The journal is passed out at the end of class for the students to complete at home. It has six poetic readings and related Bible verses. It would be beneficial for the teacher to read through and be familiar with its content.