

## Story Time - Read the story to the children

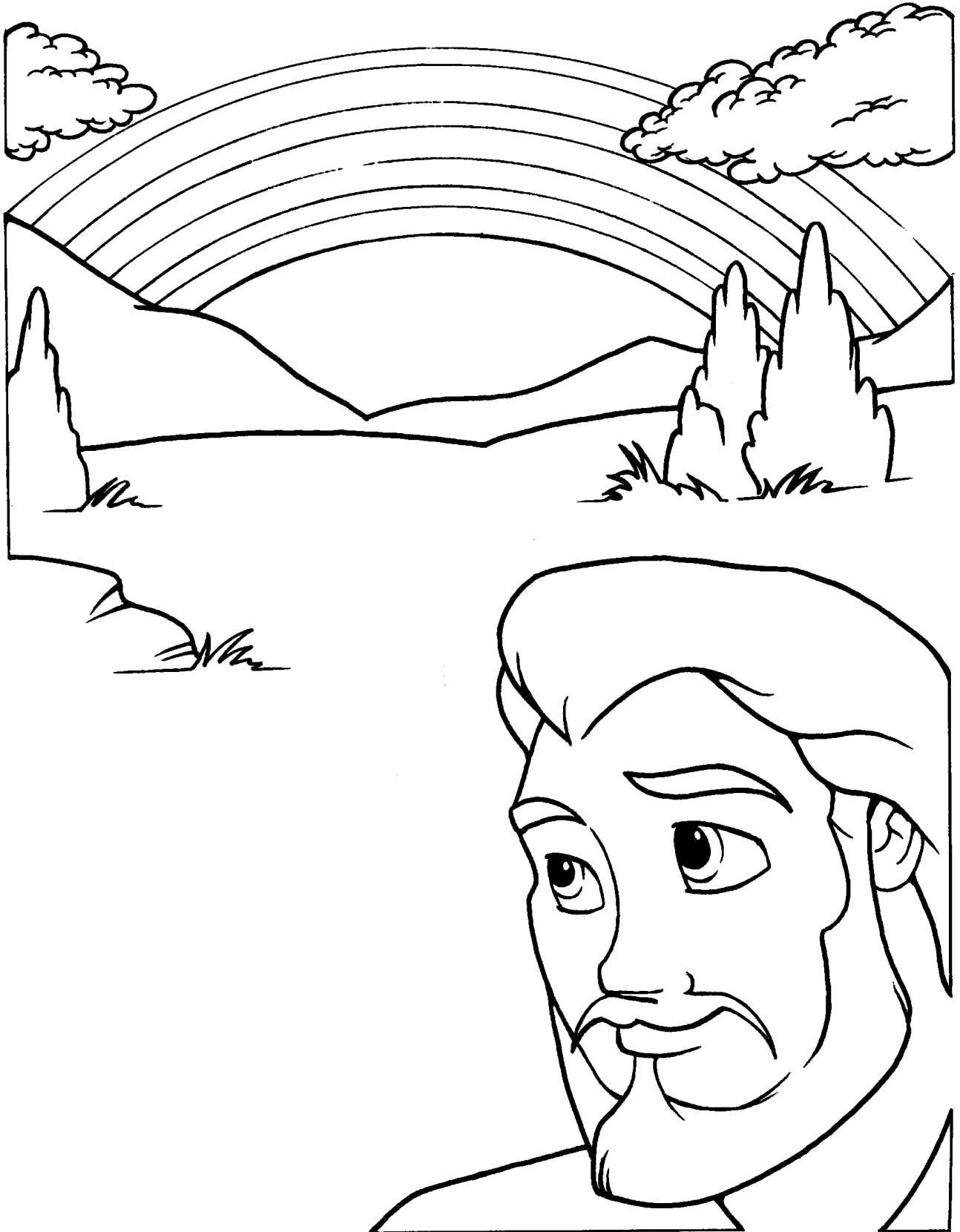
### Lesson 9: GOD'S COVENANT

#### GENESIS 8:20-9:17

Then Noah built an altar to honor the LORD. Noah took some of all the clean birds and some of all the clean animals and burned them on the altar as a gift to God. The LORD smelled these sacrifices, and it pleased Him. The LORD said to Himself, "I will never again curse the earth as a way to punish people. People are evil from the time they are young, but I will never again destroy every living thing on the earth as I did this time. As long as the earth continues, there will always be a time for planting and a time for harvest. There will always be cold and hot, summer and winter, day and night on earth." God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, "Have many children. Fill the earth with your people. Every animal on earth, every bird in the air, every animal that crawls on the ground, and every fish in the sea will be afraid of you. All of them will be under your control. In the past, I gave you the green plants to eat. Now every animal will also be food for you. I give you everything on earth--it is yours. But I give you one command. You must not eat meat that still has its life (blood) in it. Also, I will demand your blood for your lives. That is, I will demand the life of any person or animal that takes a human life. "God made humans to be like himself. So whoever kills a person must be killed by another person. "Have many children and fill the earth with your people." Then God said to Noah and his sons, "I now make my promise to you and to your people who will live after you. I make my promise to all the birds, and to all the cattle, and to all the animals that came out of the boat with you. I make my promise to every living thing on earth. This is my promise to you: All life on the earth was destroyed by the flood. But that will never happen again. A flood will never again destroy all life on the earth." And God said, "I will give you something to prove that I made this promise to you. It will continue forever to show that I have made an agreement with you and every living thing on earth. I am putting a rainbow in the clouds as proof of the agreement between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth, you will see the rainbow in the clouds. When I see this rainbow, I will remember the covenant (which means agreement) between me and you and every living thing of all flesh that is on the earth. This covenant (agreement) says that a flood will never again destroy all life on the earth. When I look and see the rainbow in the clouds, I will remember the agreement that continues forever. I will remember the agreement between me and every living thing on the earth." So God said to Noah, "This rainbow is proof of the covenant that I made with all living things on earth."

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"The rainbow will be in the cloud, and I will look at it to remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth."

**GENESIS 9:16**

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### MEMORY VERSE:

*"The rainbow shall be in the cloud, and I will look on it to remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature that is on the earth."* **GENESIS 9:16**

### Review Questions

#### True or False

1. Noah built another ark to the LORD, and took some of the clean animals and of the clean birds and burnt them on it as a gift to God.
2. The LORD smelled the offerings and it pleased Him.
3. The LORD said, "I will never again curse the earth because of people."
4. So God did not bless Noah or his sons.
5. Then God promised Noah and every living thing on the earth that He would never again flood the earth.
6. Then God put a big cloud in the sky as a sign of His promise to Noah and every living thing on the earth.

#### Questions

1. When Noah and his family left the ark, what was the first thing he did?
2. What gift did Noah offer to the Lord?
3. When the Lord smelled the burnt offering, what did He say to Himself about the earth and all the living creatures on it?
4. What does covenant mean?
5. What did God promise to Noah and all the living creatures on the earth?
6. What did God put in the clouds as a sign of His promise to all the earth?

## Lesson 9 Activity and Craft

### The Promise Game

Place a piece of tape on the floor as a finish line and have volunteers bid or promise they can cross the line in so many hops, steps, skips, backward jumps, or any other mode of that is unpredictable. Have them start their attempt with the phrase, “I promise I will hop over that line in \_\_\_\_ hops. Sometimes they will make it; sometimes they will not.

After allowing everyone that wants to participate to have a try, explain that many people have good intentions, even when they cannot keep their promises, but [God's promises to us last forever](#).

### Rainbow in the Sky

Have your students take five 2” strips of colored construction paper in various colors; you will need red, purple, blue, green and yellow in that order. Give the children another piece of plain or construction paper to tape their colored strips onto in the order above.

Explain to your class that God gave us the rainbow to remind us of His promise. The rainbows they made can remind them that [God's promises to us last forever](#).

### PRAYER

Lead the children in a prayer of thanksgiving for God’s faithfulness in the fulfillment of His promises. If there are any children who have not yet responded to the Gospel, give them opportunity to do so.