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A Rainbow Promise Story



After more than a year in the ark, it must have been wonderful to leave it. Noah's family stepped out into the clean, sweet air.

They stood and smiled in the warm, welcoming sunshine. It was probably a bit scary, too. The world looked so different, and it was so quiet. The eight people who walked off the ark were the only people left on the entire earth. They were starting over, alone and together. Soon, the animals were freed. Noah's family must have seen their joy and excitement. They must have laughed as the animals pranced and danced.

When the ark was empty, the first thing Noah did was build an altar and have family worship. God was pleased by their worship and blessed the family. He said, "Be fruitful and increase in number; multiply on the earth and increase upon it" ([Genesis 9:7](#)).

Then God gave Noah, his sons, and every generation yet to come a promise. Brilliant colors splashed across the sky in what was surely the most perfect rainbow ever. That first arch of color in the heavens must have filled the tiny family with awe and wonder. But it was more than just a beautiful display of color. It was a rainbow promise! For God said to Noah, "I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth. . . . Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life. Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all

living creatures of every kind on the earth" ([Genesis 9:13-16](#)). God knew the sight of clouds might frighten Noah's family in the days ahead. The splatter of the first raindrops might fill these survivors with fear. Would it be the start of another flood? Would they, too, be wiped off the earth? No. They didn't need to worry. God had given them His promise.

This one special family had been through a lot together. For more than a year they had worked together on the ark. For long days and nights, they had drifted together on an endless ocean. They had worked hard to care for all those animals. And now they were to resettle the earth and start over. God had given them something very precious. He gave them the experience of the rainbow to share. It would be a blessing and a promise to treasure forever—for them and for us. We



too, belong to a special family. Our family of believers includes those in our churches and schools, as well as our families at home.

And we, too, have been given a special work to do. We will go through a lot together over the years. And the experiences we share will bring us closer together. And God has given us our own "rainbows" —blessings and promises. He will help us do what He has asked. Noah's family was well cared for inside and outside the ark. They were thankful to God for His love and protection.

When you see a rainbow, think of God's love for you. And thank Him for keeping His rainbow promise—and all His promises.



A Rainbow Promise Questions

How many people survived the flood?

What was the promise God gave Noah and his sons?

What was the first thing Noah and his family did after leaving the ark?

Describe how you'd feel if you were the ninth person along with Noah and his family to survive the flood?



A Rainbow Promise Coloring Page



A Rainbow Promise Craft



Rainbow Art Craft

Are you ready for another awesome craft idea to assist you in remembering today's lesson? Well let's begin making our very own Rainbow art Craft!

Step 1

The first thing you will want to do is print out the cloud printable onto [white cardstock](#), or you can draw your own cloud pattern. Then [cut](#) them out and write or color the words "God is FAITHFUL He Keeps His Promises!" onto the cloud pattern. Use your rainbow-colored crayons to color the words.

Step 2

Make sure you have [red](#), [orange](#), [yellow](#), [green](#), [blue](#) and [purple](#) strip of construction paper to show all the colors of the rainbow. Next, cut out construction paper into 1 1/4" strips.

Step 3

After that, take your strips of [red](#), [orange](#), [yellow](#), [green](#), [blue](#), and [purple](#) construction paper and [glue](#) it to the back of the cloud.

Step 4

In order to allow the craft to hang, add a piece of [pipe cleaner](#), [yarn](#), or [ribbon](#), and attach it to the top of the cloud on the back with a piece of tape or glue.

Step 5

Once the craft is dry, you can hang it up and always have a reminder that **God is FAITHFUL and Always Keeps his Promises!**



God is

Faithful

He keeps His promises!

A Rainbow Promise Puzzle

The Rainbow of Promise

"Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth." Genesis 9:16

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



E	J	X	V	D	U	N	F	Y	P	A	T	L	S	H	B	K	Q	G	I	R	W	Z	C	O	M
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

- 7-25-11-15 _____
- 16-20-21-5 _____
- 11-7-20-26-11-13-14 _____
- 11-21-17 _____
- 5-1-14-12-21-25-9 _____
- 1-11-21-12-15 _____
- 21-11-20-7-16-25-22 _____
- 24-13-25-6-5 _____
- 24-25-4-1-7-11-7-12 _____
- 8-13-25-25-5 _____

COVENANT	DESTROY	NOAH	CLOUD	RAINBOW
FLOOD	ANIMALS	BIRD	ARK	EARTH

