

NOAH'S BIG BOAT

LESSON SNAPSHOT

BOTTOM LINE:

God keeps His promises.

OBJECTIVE:

Preschoolers will learn that "I can trust God because God keeps His promises."

KEY PASSAGE:

Genesis 9:1-3, 12-17, God's Covenant With Noah

MEMORY VERSE:

"But I trust in you, Lord. I say, 'You are my God.'" Psalm 31:14 (NirV)

SUMMARY:

God put a rainbow in the sky as a sign to Noah that He would never send a flood to destroy the world again. We can trust God because everything He promises is true.

SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God,

Thank you for all your promises.

Amen

MEMORY VERSE

“But I trust in you, Lord. I say, ‘You are my God.’” Psalm 31:14 (NirV)

LARGE GROUP MV ACTIVITY: Review the memory verse with the kids using hand motions. “But I” (Point to your eye.) “Trust in you, Lord.” (Point to Heaven.) “I say” (Put your hand in front of your mouth and move it like a mouth talking.) “You are” (Point to Heaven again.) “My God.” (Cross your arms over your chest.)

SMALL GROUP MV ACTIVITY: Challenge each kid to recite the verse on their own. Coach them if need be, with the words and with the hand motions.

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SKIT OR PUPPET SHOW

TITLE: What's That Thing, Dad?

ITEMS NEEDED: Bible costumes

CHARACTER BREAKDOWN: 2M

CHARACTERS: Noah, Ham

Noah and Ham enter.

NOAH: Well, Ham, it sure is good to be back on dry land.

HAM: You said it, Dad. I am thankful God saved us, but I wouldn't want to spend another half a year on a boat with all those animals. Especially the snakes. Ewww, snakes!

NOAH: I didn't mind the snakes so much. It was the monkeys with their hooting all night that drove me crazy.

HAM: Hey, Dad! Take a look at that!

NOAH: What?

HAM: Up in the sky! That thing with all the colors. It's red and orange and yellow and green and blue and purple!

NOAH: Oh, that thing.

HAM: I've never seen anything like it.

NOAH: I know. It's new.

HAM: You wanna tell me what it is?

NOAH: It's a rainbow.

HAM: I like that name. What's it do?

SKIT OR PUPPET SHOW

NOAH: It reminds us that God made us a promise. He will never, ever flood the whole Earth again.

HAM: Wow. You think He will keep that promise?

NOAH: I know He will.

HAM: How?

NOAH: God told me to build an ark because a flood was coming, and the flood came.

HAM: True.

NOAH: God promised to save my family from the flood, and He did.

HAM: True.

NOAH: God promised to pull the waters back so we could leave the boat and walk on dry land again, and He did.

HAM: True.

NOAH: So when God says He's not going to flood the Earth again, I believe Him!

HAM: God has always kept His Word. I guess we can trust Him.

NOAH: We can always trust God, son, because His word is true!

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SNACK

ITEMS NEEDED: Rainbow goldfish crackers

ADVANCED PREPARATION: Post a sign outside the preschool area that says: "Today's snack is goldfish crackers. Please let your child's teacher know if it is not ok for your child to have this snack."

CONNECTION: Sort the goldfish so everyone gets one of each color. Remind the kids once more that the rainbow reminds us that God's promises are true, and then taste the rainbow!

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CRAFT

ITEMS NEEDED: Paper plates, scissors, crayons

ADVANCED PREPARATION: Cut the paper plates in half.

DIRECTIONS: Have the kids color a rainbow on the paper plate, following the curve of the plate. As you work on this craft, remind the kids that the rainbow is a promise from God, and God always keeps His promise.

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HANDS-ON ACTIVITY

ITEMS NEEDED: A table, Rainbow Goldfish

ADVANCED PREPARATION: None

DIRECTIONS:

Empty a bag of rainbow Goldfish on a table, and work together with the kids to arrange the different colors on the table so you can make a rainbow. Remind the kids that God's promises are true, and He always keeps His promises. He has always kept the promise never to flood the Earth again.

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MAIN LESSON

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WORSHIP TIME:

Prior to the lesson, sing one or two songs with the kids. Use CDs or live lyrics of songs that the kids are familiar with.

LESSON:

Today’s story comes to us from the Bible. (Open the Bible and set it down in front of you as you give the lesson.)

We’ve finally come to the end of Noah’s story. After building an ark, loading it up with two of every kind of animal and his family, Noah rode out the storm and the waves until the flood finally went down.

When the ground was dry and Noah’s family and all the animals left the ark, God put a rainbow in the sky. The rainbow was more than just a beautiful new addition to creation; it was a reminder of God’s promise never to flood the whole Earth again.

God has kept the promise never to flood the Earth again, just as he kept all his other promises to Noah. If you look through the Bible, you’ll see God always keeps His promises, including the promise to send us a Savior, His Son Jesus.

When God makes a promise, He will keep it. We can trust God because He has a good plan. We can trust Him because He is powerful and because He knows our needs. But most of all, we can trust God because His promises are true. He keeps His promises, and He never goes back on His word.

SIMPLE PRAYER:

*Dear God,
Thank you for all your promises.
Amen*

MAIN LESSON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

WIGGLE TAMER: Have the kids stand up and do some stretches. Reach for the sky, and then touch your toes. Stretch your arms to the left and to the right. Then see who can bend their bodies into an arch and make a rainbow shape.

SMALL GROUP MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY: Challenge each kid to recite the verse on their own. Coach them if need be, with the words and with the hand motions.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

What did God put in the sky after the flood ended?

What promise does the rainbow represent?

Does God always keep His promises?

Do you believe we can always trust God to keep His word?

SMALL GROUP GAME OR ACTIVITY: Have the kids act out the story of Noah from the beginning. The leader can facilitate the story telling by narrating and choosing kids to play each part, or the kids can create a scene of their own.

SPECIAL 1 PAGE LESSON FOR 1 & 2 YEAR OLDS

PLAY TIME: Spend the first 15 minutes on the floor playing with the kids. Cars, dolls, blocks, and simple puzzles are great for this time.

BIBLE TIME: Seat the kids in the place they will be having snack. Hold a picture of a rainbow and say, "When God flooded the Earth, He started over with one family and two of every kind of animal. After the water went down, God made a rainbow. The rainbow is God's promise never to flood the whole Earth again. God has kept that promise, as He keeps all His promises. We can trust Him because His promises are true."

LESSON:

God put a rainbow in the sky
And then He said the reason why
God's promises are always true
He keeps His word to me and you.

We can trust because His promises are true.

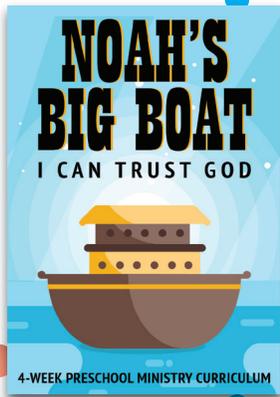
MAKE IT REAL: After the lesson say, "You can trust God because His promises are true." Then point to each child and say, "(Child's name) can trust God because His promises are true."

PRAYER TIME: Ask the children to fold their hands and bow their heads. Say, "Let's pray before our snack. Thank you God for our mommies and our daddies. Thank you for loving me. Thank you for this snack we get to eat. Amen."

SNACK TIME: Wash each child's hand with a wet wipe and then serve the snack. At this age crackers or goldfish with water are generally best, but you always want to be mindful of any food allergies.

POTTY BREAK: After snack is a great time to ask those who are potty trained if they need to use the bathroom, or change diapers of those who are not yet potty trained.

PLAY TIME: Finish the day with more playtime until it's time for dismissal.



MAKE IT STICK

4 Simple Ways You Can Make This Lesson Stick With your Kids

Noah's Big Boat Lesson 4

THIS WEEK'S LESSON: THE RAINBOW



DRIVING:

Ask your child what they learned about this week on the drive home:
The next time it rains, look for a rainbow. Ask your kids what promise the rainbow represents.



PLAYING:

Make this week's lesson real:
Get some markers or crayons, and draw rainbows together. Cut them out and hang them up in the child's room.



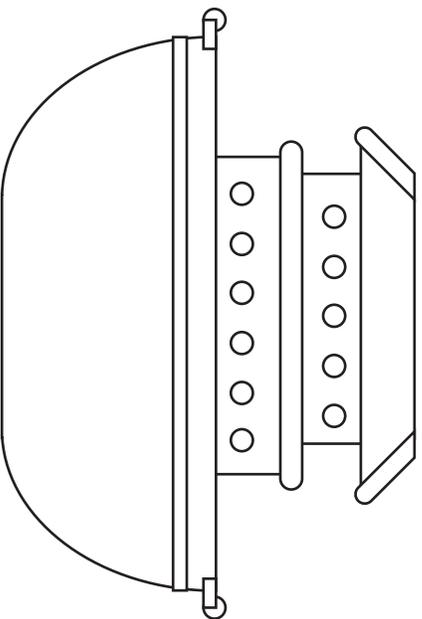
EATING:

During your mealtime prayer, thank God for always keeping His promises.

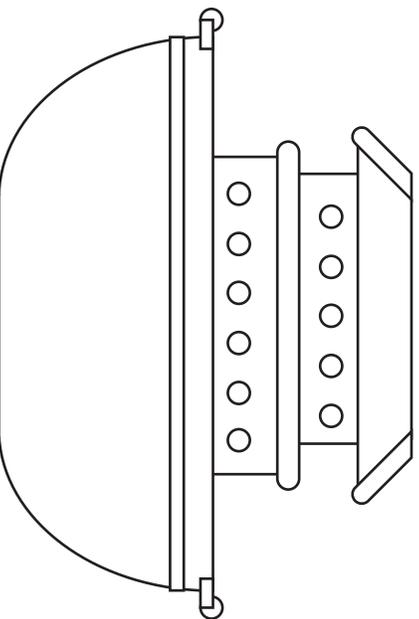


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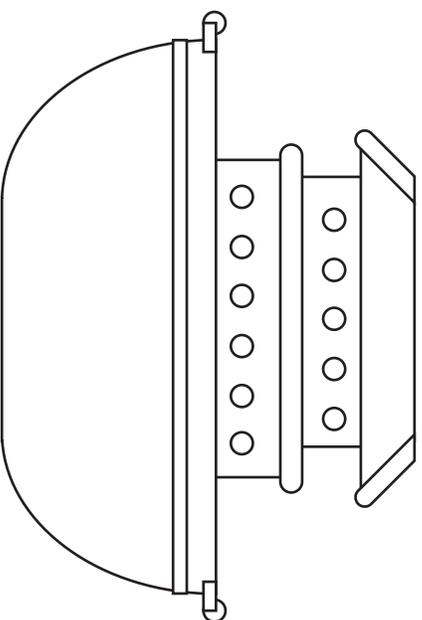
Cuddle up with your little ones. Re-read the Noah story with them in a children's Bible. Remind them that we can trust God because His promises are true. Go over the memory verse together as well. See if they can say it without you saying it first: "But I trust in you, Lord. I say, 'You are my God.'" Psalm 31:14 (NirV)



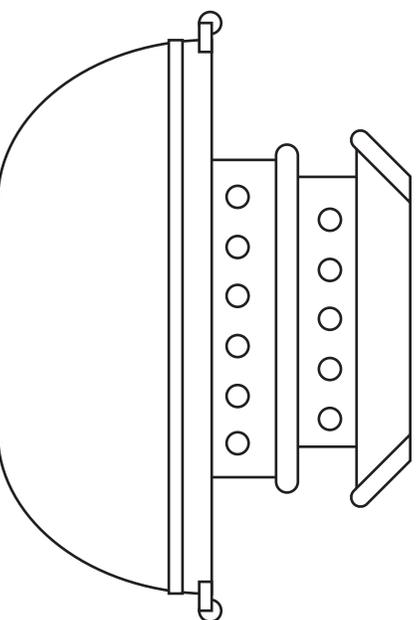
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