



# God Floods the Earth

Genesis 7–8; 9:8-16

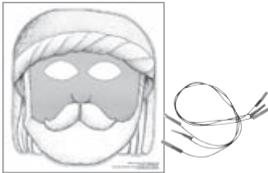
Promises are important to first- and second-graders. They take them seriously, and the words “Do you promise?” often follow a declaration of intent by an adult. Children might understand when a few promises are broken because of unforeseen circumstances, but a string of broken promises can cause a breach of trust. They understand that they can make promises, too, and that it’s important to keep those promises. Promises made and kept by you will help them trust God’s Word and God’s promises! Use this lesson to help kids know and believe that we can always count on God’s promises.



► **Bible Point**  
We can count on God’s promises.

**Key Verse**  
“The Lord is faithful to all his promises and loving toward all he has made” (Psalm 145:13).

**Weaving Faith Into Life**  
Kids will thank God for always keeping his promises.

LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
<b>1</b> Getting Started	<b>Promise Knots</b> <i>(about 10 min.)</i> Make “promise knots” and learn Psalm 145:13.	Bible, two 6-inch pieces of thick yarn per child	
<b>2</b> Bible Exploration	<b>Animals to the Ark</b> <i>(about 5 min.)</i> Read Genesis 7:1-5, and pass stuffed animals from one end of the room to an “ark.”	Bibles, CD player, at least 10 stuffed animals or paper and a marker, copies of the lyrics page (at the end of the lesson) (optional) <b>Teacher Pack:</b> CD	If you don’t have stuffed animals, crumple paper into balls and draw faces on the balls with a marker.
	<b>Ark Experience</b> <i>(about 30 min.)</i> Experience what happened to Noah on the ark described in Genesis 7–8.	Bibles, My Bible Fun, paper, several pairs of scissors <b>Teacher Pack:</b> CD, Bible Person Masks and elastic 	Tear out the Lesson 6 pages from each My Bible Fun student book. Punch out the white eyes from the masks. Push the metal ends of the elastic pieces through the small holes above the ears on the white-haired male and female masks.

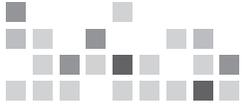
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LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
<b>3</b> Weaving Faith Into Life	<b>Rainbow Recognition</b> <i>(about 10 min.)</i> Color rainbows, and choose a color to remind them of God's faithfulness and love.	CD player, My Bible Fun, crayons, birds from the "Ark Experience" activity <b>Teacher Pack: CD</b>	
<b>4</b> Lasting Impressions	<b>Daily Challenges</b> <i>(about 5 min.)</i> Choose a Daily Challenge to apply God's Word.	My Bible Fun	
	<b>Weaving Faith at Home</b> <i>(about 2 min.)</i> Talk about how to share what they learned with their families.		

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## Promise Knots Supplies

Bible  
two 6-inch pieces of  
yarn per child

# 1 GETTING STARTED

## Promise Knots

### What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Welcome kids warmly as they arrive, and ask them how their week went.

Gather everyone together.

Say: **Today we'll learn that ► WE CAN COUNT ON GOD'S PROMISES. To understand how reliable God's promises are, let's make "promise knots."**

Distribute two 6-inch pieces of thick yarn to each child. Say: **The two pieces of yarn you hold now are like God and his promises.**

Show kids how to knot the two pieces of yarn together on both ends, making secure knots that won't pull apart.

1. Place the two pieces parallel to each other on the floor.
2. Curve the right ends up and then behind the pieces of yarn to make a loop.
3. Curve the short ends up, then poke them through the loop and pull.
4. Repeat the steps with the left ends of the yarn to close both ends.

When kids have finished their knot loops, have them sit in a circle.

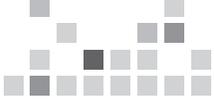
Say: **These two pieces of yarn are knotted together so tightly that they won't come apart.** Have kids pull on their yarn to test this.

Open your Bible to Psalm 145:13, and show kids the verse. Then read it aloud: **"The Lord is faithful to all his promises and loving toward all he has made" (Psalm 145:13).** Have kids repeat the verse with you.



Say: **Like our knots that won't come apart, God is so faithful to his promises that he'll never break them. When God makes promises, they're even more unbreakable than these promise knots.**

**Think of a promise God's made to you. For example, God promises to always take care of you, protect you, and provide you with the things you need. Pause. Now take a moment to pray to God, thanking him that he'll keep his promises, and as you pray, pull on your knots. Allow time.**



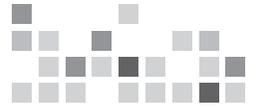
## Talk With Kids

Lead children in this discussion.

Ask:

- What kinds of promises have people made to you?
- What kinds of promises have you made to other people?
- Explain whether you or other people always keep their promises.
- What helps you know God is different and will always keep his promises?

Say: ► **WE CAN COUNT ON GOD’S PROMISES—always.** Today we’ll hear about a promise God made to Noah.



## 2

## BIBLE EXPLORATION

# Animals to the Ark

## What You’ll Do

Open your Bible to Genesis 7, and show kids the passage. Help kids find the verses in their own Bibles. Say: **In Genesis 7, we’ll hear about how God made a promise to Noah. Let’s hear how it all started.** Invite children to read aloud verses 1-5, or read them aloud yourself. Then say: **Let’s play a game to get all the animals to the ark.**

Have kids form two teams, and have the teams line up evenly across the width of the room with their team members. Place a pile of stuffed animals at one end of each line.

Say: **Let’s see if you can safely get all the animals to the “ark” at the other end of the room.**

Explain that kids will pass the stuffed animals down the line from one end to the other. Say: **You can only pass—not throw—the stuffed animals to each other. And if you drop an animal, you have to pass it back to the beginning of the line and try again.**

Play “Arky, Arky” (track 13 on the CD) while the children play the game. If you have time, play the song again when the game is over so the kids can sing along. (If you’d like, you can hand out copies of the lyrics page at the end of this lesson.)

 **The Lord told Noah, there’s gonna be a floody, floody.  
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Get those animals out of the muddy, muddy,  
Children of the Lord.**

## Animals to the Ark Supplies

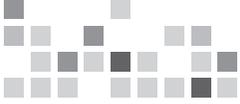
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CD player  
at least 10 stuffed animals or paper and a marker  
copies of the lyrics page (at the end of the lesson) (optional)

**Teacher Pack**  
CD: “Arky, Arky” (track 13)

## Animals to the Ark Easy Prep

If you don’t have stuffed animals, crumple paper into balls and draw faces on the balls with a marker.





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 Elephants and kangaroosies, 'roosies,  
 Children of the Lord.

It rained and poured for 40 daysies, daysies.  
 Rained and poured for 40 daysies, daysies.  
 Almost drove those animals crazies, crazies,  
 Children of the Lord.

The sun came out and dried up the landy, landy.  
 Look, there's the sun! It dried up the landy, landy.  
 Everything was fine and dandy, dandy,  
 Children of the Lord.

So rise and shine and give God the glory, glory.  
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 Children of the Lord.

When all the stuffed animals are in the “ark,” have kids sit in a circle, and set the animals out of their view.

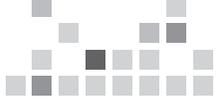
### Talk With Kids ■■■■

Lead children in this discussion.

Ask:

- Explain the easy parts of this game and the struggles your team had.
- What things kept you going to accomplish the task in this game?
- What challenges do you think Noah might have had in gathering all the animals into the ark?
- What can you do to trust God when you're doing something hard?

Say: Noah had a huge task to accomplish, but he did it. He knew that obeying God would get him to the place he needed to be. Noah trusted God, and ► **WE CAN COUNT ON GOD'S PROMISES**, too. When we're faced with hard things in life, we can obey God and press on, knowing he'll take care of us.



# Ark Experience

## What You'll Do

Open your Bible to Genesis 7:11-23, and show kids the passage. Then help kids find the verses in their own Bibles. Read aloud verses 11-12. Lead kids in patting their hands on their legs to make rain noises. Encourage kids to try to make other storm noises with their mouths, hands, and feet.

Play “Rainstorm” (track 17 on the CD) while you read aloud verses 13-16. Then say: **Imagine all the noises with the rain and all those animals and people.** Invite each child to make a different noise. For example, one child can continue the rain noises, another can make a bird sound, another a four-legged animal sound, another can pretend to be Noah, and another can make creaky boat noises. Have all the kids make their noises at once.

Say: **That must’ve been quite exciting! Let’s hear what happened next.** Play “Animals” (track 18 on the CD) while you read aloud verses 17-20. Then say: **Everyone stand up and link arms with the people next to you. Let’s sway back and forth, back and forth, like everyone on the ark did for so many months.** Lead kids in swaying for a minute. Then have kids sit down.

Read aloud verses 21-24. Say: **Noah, his family, and the animals were on the ark for more than a year! Being the only people left on earth might make people want to hug each other.** Invite kids to hug a friend.

Say: **God didn’t leave them on the boat forever.** Read aloud Genesis 8:1-2.

Say: **Just as Noah knew, God hadn’t forgotten about them. He sent a great and mighty wind to dry up the earth.**

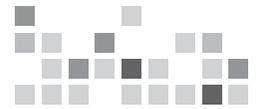
Have kids stand in two parallel lines, facing each other—boys stand in one line while girls stand in the other. Give the male mask to the boy at the front of his line. Give the female mask to the girl at the front of her line. Have them put their masks on.

Say: **When it’s your turn as Noah or Noah’s wife, you’ll walk down the center of the line as the other kids wave their Bibles to create a great wind, like it says God sent in Genesis 8.** Check for understanding, and then have pairs take turns walking down the center of the lines with the masks on. Give each child a chance to be Noah or his wife.

Gather kids in a circle. Read aloud Genesis 8:3-5.

Say: **Imagine being on a big boat and landing on top of a mountain! Noah and his family were probably relieved to know they could get off that boat soon! Turn to a friend and tell about a time you waited for something for a long time.** Allow time.

Say: **In Genesis 8:6-12, it says Noah sent a bird out to find dry land, but the bird didn’t find land that day. So Noah waited seven more days.** Have kids make bird calls or whistles as you count to seven. **After seven days, Noah sent the bird out again, and it came back with an olive leaf. And that’s how Noah knew the water had receded**



## Ark Experience Supplies

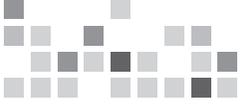
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paper  
several pairs of scissors  
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CD: “Rainstorm”  
(track 17), “Animals”  
(track 18)  
Bible Person Masks and  
elastic

## Ark Experience Easy Prep

Tear out the Lesson 6 pages from each My Bible Fun student book.

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**from the earth. But he waited seven more days.** Have kids make bird calls as you count to seven again. **After seven more days, Noah sent the bird out again, and this time it didn't return. So Noah knew it was time to come out of that ark.**

**Let's make our own birds to remember how Noah first discovered that God had kept his promise to bring him, his family, and the animals safely through the flood.**

Give each child a Lesson 6 My Bible Fun page, and have kids cut out the bird pattern. Distribute a sheet of paper to each child, and show kids how to make 1/2-inch accordion folds until their sheets of paper are entirely folded.

Then help kids make a 3/4-inch slit in the middle of their birds' chests, where the line is. Show kids how to slide the accordion-folded paper through the slit to make the birds' wings. Let kids have fun "flying" their birds to an area of the room designated as "dry land."

After a minute of play, have kids set aside their birds until later and sit in a circle again.

Say: **I wonder what it was like to leave that big boat after over a year.** Read aloud Genesis 8:15-19. Then have kids make noises as they did at the beginning of the activity—with one child making rain noises, others animal noises, and so on.

Say: ► **WE CAN COUNT ON GOD'S PROMISES. I can't even imagine how wonderful it must have felt to get off the ark, to let the animals run off, and to enjoy the fresh air, solid ground, and bright sunshine. Just as God had promised, he watched over Noah and his family as they sailed through that storm and stayed in that ark for more than a year.** Have kids stand and stretch their limbs, pretending to get out of a crowded situation. Lead them in arm, leg, and body stretches.

Read Genesis 8:20-22.

Say: **Noah was so grateful to God that he gave a special gift of thanks to him. We'll say thank you to God for keeping his promises to us just as he kept his promises to Noah. And in Genesis 9, it tells us that God made a promise never to flood the whole earth again. And he put a rainbow in the sky as a sign of that promise.**

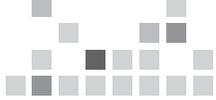
### Talk With Kids ■■■■

Lead children in this discussion.

Ask:

- Tell about a time someone kept a big promise to you.
- What things did Noah have to be thankful for?
- What things can you thank God for?

Say: **We can always be thankful to God because he keeps his promises to us, just as he kept his promises to Noah.** ► **WE CAN COUNT ON GOD'S PROMISES.**



**3** WEAVING FAITH  
INTO LIFE

# Rainbow Recognition

## What You'll Do

Say: **God promised Noah and all the animals that he would never flood the entire earth again. Our Bible Point tells us that ► WE CAN COUNT ON GOD'S PROMISES. God put a rainbow in the sky as a sign to us of his special promise. And as you know, God kept his promise to Noah. The rainbow can remind us of today's Key Verse, Psalm 145:13: "The Lord is faithful to all his promises and loving toward all he has made" (Psalm 145:13). Have kids repeat the verse with you.**

Say: **That means you and me! God keeps all his promises and is loving toward all he has made—and that's everyone! One way that God has been loving to us is by sending his Son, Jesus, to save us from our sins. What a loving God! By having a personal relationship with Jesus, we can live with him for eternity.**

Set out crayons. (If you didn't do the "Ark Experience" activity, have kids cut their birds from their My Bible Fun pages.) Show the children how to draw rainbows on the birds. They can draw the rainbows on the birds' bodies, and they can color the wings. As the children are working, play "All His Promises" (Psalm 145:13b) (track 19 on the CD).

Put kids in pairs, and say: **Rainbows always have seven colors: red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, and violet. With your partner, choose one color to represent God's faithfulness and love.** Allow time.

Let pairs share which colors they chose and explain why.

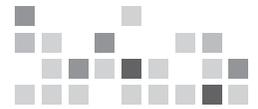
## Talk With Kids

Lead children in this discussion.

Ask:

- **What will you think of or remember each time you see a rainbow?**
- **How does learning about Noah help you trust God?**

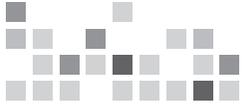
Say: **Whenever you see your chosen color this week, remember how God kept his promise to Noah and say to yourself, ► WE CAN COUNT ON GOD'S PROMISES. Then live out your belief by obeying God every day.**



## Rainbow Recognition Supplies

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- CD player
  - My Bible fun
  - crayons
  - birds from the "Ark Experience" activity
  - Teacher Pack**
  - CD: "All His Promises" (Psalm 145:13b) (track 19)





## Daily Challenges Supplies

My Bible Fun

# 4 LASTING IMPRESSIONS

## Daily Challenges

### What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Say: **Let's think about how ► WE CAN COUNT ON GOD'S PROMISES.**

Have kids find this week's Daily Challenges in their My Bible Fun pages and choose one to do this week. They can choose one or more of these three options:

- **Hang your rainbow bird above your bed so you can wake up every morning and thank God for always keeping his promises!**
- **When you see a friend or family member having a hard time, teach that person the Key Verse, and tell him or her that God promises to love us all!**
- **Think of a promise you broke to someone, and tell that person you're sorry. Ask God to help you keep all your promises, just as he does!**

Make sure you choose a Daily Challenge as well, and tell kids what you chose. Kids will be more inclined to follow through on their commitments when they see you doing the same.

### Talk With Kids ■■■■

Ask:

- **What's a practical way you're going to do your Daily Challenge? Share a time, a place, or other ideas.** Allow time.

Say: **God did a huge thing to keep his promise to Noah, and God will keep all his promises to us, too. ► WE CAN COUNT ON GOD'S PROMISES as we follow through with our Daily Challenges this week.**

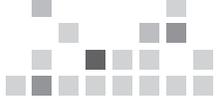
## Weaving Faith at Home

Encourage kids to talk with their parents about the Daily Challenges they chose and what they learned about God's promises. Kids can also do the activities in the "HomeConnect" section of their My Bible Fun pages with their families.

Talk to your Director about emailing the FREE FamilyConnect to all your church's families. Available at [group.com/digital](http://group.com/digital).

Take a couple of minutes to pray with your kids. Pray: **We thank you, God, for loving us and for keeping all your promises to us. In Jesus' name, amen.**





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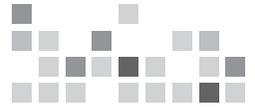
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