



God Floods the Earth

Genesis 7–8; 9:8-16

Preschoolers understand what a promise is. They understand when a promise is broken, and a broken promise almost always makes them feel sad. God is the only one who always keeps his promises and never lies. Knowing this can bring great comfort to preschoolers. It's also a foundation you'll want preschoolers to have as they learn more about God. If children this age know that God never lies, they'll know they can believe in the other truths about him. Use this lesson to show kids that they can trust God to never lie.



► **Bible Point**
God never lies.

Key Verse
“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength” (Deuteronomy 6:5).

Weaving Faith Into Life
Children will believe God.

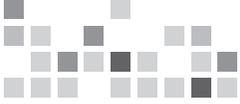
LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
<p>1 Getting Started <i>about 5 min.</i></p>	<p>Welcome and Celebrate Welcome each other, and praise God through music.</p>	<p>CD player Teacher Pack: CD</p>	
<p>2 Key Verse Activity <i>about 10 min.</i></p>	<p>Filled Up With Love Try to fill a bottle that has a hole.</p>	<p>Bible, empty plastic bottle with lid, dishpan filled with water, nail (for teacher's use only), towel</p>	<p>Use the nail to poke a hole near the bottom of the plastic bottle—test that water flows freely through the hole.</p>
<p>3 Bible Exploration <i>about 15 min.</i></p>	<p>Puppy Pointers Hear how Theo is upset at a friend who told him a lie.</p>	<p>CD player, Theo puppet, rock, tape Teacher Pack: CD</p>	<p>Tape the rock to Theo's paw.</p>
	<p>Bible Time: Noah's Ark Participate in telling what happened when God flooded the earth.</p>	<p>Bible, CD player, toy boat Teacher Pack: CD</p>	

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LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
<p style="text-align: center;">4 Weaving Faith Into Life <i>about 20 min.</i> (Choose 2 centers.)</p>	<p>Center 1: The Rainbow Draw a rainbow to remember God's promise.</p>	My Bible Hugs, washable markers, rubber bands, small spray bottle with water	Remove the Lesson 6 pages from each My Bible Hugs student book, and write children's names on them.
	<p>Center 2: Bread of Many Colors Enjoy a rainbow snack.</p>	white bread; cotton swabs; 4 bowls; napkins; milk; red, yellow, green, and blue food coloring; antibacterial gel (optional)	
	<p>Center 3: A Rainbow of Color Swirl colorful streamers as they listen to a song.</p>	CD player; red, yellow, and blue crepe paper Teacher Pack: CD	Tear a 2- to 3-foot strip of each color of crepe paper for each child.
	<p>Center 4: Rainbow Plates Blend colors, and think about rainbows.</p>	blue, yellow, red, and white finger paint; paper plates; paper towels	
<p style="text-align: center;">5 Lasting Impressions <i>about 10 min.</i></p>	<p>Daily Challenges Choose a Daily Challenge to apply God's Word.</p>	My Bible Hugs	
	<p>Action Prayer Pray together about what they love about God and asking for things they need.</p>		
	<p>Weaving Faith at Home Talk about how to share what they learned with their families.</p>		

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Welcome and Celebrate Supplies

CD player

Teacher Pack

CD: "God Wants Us to Come" (track 11), "Rejoice in the Lord Always" (Philippians 4:4) (track 7)

1 GETTING STARTED

Welcome and Celebrate



Tip Consistently use the same signal to announce a transition to the next activity. You could flip the lights off and on, use a train whistle, have a puppet rustling inside a bag, or sing cleanup songs. Keep it simple, consistent, and fun.

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

As the children arrive, greet each one with a smile. When it's time to begin, use your signal to gather the children together sitting in a circle on the floor.

Lead children in singing "God Wants Us to Come" (track 11 on the CD) to the tune of "Mary Had a Little Lamb." Encourage children to follow the motions in parentheses.



God wants us to come to church, (*point up; then make steeple with hands*)

Come to church, come to church. (*make "come over" motion twice*)

God wants us to come to church (*point up; then make steeple with hands*)

To learn about him. (*point to head; then up*)

Jesus is here with us, (*hug self*)

Here with us, here with us. (*hug self*)

Jesus is here with us (*hug self*)

Because he loves us so. (*point to heart*)

(Repeat from the beginning.)

Say: **When we come to church, we learn that ► GOD NEVER LIES. We learn how much he loves and cares for us, and we can rejoice! That means we celebrate and are happy. Let's sing a song about rejoicing now.**

Have children stand, and lead them in singing "Rejoice in the Lord Always" (Philippians 4:4) (track 7). Encourage children to follow the motions in parentheses.



Rejoice! Rejoice! (*jump in air*)

And again I say rejoice! (*wave hands*)

Rejoice! Rejoice! (*jump in air*)

And again I say rejoice! (*wave hands*)

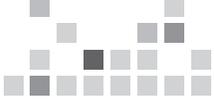
Rejoice in the Lord always. (*point up*)

And again I say rejoice! (*wave hands*)

Rejoice in the Lord always. (*point up*)

And again I say rejoice! (*wave hands*)

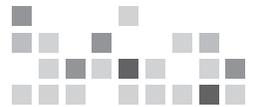




(Repeat from the beginning 2x.)

Rejoice! Rejoice! (jump in air)
And again I say rejoice! (wave hands)
Rejoice! Rejoice! (jump in air)
And again I say rejoice! (wave hands)
And again I say rejoice! (wave hands)
And again I say rejoice! (wave hands)

Say: **We can always believe God and know he'll do what he says. Today we'll learn how God kept his promise to a man named Noah. And we'll learn that he keeps his promises to us, too. ► GOD NEVER LIES—now that's definitely something to celebrate.**



2

**KEY VERSE
ACTIVITY**

Fill Up With Love

What You'll Do

Have children form a circle and sit down. Open your Bible to Deuteronomy 6:5, and show children the words. Tell kids the Bible is God's special book.

Say: **Our Key Verse from the Bible, Deuteronomy 6:5, says, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength." This means to love God with all of you. Let's say our Key Verse together.** Lead children in saying the adapted Key Verse with you: **Love God with your whole heart (Deuteronomy 6:5).**

Place the dishpan in the center of your group.

Say: **Love is a good thing that God gives us. If we love God with our whole hearts, we'll be filled up with love clear to the top.** Hold up the water bottle. **Our hearts will be just like a bottle filled to the top with water.**

Invite a few kids to fill the plastic bottle with water. Note that even when kids fill the bottle, it doesn't stay full.

Say: **We're like this bottle. We can't keep our hearts full of love on our own. We need God's help.**

Empty the bottle completely, and then hold your finger against the hole while you dip and fill the bottle with water. Invite one child to screw on the lid while you hold the bottle upright with your finger against the hole. After the lid is on, remove your finger, and show the kids that the water stays in the bottle even with the hole in it!

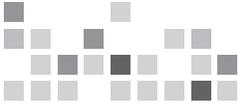
Fill Up With Love Supplies

- Bible
- empty plastic bottle with lid
- dishpan filled with water
- nail (for teacher's use only)
- towel

Fill Up With Love Easy Prep

Use the nail to poke a hole near the bottom of the plastic bottle—test that water flows freely through the hole.





Invite a few kids to try the experiment. Have one person fill the bottle while another child holds a finger against the hole. The last child can put on the lid. Use the towel if anyone removes his or her finger prematurely.

Talk With Kids ■■■■

Lead children in this discussion.

Ask:

- What surprised you about this experiment?
- What's something that's surprising about God never lying?

Say: **God promises to help us learn how to love him with our whole heart. God is like the lid on the bottle: God helps our hearts stay full of love for him. Let's say our Key Verse together one more time.** Lead children in saying the adapted Key Verse with you: **Love God with your whole heart (Deuteronomy 6:5). Because we know that ► GOD NEVER LIES, we know he'll help us!**

3

BIBLE EXPLORATION

Puppy Pointers

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Say: **Listen, everyone, Theo's coming! He has something to show us. Let's find out what it is.** Play "Here, Theo" (track 4 on the CD), and bring out Theophilus the FaithRetriever.

Theo: Hi, everybody!

Teacher: Hello, Theo! It's so good to see you at church with us today. What do you have?

Theo: I picked up a rock on my way over here.

Teacher: Why did you do that?

Theo: I found out my friend told me a lie. So I'm going to his house to throw a rock at him.

Teacher: That's not nice, Theo. He shouldn't have told you a lie, but that doesn't make it okay for you to throw something at him. Maybe if you talk to him about it, you can sort it out.

Theo: You're right, but it still makes me feel really sad.

Teacher: I understand, Theo. But you know what? There is someone who never ever tells lies. Friends, let's say our Bible Point for Theo.

(Lead children in saying the Bible Point for Theo: ► **GOD NEVER LIES.**)

Teacher: In fact, that reminds me of the time God made a promise to a man named Noah. God told the man to build a big boat called an ark. We're just about to hear how God did what he said he'd do because he never lies.

Theo: I'm so glad there's someone who never lies—God! I'm going to go talk to my friend. But don't worry, I'll put the rock back where I found it.

Teacher: That sounds great, Theo! Thanks for stopping by. Friends, let's say goodbye to Theo.

Puppy Pointers Supplies

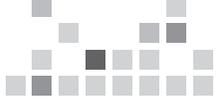
CD player
Theo puppet
rock
tape

Teacher Pack

CD: "Here, Theo" (track 4)

Puppy Pointers Easy Prep

Tape the rock to Theo's paw.



Encourage the children to wave or say goodbye to Theo. Then put Theo away in a safe place for next week's use.

Talk With Kids

Lead children in this discussion.

Ask:

- Without using a name, tell about a time someone told you a lie.
- Why do you like knowing that God never lies?

Say: **Many times we feel sad or even mad when people tell a lie or they don't do what they say. ► GOD NEVER LIES, and he wants us to know that we can always count on him to do what he says he'll do.**

Bible Time: Noah's Ark

What You'll Do

Have kids sit in a circle. Open your Bible to Genesis 7, and show children the words. Tell children that the Bible is God's special book.

Say: **Today as we read in the Bible about Noah, we'll learn that ► GOD NEVER LIES.**

God told Noah that he would save Noah's family. He told Noah to build a big boat called an ark. Show the toy boat. Noah built the ark, just as he was told. Then God told Noah to bring two of every animal to the ark. Let's help Noah fill the boat with animals. Invite kids to make animal noises and use their fingers to pretend that animals are walking onto the boat.

Say: **After Noah's family and two of every animal were on board, God shut the door. Then a big storm came.** Have kids make storm noises by patting their hands on their legs.

Say: **God said he'd take care of Noah's family and the animals during the big storm. Let's listen to what God did for everyone on the ark.** Place the toy boat on the floor in the center of the circle.

Play "Noah's Ark" (track 16 on the CD). Lead kids in acting out parts of the passage. For example, pretend to hammer when you hear the building noises, show "1" and "2" with your fingers as you count the animals, make rain noises with the storm, repeat "God keeps all his promises" at the sound of the doorbell, wave your arms to show wind, and flap "wings" when the bird flies from the ark.

Say: **God said many things to Noah, and he never lied about anything he said he'd do. He kept all his promises.**



Bible Time: Noah's Ark Supplies

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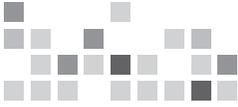
CD player

toy boat

Teacher Pack

CD: "Noah's Ark"
(track 16)





Talk With Kids ■■■■

Lead children in this discussion.

Ask:

- What was your favorite way God kept a promise?
- What can you do to find out promises that God made to you?

Say: ► **GOD NEVER LIES.** Everything he says he'll do, he does. God kept all his promises to Noah—he followed through on everything he said he'd do. We can trust God and believe he'll do everything he says he'll do for us, too.

4 WEAVING FAITH INTO LIFE

Choose at least two of the learning centers to help reinforce today's Bible lesson. Gather the needed materials, and put the supplies in an out-of-sight area until you're ready for them. Allow the children to choose which center they'd like to explore first. Then circulate among the children as they create and explore. Encourage them to make connections between their activities and the Bible by asking them the questions included with each center's description.

■ CENTER 1:

The Rainbow

What You'll Do ■■■■

Give each child a Lesson 6 page from My Bible Hugs.

Say: **God told Noah he would protect Noah and his family during the storm—and he did because ► GOD NEVER LIES.** God also told Noah he'd never flood the entire earth again like that, and he made a rainbow in the sky as a reminder of his promise.

Point out the ark on the My Bible Hugs page. Say: **Let's draw a cool rainbow so we can remember that ► GOD NEVER LIES—he keeps all his promises.**

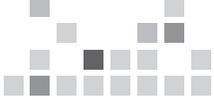
Let children each choose several washable markers, and help them place a rubber band around the markers. Demonstrate on a separate piece of paper how to use the banded markers to create an arch-like rainbow above the ark on the My Bible Hugs page. As kids finish, provide a small spray bottle with water in it, and have kids take turns lightly spraying their pages. Let the pages dry, and observe the effects of the blended colors.

Center 1: The Rainbow Supplies

My Bible Hugs
washable markers
rubber bands
small spray bottle with
water

Center 1: The Rainbow Easy Prep

Remove the Lesson 6
pages from each My
Bible Hugs student
book, and write
children's names on
them.



Talk With Kids

Lead children in this discussion.

Ask:

- What do you like about rainbows?
- What do you like about God?
- Why do you trust God?

Say: **There are things God’s said he’d do for you that you haven’t seen yet. And there are other things you’ve seen him do. Since ► GOD NEVER LIES, you know you can always trust him. And every time you see a rainbow, remember that ► GOD NEVER LIES.**

CENTER 2:

Bread of Many Colors

What You’ll Do

Have children clean their hands and then sit down for the snack. Say: **We learned in the Bible that God told Noah to build an ark. He used wood from trees to build the ark. Let’s make our bread look like a wooden boat.** Give each child a slice of bread and have each child make an upside-down arch so the bread looks like an ark. Have kids hold the “wooden boats” until you tell them to set them down.

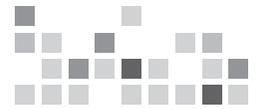
Say: **God flooded the earth.** Pour a small amount of milk into each of four bowls. **But God took care of Noah’s family and all the animals on the boat.** Give each child a napkin.

Say: **After months, God sent a wind to get rid of all the water and eventually the boat landed on the top of a mountain. Pretend your boat (the bread) is landing on the mountain (the napkin).**

God told Noah he’d never flood the earth like that again. And he made a rainbow in the sky as a reminder. Put drops of red food coloring into one bowl of milk, and do the same for the yellow, green, and blue.

Say: **Make a rainbow on your bread as a reminder to you that ► GOD NEVER LIES, and he always does what he says he’ll do.** Give each child some cotton swabs and encourage kids to paint rainbows on their slices of bread using the colored milk.

Lead children in a prayer, thanking God for always doing what he says he’ll do. Then let kids enjoy their snacks.

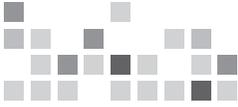


Center 2: Bread of Many Colors Supplies

white bread
cotton swabs
4 bowls
napkins
milk
red, yellow, green, and blue food coloring
antibacterial gel (optional)

 **ALLERGY ALERT**





Center 3: A Rainbow of Color Supplies

CD player
red, yellow, and blue
crepe paper

Teacher Pack

CD: "The Lord Will Keep His Promises" (track 14)

Center 3: A Rainbow of Color Easy Prep

Tear a 2- to 3-foot strip of each color of crepe paper for each child.

Talk With Kids ■■■■

Lead children in this discussion.

Ask:

- Tell about a time you saw a rainbow.
- What can you think about every time you see a rainbow?

Say: It's wonderful to know that ► **GOD NEVER LIES**. Every time we see a rainbow, we can remember that God always does what he says he'll do.

■ CENTER 3:

A Rainbow of Color

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Say: **God made a rainbow in the sky as a reminder to Noah and to us that he always keeps his promises. What are some ways God will be here for you?** As each child shares an idea, give him or her a strip of crepe paper. Continue handing out strips of crepe paper until every child has one of each color.

Say: **We can make a rainbow in the air, too, with our crepe paper streamers. Let's celebrate that ► GOD NEVER LIES by singing and moving with our crepe paper streamers.**

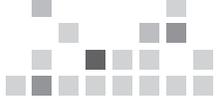
Play "The Lord Will Keep His Promises" (track 14 on the CD), which is sung to the tune of "The Muffin Man." Encourage kids to walk or skip around in a circle, waving their streamers from side to side to the rhythm of the music. During the last line, "God never tells a lie," have the children hold the streamers high above their heads as they spin around.

🎵 **The Lord will keep his promises, promises, promises.
The Lord will keep his promises.
God never tells a lie.**

**Noah obeyed and built the ark, built the ark, built the ark.
Noah obeyed and built the ark.
God never tells a lie.**

**Animals on the ark came two by two, two by two, two by two.
Animals on the ark came two by two.
God never tells a lie.**

**God shut the door when the rain came down, rain came down, rain came down.
God shut the door when the rain came down.
God never tells a lie.**



It rained and poured for 40 days, 40 days, 40 days.
It rained and poured for 40 days.
God never tells a lie.

The boat hit land when the water dried, water dried, water dried.
The boat hit land when the water dried.
God never tells a lie.

The Lord will keep his promises, promises, promises.
The Lord will keep his promises.
God never tells a lie.

Talk With Kids

Lead children in this discussion.

Ask:

- What did you like about our celebration?
- Why do you like to celebrate God?
- What can you do to tell others that God always does what he says he'll do?

Say: **We can always trust God to keep his promises because ► GOD NEVER LIES!**
That's something to celebrate!

CENTER 4:

Rainbow Plates

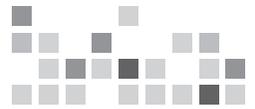
What You'll Do

Ask kids to turn and talk with a partner about their favorite colors in a rainbow.

Give each child a paper plate with some white paint on it. Say: **God promises to forgive us for the wrong things we do when we believe in Jesus. That makes me think of the color red because Jesus died so we can be forgiven. Turn and tell a partner about someone who forgave you.** Add a dot of red paint to each child's white paint. Have each child put his or her finger on the red dot of paint and move it through the white paint. Show them how to make red curvy lines and swirls with this method.

Have kids rub their fingers on the edge of the paper plates to get rid of most of the paint. Then say: **God promises to love us. That makes me think of the color yellow because I love yellow flowers. Turn and tell a partner about someone who loves you.** Add a dot of yellow paint in a different spot from the red dot. Have each child put his or her finger on the yellow dot of paint and move it through the white paint. They can make swirls that go around and through the red swirls so kids have both red and yellow swirls—and orange may even show up where the two colors cross.

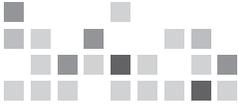
Have kids rub their fingers on the edge of the paper plates to get rid of most of the paint. Then say: **God promises to take care of us. That makes me think of the color blue**



Center 4: Rainbow Plates Supplies

blue, yellow, red, and
white finger paint
paper plates
paper towels





because I have a blue blanket that makes me warm when I'm cold. Turn and tell a partner about someone who takes care of you. Add a dot of blue paint in a different spot from the red and yellow dots. Have each child put his or her finger on the blue dot of paint and move it through the white paint. They can make swirls that go around and through the red and yellow swirls so kids have red, yellow, and blue swirls—and it can create a rainbow effect.

Allow time for kids to create their own designs in the paint, and then have them use paper towels to clean their fingers.

Talk With Kids ■■■■

Lead children in this discussion.

Ask:

- Tell about some of the colors you created in this activity.
- What's beautiful or neat about the fact that ► **GOD NEVER LIES?**
- What can you do to thank God for always telling the truth?

Say: **You created new colors as you moved the paint around with your fingers. And you made some really beautiful creations. God's promises are beautiful, too, because he's the only one who always keeps his promises. The colors on your plates are like the colors of the rainbow, and the rainbow reminds us that ► GOD NEVER LIES and he always keeps his promises.**

5 LASTING IMPRESSIONS

Daily Challenges

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

After the children have cleaned up their centers, bring everyone back to a circle area on the floor. Review the lesson activities and the Bible Point, and then encourage the children to share what they remember about what they learned from the Bible today.

Also use this time to challenge kids in their faith. Encourage them to choose a Daily Challenge for applying today's lesson to their lives this week. Use this challenge for encouraging your children's growing relationships with Jesus.

Talk With Kids ■■■■

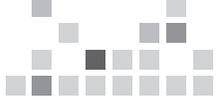
Say: **Today we learned that ► GOD NEVER LIES. I would like each of you to choose a way to thank God this week for always doing what he says he'll do.**

Give kids these three challenges to choose from:

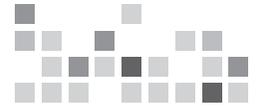
- **Thank God before each meal for giving you food to eat, a house to live in, and clothes to wear.**

Daily Challenges
Supplies

My Bible Hugs



- **When you see a rainbow, tell someone about how ► GOD NEVER LIES.**
- **Draw a small rainbow and put it in your pocket. Each time you see or feel it, remember that God always does what he says he'll do.**



Have kids each whisper in your ear or tell you which idea they've chosen, and then circle it on each child's My Bible Hugs page. Make sure you tell kids the challenge you choose. Your commitment will inspire children and will give them an opportunity to see God at work in your life as well as in theirs!

Action Prayer

What You'll Do

Say: ► **GOD NEVER LIES. I love knowing that—and knowing I can believe all his promises. What do you love about God?** Invite kids to share, and then lead them in a prayer, thanking God.

Say: **We can also ask God for things we need. What are some things you want to ask God for?** Invite kids to share, and then lead them in asking God for things that were mentioned.

End the prayer by inviting kids to thank God for keeping all his promises.

Weaving Faith at Home

Have children take home their My Bible Hugs pages whether they worked on them or not. Have the children tell their parents the challenge they committed to in the "Daily Challenges" activity. Encourage the parents to help their kids fulfill this commitment during the week. By working together and focusing on the same goals, you and parents can help children weave faith into their lives!

Talk to your Director about emailing the FREE FamilyConnect to all your church's families. Available at group.com/digital.



