

GOD'S PROMISE TO NOAH

Genesis 6-9

God Story:

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Big Idea:

God keeps his promises.

Key Verse:

"God has made a great many promises." 2 Corinthians 1:20a

Leader Tip:

Prepare the free-play activities and pray for the children in your group before they arrive.

Ls Life Story

1. **Colour the Rainbow** **Free Play**
Play with colourful pom-poms as you talk about rainbows being part of a promise from God.
2. **Sticky Rainbow** **Free Play**
Introduce today's story as the children create a tissue-paper rainbow.
3. **Rainbow Scavenger Hunt** **Large Group**
Find paper strips hidden around your class space and form a rainbow.

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CIRCLE TIME!

4. **Bible Story** **Large Group**
Read "Noah builds a boat," "Noah and the big flood," and "Noah and the rainbow" in *The Big Bible Storybook*.
5. **Key Verse** **Large Group**
Introduce the words and actions for the new key verse.
6. **Music** **Large Group**
Get everyone moving and singing "There Are Promises" on the *Little Praise Party: Taste and See CD*.

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7. **Rainbow Craft** **Large Group**
Create rainbow crafts to help the children remember the Bible story.
8. **Two By Two** **Large Group**
Play a game that's similar to Pin the Tail on the Donkey as the children learn this month's Big Idea.

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9. **Dismissal**
Connect with parents. Remember to give them take home cards!



Life Story

1. COLOUR THE RAINBOW

Supplies:

- Rainbow-coloured pom-poms
- Bowl to hold pom-poms
- Rainbow activity page

Before the Activity:

- Read Genesis 9:12-17 to review the promise God made when he gave us the rainbow after the flood.
- Place the activity page and bowl containing the pom-poms on a table.

Leader Tip:

- Repeat free-play activities as long as the children are engaged. Then invite a new group of children to do them.

Instructions:

- During free-play time, gather a small group of children at the table where you set up the supplies.
- Have the children match the pom-poms to the colours on the activity page.
- As the children match the colours, talk with them about the rainbow and how it is part of a promise God made to us.
- Emphasize the Big Idea: **God keeps his promises.**
- Return the pom-poms to the bowl and repeat the activity as long as the children are interested.
- Gather another group of children and do the activity with them.

2. STICKY RAINBOW

Supplies:

- Sticky rainbow
- Wall-safe tape
- Rainbow-coloured tissue paper

Before the Activity:

- Tape the sticky rainbow onto a wall or table before the children arrive. Place the tissue paper pieces beside the rainbow. Take off the backing and tape sticky side up.

Instructions:

- Encourage a few children at a time to work together on this activity during free-play time.
- Show the children how to use the tissue paper squares to fill in the colours on the sticky rainbow.
- When the children finish filling in the rainbow, show it to the whole group.
- Explain that rainbows remind us that **God keeps his promises.**
- Tell the children that they will hear about a rainbow in the Bible story today.

3. RAINBOW SCAVENGER HUNT

Supplies:

- Rainbow-coloured strips of paper
- Cloud shape
- Glue sticks

Before the Activity:

- Hide the rainbow-coloured papers around your space before the children arrive.

Instructions:

- Gather the children together.
- Tell the children that there are colourful papers hidden around the room. When put together, they will make a rainbow!
- Instruct the children to find and bring all the papers back to you.
- Set all the papers by the cloud shape on a table.
- Help the children glue each strip of paper onto the cloud.
- Explain that rainbows are one of God's promises to us.
- Set aside the finished rainbow to use as a prop during the Bible story.



CIRCLE TIME!

Supplies:

- CD player
- Tidy up and/or circle time songs on class CD

Instructions:

- Make sure the CD player is easily accessible during circle time.
- Play music while clearing space on the floor.
- Gather the children into a circle to do the God Story activities together.
- Change the order of the circle time activities so they work well for your group.

4. BIBLE STORY

Supplies:

- "Noah builds a boat" (Genesis 6:9-22), "Noah and the big flood" (Genesis 7:1-8:12), "Noah and the rainbow" (Genesis 8:13-9:17) in *The Big Bible Storybook* (pp. 22-24)

Leader Tip:

- Use the rainbow cloud from the scavenger hunt activity as a prop for today's stories.

Instructions:

- Sit on the floor with the children.
- Tell them that today's stories are from the Bible.
- Read the stories aloud. Use an expressive voice and show everyone the pictures.
- Encourage everyone to repeat the Big Idea: **God keeps his promises.**
- PRAY: Dear God, thank you for keeping your promises. Thank you for sending Jesus. Thank you for your love. Thank you for your promise that we will be with you forever. We love you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

5. KEY VERSE

Supplies:

- Key verse sign
- Wall-safe tape

Leader Tip:

- Tape the key verse sign to a wall or play panel where everyone can see it.

Instructions:

- Introduce 2 Corinthians 1:20a as this month's key verse.
- Teach the following words and actions to the children:
 - God [point to the sky]
 - has made a great [jump]
 - many [jump]
 - promises [jump].
 - 2 Corinthians 1:20 [hold hands together with palms up like a book]

6. MUSIC

Supplies:

- Song lyrics sheet
- Wall-safe tape
- CD player
- "There Are Promises" (track 9) on *Little Praise Party: Taste and See* CD
- (Optional) Scarves or musical instruments

Before the Activity:

- Tape the lyrics sheet to a wall or play panel so all the leaders can see it during this activity.

Leader Tips:

- Remember, you set the tone by being energetic and having fun during music activities.
- Feel free to extend your music time with the class CDs.

Instructions:

- Mix it up each week! Here are some options:
 - Sing along with the song.
 - Wave the scarves.
 - Use the musical instruments.
 - Make up fun actions that go with the song.
- If using any optional supplies, hand them out.
- Play the song(s).
- After the music is finished, prompt the children to return any supplies to the bin.



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7. RAINBOW CRAFT

Supplies:

- Pre-made paper plate clouds with rainbow streamers attached
- Cotton balls
- Glue sticks
- Big Idea labels

Leader Tip:

- Make sure the children's names are written on their crafts.

Instructions:

- Have the children sit at a table.
- Give each child a paper plate cloud with rainbow streamers attached as well as a glue stick and 8 cotton balls.
- Encourage the children to glue the cotton balls onto the paper plate cloud. Demonstrate for them or help them hand over hand if needed.
- As the children glue on the cotton balls, talk about the rainbow as one of God's promises to us.
- Give each child a Big Idea label to stick on the craft.
- Read the label aloud: **God keeps his promises.**

8. TWO BY TWO

Supplies:

- Ark outline on large craft paper
- Wall-safe tape
- 2 cutouts each of giraffes, elephants, hippos, butterflies, and cardinals
- Blindfold

Before the Activity:

- Tape the outline of the ark to a wall or play panel. Place rolls of tape on the backs of the cutouts.

Leader Tips:

- If you have a large class, do this activity with up to 8 children at a time so the wait time is not too long.
- Some children don't like to use a blindfold. Ask them to close their eyes instead.

Instructions:

- Gather the children together and instruct them to line up.
- Tell the children you are going to play a game that is like Pin the Tail on the Donkey.
- Blindfold the 1st child in line or ask if they prefer to close their eyes tightly.
- Give the child an animal cutout and challenge them to tape it onto the ark.
- After each animal is stuck on the ark, encourage the children to repeat the Big Idea: **God keeps his promises.**
- Repeat until each child has had a turn.

9. "MR. NOAH HAD AN ARK" DANCE

Supplies:

- CD player
- "Mr. Noah Had an Ark" (track 15) on *Little Praise Party: My Best Friend* CD
- Scarves

Leader Tip:

- It may be helpful to have a plan in place for collecting the scarves after you are finished the activity.

Instructions:

- Gather all of the children in a group.
- Hand out scarves to the children.
- Explain that they are going to listen and dance to a song called "Mr. Noah Had an Ark."
- Play the song and encourage the children to move to the music.
- Direct the use of the scarves if you want (prompt the children to put their scarves up high, down low, etc.).
- Remind the children that **God keeps his promises**.

10. DISMISSAL

Supplies:

- Children's crafts
- Take home cards
- Key verse colouring pages

Before Dismissal:

- Place take home materials and crafts where everyone can access them easily.

Leader Tip:

- Take a moment to share with parents about their children's experiences. Many parents will only hear about the morning from you.

Instructions:

- Greet parents as they arrive to pick up their children.
- Give parents take home cards and key verse colouring pages. Remind them to take any crafts.
- Make sure children's security numbers match parents' numbers before they leave the classroom.