

The background of the page is a vibrant, close-up photograph of a waterfall. The water is cascading over dark, wet rocks, creating a dynamic scene with splashing and white foam. The colors range from deep blues and greens to bright whites and yellows where the water is most turbulent. In the center of the page, there is a large, rounded rectangular text box with a light beige, textured background and a thin gold border. The text is centered within this box. At the top right and bottom left corners of the page, there are decorative circular cutouts that reveal the waterfall background.

# Beautiful BIBLE TREASURES For Children

## Lesson 11

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God's Promises

## Rain and a Rainbow

A big flood of water washed over the whole Earth. Everything was made clean again.

Noah and his family and the animals aboard the ark were safe and dry. They worked hard through the long flood caring for the animals, while rocking and bobbing in their big boat.

When at last it was dry enough on Earth, they could all go out again!

Noah and his family were so glad to be out of the ark, and glad the world was all new and nice again.

God then put a beautiful rainbow in the sky, as a promise that the great worldwide flood would never return.



## Rain and a Rainbow

After obeying all that God had said to do, Noah and his wife, his three sons and their wives, and a whole lot of animals and creatures of all types were safely in the ark.

They waited for the water God said would come—more water than they'd ever seen before.

After seven days of waiting in the ark, the rain and flood began.

It was quite a wild ride, being in a boat while water was pouring down from above and gushing up from holes in the ground.

They were safe and dry, however, because they had obeyed, even down to the smallest details, all that God had told them to do. They were glad then that they had been diligent and faithful, and had done a good job of what God had told them to do.



Aren't rainbows beautiful? It's always special and fun to see one. Noah and his family were the first people ever to see a rainbow.

After that long and difficult time when the flood washed over the world, things started at last to get dry enough on Earth that Noah's team and the animals could leave the ark and walk once again on the ground.

They thanked God for keeping them safely through it all, and for permitting them to live in a fresh, new world. They celebrated with a special time of praise and prayer.

Then, as a sign of promise that God would never flood the whole world like that again, God put a beautiful rainbow in the sky. Noah and his family had never seen one before. It looked marvellous, magnificent!

They had faith that God would continue to keep them and help them as they started the big job of setting up and rebuilding on the cleaned-up world.

### Activity

\*Use several colours of paint and a large piece of paper to make a colourful picture! Also, shining a flashlight through a glass prism creates rainbow colours that can be flashed against a wall or white background.

## Rain and a Rainbow



It was time for the world to be washed, and the ark was finished and ready to float. It wasn't a frantic time, however, with rain pouring down and Noah's family trying to shove animals in and get into the ark themselves. No.

They brought the animals into the ark when God told them to, and then they waited, safe and dry within the ark for a whole week before any rain started.

Can you imagine what they must have felt? "Father, when did you say the rain would come?" his sons may have asked Noah.

"God said the rain would come. We must be patient, and tend carefully to the animals. They need very good care," Noah may have said to his family.

Sure enough, it not only rained, but poured down huge amounts from the sky, and water gushed from fountains deep under the ground. The world had never been so wet.

When the ark started to float, it must have been an unforgettable experience. They had never felt anything like that before. They were rocking, floating, bobbing, swaying and bumping. They had to have a lot of faith, as well as try to keep their animals calm and well cared for.

With so much to do, that family must have been extremely busy. They certainly weren't on a fancy cruise ship, sitting around with lots of time on their hands, expecting to be waited on.

Noah and his family were grateful and in awe at the miracle of God's love, and how He loved them so much. And God was also thankful for their love for Him, so He gave them the privilege of being the only ones from the old world to cross over into the new.

God could have just started it all over again and remade everything from scratch, but in His love and mercy He gave mankind one more chance, and let good Noah and his family enter the new unspoiled world.

The journey was tiring and long, and not easy in the least. It probably didn't smell very nice most of the time, with so many animals all in one place.

Imagine being on a stinky boat for a very long time, without being able to run and play outside—because there was no grass to go on.

They worked very hard together as a team to keep the animals fed and well, and to care for themselves.

At last they made it through that time, and with great joy they entered a fresh, new, clean world.



The ark first landed on a rocky mountain. A while later, Noah sent a raven and a dove to fly around and see how things were going in the watery world outside. When the dove returned with an olive leaf in her mouth, this was a clue for them that the waters had gone down a great deal.

It gave them hope and patience to wait until the land would be dry enough and safe to walk on. When the time was right, God released the door He'd shut tight, and the family could make their great exit.

Ahh!—Air, light, land, and nature! It was cause for a celebration and time of worship. Noah called his family together to praise and thank God for bringing them safely through.

A beautiful rainbow painted the sky, as God's promise that this difficult event, so sad, so hard to live through, would never happen again. They didn't have to worry the next time it rained that they would have to dash back to the ark. Rain was just a part of watering the world, and God wouldn't create a worldwide flood again.



People's life spans also changed. Instead of living for several hundred years, God changed things on Earth and the average age became much shorter. Because of people's choices, often to go the wrong and unkind way, God made things be such a way that they were not permitted to live as long as before.

The choices are the same for everyone around the world: What will you do today? Will you use your time and strength to make the world and your surroundings a happy and loving place to be, or will you choose what's wrong? The choice is as much yours today as it was for those people of old.

What will you do with your life while you are on Earth, for however long or short your life might be? What you do may affect more people than you realise. God knows if you love, obey and respect Him. He knows not only what you do, but your heart and thoughts as well. And He will bless, protect, and give privileges to those who want to do the things that make Him glad, just as He did for Noah.





## Let's Talk About It

\*Talk about making good promises, and the importance of keeping them. Discuss some ways to help you do what you promised (write it down to remember it, pray, memorize a verse, etc.).

\*How do you feel when someone doesn't keep their word to you, because something else is more attractive to them at the time? Should you make promises that you know you can't keep, just to make someone feel better at the time?

## Activity

\*Make a model in a baking tray, using clay or mud or objects. Depict the ark on the mountain, with water around in some areas, and with other places beginning to dry out and plants starting to grow.

## Rain and a Rainbow



### Connect and Communicate

\*Sing a hymn or Psalm or verse put to music, or a song of praise together.

### Study Fun

Highlight: All the phrases or words that say things that God did.

Copy: The verse Genesis 9:14, and draw a rainbow beside it.

Count: How many days it took till the water began to "abate", plus how long they waited on Mt. Ararat until Noah opened the window.

### Genesis

**7:11** In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened.

**7:12** And the rain was upon the earth forty days and forty nights.

**7:19** And the waters prevailed exceedingly upon the earth; and all the high hills, that were under the whole heaven, were covered.



**8:1** And God remembered Noah, and every living thing, and all the cattle that was with him in the ark: and God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters asswaged;

**8:3** And the waters returned from off the earth continually: and after the end of the hundred and fifty days the waters were abated.

**8:4** And the ark rested in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, upon the mountains of Ararat.

**8:6** And it came to pass at the end of forty days, that Noah opened the window of the ark which he had made:

**8:7** And he sent forth a raven, which went forth to and fro, until the waters were dried up from off the earth.

**8:8** Also he sent forth a dove from him, to see if the waters were abated from off the face of the ground;

**8:9** But the dove found no rest for the sole of her foot, and she returned unto him into the ark, for the waters were on the face of the whole earth: then he put forth his hand, and took her, and pulled her in unto him into the ark.

**8:10** And he stayed yet other seven days; and again he sent forth the dove out of the ark;

**8:11** And the dove came in to him in the evening; and, lo, in her mouth was an olive leaf plucked off: so Noah knew that the waters were abated from



off the earth.

**8:15** And God spake unto Noah, saying,

**8:16** Go forth of the ark, thou, and thy wife, and thy sons, and thy sons' wives with thee.

**8:17** Bring forth with thee every living thing that is with thee, of all flesh, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth; that they may breed abundantly in the earth, and be fruitful, and multiply upon the earth.

**8:20** And Noah builded an altar unto the Lord;

**8:21** And the Lord smelled a sweet savour; and the Lord said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake; for the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; neither will I again smite any more every thing living, as I have done.

**9:13** I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth.

**9:14** And it shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow shall be seen in the cloud:

**9:15** And I will remember my covenant, which is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh.



## Activity

\*Act out a humorous "day in the ark", showing what could have happened, and the importance of working together and living in harmony inside the ark, caring for the animals, dealing with the rocking boat, working things out together, trying to cook, get water, etc

## Fountain of Faith

### Joshua 1:9

Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.



**Ephesians 6:10** Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

## Float and Sink

### Praise

**Psalms 50:23** Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me: and to him that ordereth his conversation aright will I shew the salvation of God.

\*Get a rhythm going with your hands (like clap-lap-clap-snap) Once you are all rolling, then go around and take turns saying to the rhythm "We thank You Lord for \_\_\_\_", then the next person says the same, with a different ending.

**2 Kings 6:4-7** So he went with them. And when they came to Jordan, they cut down wood. But as one was felling a beam, the axe head fell into the water: and he cried, and said, Alas, master! for it was borrowed. And the man of God said, Where fell it? And he shewed him the place. And he cut down a stick, and cast it in thither; and the iron did swim. Therefore said he, Take it up to thee. And he put out his hand, and took it.

**Genesis 6:14** Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch.

**Genesis 7:17,18** And the flood was forty days upon the earth; and the waters increased, and bare up the ark, and it was lift up above the earth. And the waters prevailed, and were increased greatly upon the earth; and the ark went upon the face of the waters.

**Exodus 2:2** And the woman conceived, and bare a son: and when she saw him that he was a goodly child, she hid him three months.

**Exodus 2:3-6** And when she could not longer hide him, she took for him an ark of bulrushes, and daubed it with slime and with pitch, and put the child therein; and she laid it in the flags by the river's brink. And his sister stood afar off, to wit what would be done to him. And the daughter of Pharaoh came down to wash herself at the river; and her maidens walked along by the river's side; and when she saw the ark among the flags, she sent her maid to fetch it. And when she had opened it, she saw the child: and, behold, the babe wept. And she had compassion on him, and said, This is one of the Hebrews' children.

**Matthew 14:28-31** And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water. And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus. But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me. And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?

**Acts 27:41,43,44** And falling into a place where two seas met, they ran the ship aground; and the forepart stuck fast, and remained unmoveable, but the hinder part was broken with the violence of the waves. But the centurion ... commanded that they which could swim should cast themselves first into the sea, and get to land: And the rest, some on boards, and some on broken pieces of the ship. And so it came to pass, that they escaped all safe to land.

### Activity

\*Retell the above stories, as if it's an audio drama being listened to. Choose one person to "narrate" the story, while others add some dialogue and sound effects. Record it for fun if you like!



## Topic Treasures — God's Promises

### Study Fun

Highlight: A verse or phrase that makes you feel faith and confidence in God keeping His Word.

Copy: A portion of a verse that you'd like to commit to memory, and to remind yourself of at a time when you are waiting for the Lord to answer a certain request you've made in prayer.

Count: All the times these verses mention the word "promise" and then notice or talk about the ones that mention something that was or is also required—people's part of the deal, in order to receive the promise.

**Numbers 23:19** God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?



**Psalm 105:42,43** For he remembered his holy promise, and Abraham his servant. And he brought forth his people with joy, and his chosen with gladness:

**Acts 2:32,33** This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses. Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.

**Acts 2:38,39** Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.



**Acts 13:22,23** He raised up unto them David to be their king; to whom also he gave their testimony, and said, I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after mine own heart, which shall fulfil all my will. Of this man's seed hath God according to his promise raised unto Israel a Saviour, Jesus.

**Hebrews 6:15** And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise.

**Hebrews 10:35,36** Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward. For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.

**1 John 2:25** And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life.

**Revelation 22:12** And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

**2 Peter 3:9** The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

**Joshua 23:14b** Not one thing hath failed of all the good things which the Lord your God spake concerning you; all are come to pass unto you, and not one thing hath failed thereof.



## Daily Diary

\*Write down in your special diary something you're glad that the Lord promises you in His Word. Then write something that you want to promise to the Lord that you'll do (or not do), or be, or have, etc.

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