

Booklet Introduction

When Noah came off the ark, the first thing he did was to build an altar and offer a sacrifice to God. This made God happy. God made a promise that he would never again flood the earth. The rainbow is a sign of God's promise to Noah.

Discussion Questions

Day 1: What was the earth like before the flood? What does verdant mean? Why wasn't the earth the same after the flood? What would the earth have been like after the flood?

Day 2: What did Noah do to thank God? What did Noah have to be thankful for?

Day 3: What did God promise Noah after the flood? What is the sign of that promise?

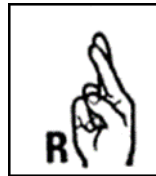
Day 4: What happened to the relationship between people and animals after the flood? What could people now eat? Why do you think God changed what people could eat?

Day 5: Why do men refuse to follow God and do what is right? How does that affect the earth?

Day 6: What will happen one day to the earth we live on? What lasts forever? What does that mean for you?

Lesson Rhyme

R—R	Make sign of "R"
Rainbow	Spread fingers apart, move in arc in front of body
A promise	Put hand up like "I swear"
to all men	Point out & around with index finger
R—R—Rainbow	Same as above
The earth	Make circle with arms over head
won't	Shake index finger & head "no"
flood again	Quickly move arms out front and to sides



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What is the promise of the rainbow?



R—R—Rainbow

A promise to all men

R—R—Rainbow

The earth won't flood again

Day 1

Draw a picture of barren earth.

The world was not the same
when Noah came off the ark.
Before the flood earth had been
like a verdant park.
But water from the flood
wiped out every plant and tree.
It was left quite barren
with nothing much to see.

Day 6

Draw a picture of Jesus.

God says this fallen world,
will one day pass away.
And Christ will reign as king
on that great and glorious day.
When the things of this earth
all are in the past
Our relationship with God
e-tern-al-ly will last.

Genesis 8:18:¹⁸ So Noah came out, together with his sons
and his wife and his sons' wives.

Hebrews 1:10-12:¹⁰ "In the beginning, O Lord, you laid the founda-
tions of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands."¹¹
They will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment.
¹² You will roll them up like a robe; like a garment they will be
changed. But you remain the same, and your years will never end."

Day 5 Draw a picture of people fighting.

The perfect world God made
has never been the same.
Since men refuse to call on God
and won't bow before his name.
The hearts of men want evil;
they follow their own way.
And what is good and right
they choose to disobey.

Isaiah 3:8-9: Jerusalem staggers, Judah is falling; their words and deeds are against the LORD, defying his glorious presence.
⁹ The look on their faces testifies against them; they parade their sin like Sodom; they do not hide it. Woe to them! They have brought disaster upon themselves.

Day 2 Draw a picture of Noah offering a sacrifice.

Noah still was grateful
and an altar he did build.
Knowing that eventually
the earth more crops would yield.
Noah made a sacrifice,
which pleased God in his heart.
And so God made a promise
from which he won't depart

Genesis 8:20-21: ²⁰ Then Noah built an altar to the LORD and, taking some of all the clean animals and clean birds, he sacrificed burnt offerings on it. ²¹ The LORD smelled the pleasing aroma and said in his heart: "Never again will I curse the ground because of man, even though every inclination of his heart is evil from childhood. And never again will I destroy all living creatures, as I have done.

Day 3 Draw a picture of a rainbow.

God said another flood
he would never send,
Even though the sin of men
is never going to end.
The rainbow is a sign
of the promise God did make.
And when God makes a promise,
it is never a mistake.

Day 4 Draw a picture of a man hunting an animal.

The flood changed the relationship
between animals and men.
God said there would be fear and dread
between the two of them.
Before the flood God commanded
to eat only food from plants.
But afterwards the animals
as a source of food he grants.

Genesis 9:15-16: ¹⁵ I will remember my covenant between me and you and all living creatures of every kind. Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life. ¹⁶ Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth."

Genesis 9:2-3: ² The fear and dread of you will fall upon all the beasts of the earth and all the birds of the air, upon every creature that moves along the ground, and upon all the fish of the sea; they are given into your hands. ³ Everything that lives and moves will be food for you. Just as I gave you the green plants, I now give you everything.