

Hi Again. Last year, my granddaughter was in four year old kindergarten and she came home singing such a beautiful song that I just had to learn it myself. "Faith is just believing God's Promises are True." The words are included in this week's attachment. You can learn the tune from this week's video for God's Garden or look it up on u-tube. It is so simple and so profound at the same time.

This week's lesson is teaching about God's promises to us. "He will never leave us no matter what we do."

God put a rainbow in the sky to promise Noah that never again would He leave us.

Make lots of rainbows with your children today. We need this reminder today more than ever.

Believe and you will find faith just comes naturally.

Blessings to all of you

Merilee



Feb. 21 Theme; God is faithful in keeping his promises. **Object;** A wedding band **Scripture;** "I establish my covenant with you: Never again will all life be cut off by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth... *I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth.*" Genesis 9: 11, 13

I'm sure that everyone has seen a ring like this one. (hold up wedding band) It is a very special kind of ring. Do you know what kind of ring it is? It is a wedding ring. It is a very simple ring. It has no diamonds or any other precious stones. It is just a plain, simple band of gold, but it is very special because it is a reminder of a promise that is made when a couple gets married. On the day that they are married, a husband and wife make a promise that they will love and stand faithfully beside one another "for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, for as long as they live." Each of them wears a wedding band as a reminder of that promise that they made. The ring also tells everyone who sees it, about the promise that the couple made.

We all make promises, don't we? You might promise your mother that you will clean your room and do your chores before you go out to play. Or you may promise to keep a secret told to you by your best friend. You may promise to return something that you borrowed from a neighbour.

Has anyone ever broken a promise they made to you? How did that make you feel? What did you say? You were probably very disappointed and said something like, "But you promised!" Sometimes we aren't very good at keeping our promises.

God makes promises. Our Bible lesson today is about a promise that God made to a man named Noah. I'm sure that you know the story of how thousands of years ago God sent a great flood to destroy the earth because the people living at that time had become so wicked and evil. God destroyed everything he had created except for two of every kind of insect, bird, animal and Noah and his family. He spared them because Noah was a good and righteous man who walked with God.

After the flood waters went down and Noah's family and all the animals could leave the ark, God made a promise to Noah. He promised Noah that he would never again destroy the whole earth with a flood. Then he did something to remind Noah of that promise. He placed a rainbow in the sky and he said to Noah, "I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be a sign of the promise between me and all life on the earth." God said that every time we see the rainbow, we would remember the promise that He made.

God has kept that promise, hasn't he? God keeps all of his promises. The next time you see a rainbow, remember the promise God made to Noah, and remember that just as He has kept that promise, He keeps all of his promises.

Dear Father, we are thankful that you are faithful to keep your promises. Help us to be faithful in keeping ours. Amen.

Scripture Reading: Genesis 9:8-17

BLENDING RAINBOWS: Blending colours can be a great way to see how much fun it can be to "Create" the way God created the whole world. Using only three colour of paint; red yellow and blue, make three arches separated by an inch or so. Wash the brushes and using only wet brushes, blend the red into the yellow. Use a clean wet brush to blend the yellow into the blue. A true rainbow has no defined lines and everyone is different! If you have no paint, try using food colouring and icing a cake with a rainbow. Or – fill spray bottles with coloured water and spray a rainbow outside in the snow!!

RAINBOW HANDS: Children can trace and cut out 5 of their own hands and color each hand in a different bright color of magic marker or crayons. Then the children will tape the hands together in an arch formation and glue or tape to a piece of paper. Children can write words from today's lesson on their hand rainbow.

RAINBOW FINGER PAINTING: Give each child a piece of paper and some blobs of finger paint to form a rainbow picture. Use finger to write, PROMISES, or other words from today's lesson, on their finger painting artwork.

ARK ANIMALS: After the teacher has told the story about Noah and the ark, children can be given small pieces of paper (2"x2") to draw animals on each paper. Provide children with an ark shape piece of construction paper to tape their animals to and let children tell the story again together, as the teacher asks questions about the story. Make sure children have several pieces of paper in order to make TWO of the same type of animal for each animal they draw.

ANIMAL FINGERPRINTS: Provide children with ink pads and construction paper. Children can make finger prints on an ark shaped piece of construction paper and then add head or legs or tails to their "animal prints". Write words from today's lesson on the animal page, to remind children to thank GOD for being so faithful to keep His promises.

SING A SONG: Arky, Arky, THE B-I-B-L-E or Faith is Just Believing His promises are true.

Faith is Just Believing

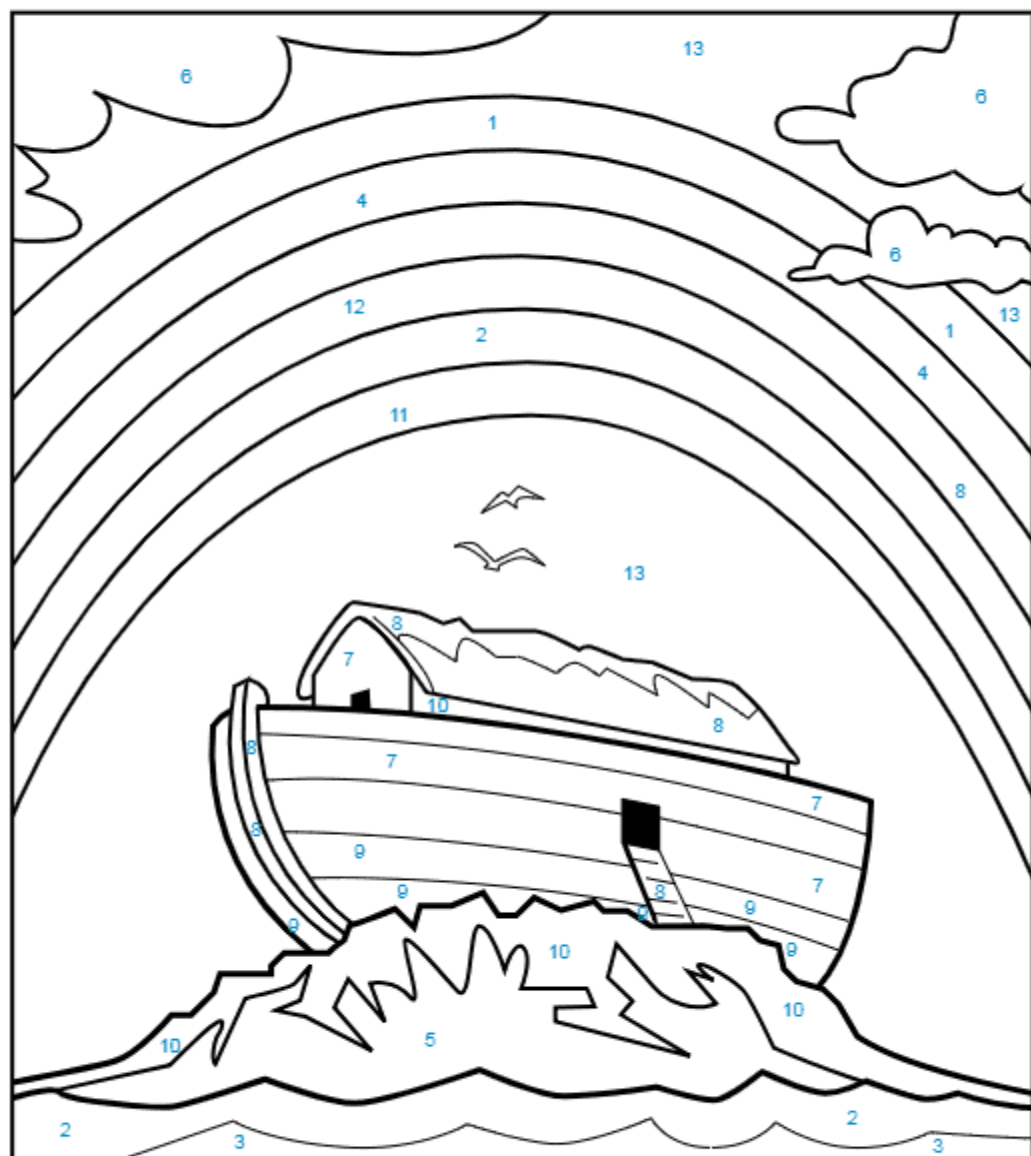
Faith is just believing, What God says He will do.
No matter what the circumstance His promises are true.
So when you life is hard and you're not sure what to do.
It's best to take God at His word, His promises are true.

Faith is just believing, what God says He will do.
He will never fail us His promises are true.
If we just believe in Him His children be become.
Faith is just believing, this wonderous thing He's done.

Faith is just believing, what God says He will do.
He will always love me and He will love you too.
So if your ever feeling sad, you'll know just what to do.
Use your faith and pray to God and He'll look after you.

God Made a Promise to Noah Color by Number

Color each section by the colors shown in the list at the bottom of the page. If you don't have all of the colors listed or find an area that's not numbered, make your best color choice.



1. Red 2. Dark Blue 3. Blue 4. Orange 5. Dark Green 6. Light Gray 7. Tan 8. Yellow
9. Brown 10. Dark Gray 11. Violet 12. Light Green 13. Sky Blue

The Rainbow of Promise

"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 9:16

The puzzle is based on Genesis 9:8-17



J L G M T A F Y J F G H T E K
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REMEMBER	COVENANT	WATERS	BIRDS	DESTROY
APPEARS	CREATURES	EARTH	FLOOD	ANIMALS
SIGN	CLOUDS	LIFE	RAINBOW	LIVESTOCK

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Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



E	J	X	V	D	U	N	F	Y	P	A	T	L	S	H	B	K	Q	G	I	R	W	Z	C	O	M
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

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- 16-20-21-5 _____
- 11-7-20-26-11-13-14 _____
- 11-21-17 _____
- 5-1-14-12-21-25-9 _____
- 1-11-21-12-15 _____
- 21-11-20-7-16-25-22 _____
- 24-13-25-6-5 _____
- 24-25-4-1-7-11-7-12 _____
- 8-13-25-25-5 _____

COVENANT	DESTROY	NOAH	CLOUD	RAINBOW
FLOOD	ANIMALS	BIRD	ARK	EARTH



God's Garden Video Crafts

For both of these crafts you will need to cut strips from construction paper in six colours. Each one should be about an inch wide.

Craft one: Rainbow Mobile - Write one of God's promises to us on each colour. Staple one end of the stack of strips. On the other end, slide each coloured strip up slightly to make arches. Then staple the arched rainbow as in the picture above. Attach them to a card or make several rainbows into a mobile by hanging them with thread to a wooden dowel or coat hanger.

Here are some of God's Promises;

1. Jesus promised that He will prepare a place in heaven for us. John 14:2
2. Jesus promised that He will answer our prayers if we ask in His name. John 14:14
3. Jesus promised that He will always be with us. Matthew 28:20
4. God promised that He would send His son into the world. Isaiah 9:6
5. God promised Abraham that his family would be a great nation. Genesis 15:5
6. God promised Noah that He would never flood the earth again. Genesis 9:15



Craft 2; Make a cloud with cotton balls on card or construction paper. Make a sun shine circle as above. On each strip write your personal promises to God. For example; be kind even to kids I don't like, make my bed, listen to Mom and Dad, share my toys, give to others in need.