




God Floods the Earth

Genesis 7–8; 9:8-16

Young children experience promises kept through their parents and caregivers who meet their most basic needs. Children who feel safe and secure in having their needs met will eventually understand that God keeps all his promises, too. As you work with little ones, continually emphasize that God always keeps his promises to us.

INFANT

LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
1 Getting Started	Sing and Celebrate Listen to praise songs.	CD player Teacher Pack: CD, rainbow ribbons	Create a rainbow streamer by knotting the rainbow ribbons together in the center. Knot each end to prevent fraying.
2 Bible Exploration	Rain and Rainbows Feel “rain” while looking at an ark poster.	tape, clear plastic wrap, spray water bottle, tissues Teacher Pack: “Big Boat” poster 	Cover the poster with clear plastic wrap (or laminate it). Hang it low on a wall where babies can see it.
3 Weaving Faith Into Life	Ribbon Rainbows Hear about God’s promises while playing with a streamer.	rainbow streamer from “Sing and Celebrate” activity	
	God’s Promises Hear a rhyme about God’s faithfulness.		
	Weaving Faith at Home Take home their “Growing With Jesus” pages.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Growing With Jesus” page (at the end of the lesson)	Remove the Lesson 6 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.

Bold text within the lesson is spoken text.



► **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 celebrate that God keeps all promises.





TODDLER

LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
1 Getting Started	Sing and Celebrate Sing or listen to praise songs.	CD player Teacher Pack: CD	
2 Bible Exploration	No More Rain Act out what happened to Noah in the flood, and then sing a song.	Bible, tape, spray water bottle, tissues, clear plastic wrap Teacher Pack: "Big Boat" poster 	Cover the teaching poster with clear plastic wrap (or laminate it). Hang it low on a wall where toddlers can see it.
3 Weaving Faith Into Life	Rainbow Colors Make beautiful colors on their handouts.	washable markers, My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Rainbow Promise" page (at the end of this lesson), 1 damp paper towel per child	Remove the Lesson 6 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book. Use washable markers to draw a three-color rainbow on each handout. Leave about half an inch between each color arc.
	Raindrops Make "raindrops" as they say a rhyme.	plastic tablecloth, dishpan with 1 inch of water, several sponges and large spoons	
	Weaving Faith at Home Take home their "Growing With Jesus" pages.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Growing With Jesus" page (at the end of the lesson)	


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2-YEAR-OLD



LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
1 Getting Started	Sing and Celebrate Sing or listen to praise songs.	CD player, spray water bottle Teacher Pack: CD, rainbow ribbons	
2 Bible Exploration	Rainbows of Promise Hear how God made a promise as they act out the Bible passage.	Bible, spray bottle Teacher Pack: "Big Boat" poster	
3 Weaving Faith Into Life	Rainbow Reminders Create rainbow pictures.	scissors; blue, yellow, and red finger paint; clear plastic wrap; crayons or washable markers; tape; My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Rainbow Promises" page (at the end of this lesson)	Remove the Lesson 6 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book. Cut clear plastic wrap into 2-inch squares.
	Rainbow Mosaic Create a rainbow from their paper "rain."	large sheet of clear vinyl adhesive paper, piece of cardboard, tape, scissors, 1 sheet of construction paper per child	Remove the backing from a large sheet of clear vinyl adhesive paper, and tape it to a piece of cardboard, sticky side up.
	Weaving Faith at Home Take home their "Growing With Jesus" pages.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Growing With Jesus" page (at the end of the lesson)	

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God Floods the Earth

Genesis 7–8; 9:8-16



BIBLE BACKGROUND
FOR LEADERS

God Speaks to Noah—Noah Obeys

Genesis 6 wraps up with Noah obeying “God” (*Elohim*). Chapter 7 begins with “the Lord” (*Yahweh*) speaking to Noah. The use of these two names in these places is noteworthy. The name *Elohim* tends to be used to emphasize God’s justice, and the name *Yahweh* most often denotes God’s mercy. In Chapter 6, Noah carried out God’s orders that showed God’s judgment on humankind. In Chapter 7, we see the administration of God’s mercy in the salvation of Noah’s family and the animals.

The Flood Arrives

When the flood came, it wasn’t caused only by rain. We read also that “the springs of the great deep burst forth.” Water came shooting upward from under the earth’s surface as rain deluged the earth from above. There was so much water that it covered the highest mountains by more than 20 feet! Some scientists believe that this event involved the sliding of continents and the creation of mountain ranges as subterranean plates slid and crashed together.

Noah and His Family Return to Dry Land

Once the rain stopped, it took almost a year for the water to recede sufficiently for Noah and his family to leave the ark. It’s interesting that one of the birds Noah had sent out to see if the earth was getting dry returned with an olive leaf. The olive branch has come to symbolize peace. Perhaps in the time of Noah it symbolized a new peace between God and his creation.

Notice that Noah had a method for testing to see if the earth was dry, but God told him when he should

leave the ark (Genesis 8:15-17). God was taking care of Noah and his family, just as he had promised.

God Makes a Promise

In Genesis 9:12-16, God again demonstrated his love for Noah. He made another promise, signified by the rainbow. The rainbow will always remind us of God’s promise to Noah and the fact that God always keeps his promises!

The Jesus Connection

Everyone—adults included—struggles to keep commitments and promises. As we juggle responsibilities to family, job, spouse, and friends, we often find these commitments conflicting with each other. And to add to the challenge, we live in a world where the character trait of “faithfulness” isn’t necessarily valued.

Pray for individuals in your ministry that as they model faithfulness and promise-keeping to others, they also paint a picture of a promise-keeping God. You can write your prayer here.





INFANT


1 GETTING
STARTED



Sing and Celebrate

What You'll Do

Sing “Rainbow Colors” (track 9 on the CD) to the tune of “The Mulberry Bush” to babies anytime during the lesson. Wave the rainbow streamer, or help babies do the motions as you sing.


 **Rainbow colors up in the sky,** (*reach arms up to the sky*)
Up in the sky, up in the sky.
Rainbow colors up in the sky,
Telling of God’s love. (*cross arms over chest*)

Raindrops falling down from the sky, (*wiggle fingers and move arms downward*)
Down from the sky, down from the sky.
Raindrops falling down from the sky,
Telling of God’s love. (*cross arms over chest*)

(Repeat from the beginning.)

Afterward, say: ► **GOD NEVER LIES.**

As you sing “We Need God” (not on the CD) to the tune of “Ten Little Indians,” gently help babies stand, sit, and turn around.

 **We need God as we stand up.**
We need God as we sit down.
We need God as we turn around
To face a brand-new day.

Love the Lord with all your heart.
Love the Lord with all your heart.
Love the Lord with all your heart,
Deuter-on-o-my 6:5.

Afterward, say: ► **GOD NEVER LIES.**

Sing and Celebrate Supplies

- CD player
- Teacher Pack**
- CD: “Rainbow Colors”
(track 9)
- rainbow ribbons

Sing and Celebrate Easy Prep

Create a rainbow streamer by knotting the rainbow ribbons together in the center. Knot each end to prevent fraying.





Rain and Rainbows Supplies

tape
clear plastic wrap
spray water bottle
tissues

Teacher Pack
“Big Boat” poster

Rain and Rainbows Easy Prep

Cover the teaching
poster with clear plastic
wrap (or laminate it).
Hang it low on a wall
where babies can see it.

Ribbon Rainbows Supplies

rainbow streamer from
“Sing and Celebrate”
activity

2 BIBLE EXPLORATION

Rain and Rainbows

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

As crawlers are playing on the floor or as you sit on the floor holding an infant, point out the “Big Boat” poster on the wall. Spray a few drops of water on the poster. As babies look at the poster, help them reach out and feel the wetness.

Say: **Oooh! It's wet like rain. Lots and lots of rain! God sent rain to float the boat. The boat floated for a long time. Rock the baby from side to side. The animals inside were nice and warm. The Bible tells us God dried the rain.** Wipe the poster with a tissue. **God made a promise to never send that much rain again. God made a rainbow to remind us of his promise. God keeps all promises. ► GOD NEVER LIES.**

3 WEAVING FAITH INTO LIFE

Ribbon Rainbows

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

For younger infants, hold the rainbow streamer you made by the center knot, and dangle the streamer in front of the baby's face. Slowly move it from one side to the other. The baby's eyes will follow the streamer. Older infants will enjoy feeling the streamer land on their heads and tickle their cheeks.

Say: **See the pretty rainbow? God keeps his promises! ► GOD NEVER LIES.**

God's Promises

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Say this rhyme as you rock or walk with a baby:

**God keeps all his promises.
He's faithful, kind, and true.
Yes, God, he never, ever lies.
He'll always comfort you.**



Weaving Faith at Home

Have children take home their “Growing With Jesus” pages. Encourage parents to do the activities with children to help them grow with Jesus. By working together and focusing on the same goals, you and parents can help children weave faith into their lives!

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TODDLER

1 GETTING STARTED

Sing and Celebrate

What You’ll Do ■■■■■■

Sing “Rainbow Colors” (track 9 on the CD) to the tune of “The Mulberry Bush” anytime during the lesson. As toddlers sing, have them jump on the word *up*. For extra fun, lift a toddler into the air each time you sing the word *up*. As you sing “telling of God’s love,” bring the toddler down and give him or her a big hug.

🎵 **Rainbow colors up in the sky,** (*reach arms up to the sky*)
Up in the sky, up in the sky.
Rainbow colors up in the sky,
Telling of God’s love. (*cross arms over chest*)

Raindrops falling down from the sky, (*wiggle fingers and move arms downward*)
Down from the sky, down from the sky.
Raindrops falling down from the sky,
Telling of God’s love. (*cross arms over chest*)

(Repeat from the beginning.)

Afterward, say: ► **GOD NEVER LIES.**

As you sing “We Need God” (not on the CD) to the tune of “Ten Little Indians,” encourage toddlers to stand up, sit down, and turn around. Have them cross their arms over their chests as you sing the second verse.

🎵 **We need God as we stand up.**
We need God as we sit down.
We need God as we turn around
To face a brand-new day.



Weaving Faith at Home Supplies

My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Growing With Jesus” page (at the end of the lesson)

Weaving Faith at Home Easy Prep

Remove the Lesson 6 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.

Sing and Celebrate Supplies

CD player
Teacher Pack
CD: “Rainbow Colors” (track 9)





No More Rain Supplies

Bible
tape
spray water bottle
tissues
clear plastic wrap
Teacher Pack
“Big Boat” poster

No More Rain Easy Prep

Cover the teaching
poster with clear plastic
wrap (or laminate it).
Hang it low on a wall
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2 BIBLE EXPLORATION

No More Rain

What You’ll Do ■■■■■■

Gather a group of toddlers around the “Big Boat” poster. Open your Bible to Genesis 7–8; 9:8–16, and tell children this is God’s special book.

Spray water on the poster. As toddlers look at the poster, help them reach out and feel the wetness. Some toddlers may have enough hand strength to spray the water bottle. Let them try, and help as needed.

Say: **After Noah built his boat, it rained and rained and rained. No one had ever seen so much water. The boat floated for a long time. Encourage toddlers to rock from side to side. The animals inside Noah’s ark were nice and warm. The Bible tells us God dried the rain. Distribute tissues, and let the toddlers wipe the poster dry. God made a promise to never send that much rain again. God made a rainbow to remind us of his promise. Point to the rainbow on the poster. See the pretty colors in the rainbow? They remind us of God’s promise to Noah. God kept all his promises to Noah, and he keeps all his promises to us. ► GOD NEVER LIES.**

Conclude by singing “God Never Lies to Us” (not on the CD) to the tune of “London Bridge”:

♪ God, he never lies to us,
He tells the truth, tells the truth.
God, he never lies to us,
How I love him.



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**WEAVING FAITH
INTO LIFE**

Rainbow Colors

What You'll Do

Set out damp paper towels and the prepared copies of the “Rainbow Promises” page. Explain to toddlers that as they rub the damp towel over the rainbow, they’ll make even more beautiful colors. Help children rub the colors gently without “scrubbing” their papers. Then let children color the papers with large crayons or washable markers. Encourage them as they work.

Say: **All the beautiful colors of the rainbow remind us that God keeps all promises.**

▶ **GOD NEVER LIES. What a pretty reminder God gave us!**

Raindrops

What You'll Do

Set the dishpan of water, sponges, and spoons in the center of a plastic tablecloth on the floor. Gather a few toddlers around. Show older toddlers how to make “raindrops” by squeezing the sponges over the dishpan. Younger toddlers who aren’t able to squeeze the sponges can scoop and pour raindrops with the spoons.

As toddlers make their raindrops, remind them that God promised never to flood the world again. Reinforce that ▶ **GOD NEVER LIES.** When you’re ready to wrap up the activity, say this rhyme with children:

Rain, rain, go away!

Noah’s animals want to come out and play.

Weaving Faith at Home

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Rainbow Colors Supplies

- washable markers
- My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Rainbow Promises” page (at the end of this lesson)
- 1 damp paper towel per child

Rainbow Colors Easy Prep

Remove the Lesson 6 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book. Use washable markers to draw a three-color rainbow on each handout. Leave about half an inch between each color arc.

Raindrops Supplies

- plastic tablecloth
- dishpan with 1 inch of water
- several sponges and large spoons

Weaving Faith at Home Supplies

- My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Growing With Jesus” page (at the end of the lesson)





Sing and Celebrate Supplies

CD player
spray water bottle
Teacher Pack
CD: "Rainbow Colors"
(track 9)
rainbow ribbons


2-YEAR-OLD

1 GETTING STARTED

Sing and Celebrate

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Sing "Rainbow Colors" (track 9 on the CD) to the tune of "The Mulberry Bush" anytime during the lesson. Let 2-year-olds wave the rainbow ribbons from the Teacher Pack as you sing. Spray a light mist of water over the children as you sing "raindrops falling down from the sky."

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2 BIBLE EXPLORATION

Rainbows of Promise

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Gather children together near the "Big Boat" poster. Remind children that Noah obeyed God and did what God asked him to do. Open your Bible to Genesis 7-8; 9:8-16, and tell children this is God's special book.

Say: **The Bible tells us God told Noah to put his family and the animals into the ark. God was sending a big rainstorm and wanted to keep Noah's family and the animals safe. Pat your hands on your legs to make rain sounds.**

As children are making rain sounds, gently spray water above their heads.

Say: **Keep patting your legs because it rained and rained and rained and rained for a very long time.** Gently spray some more water. **The Bible tells us it rained so much that the waters flooded the earth. Noah, his family, and the animals lived in the ark that floated on top of the water. Let's row that boat together.** Encourage the children to make rowing motions with their arms.

After a long time, it stopped raining, and the flood waters went away. Pretty soon the sun came out. Point to the rainbow on the poster. **What is this? A rainbow! God put a rainbow in the sky. What colors do you see in the rainbow? God told Noah the rainbow was a sign that he'd never send a flood to destroy the earth again. Every time you see a rainbow, remember that God keeps all promises. ► GOD NEVER LIES.**

3 WEAVING FAITH INTO LIFE

Rainbow Reminders

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Set out large crayons or washable markers and copies of the "Rainbow Promises" page. Have children color the handout.

Say: **God made beautiful rainbow colors for us to enjoy. We're going to make rainbows on our papers to remind us that ► GOD NEVER LIES.**

In the center of each child's paper, place blue, yellow, and red blobs of finger paint.



Rainbows of Promise Supplies

- Bible
- spray bottle
- Teacher Pack**
- "Big Boat" poster

Rainbow Reminders Supplies

- scissors
- blue, yellow, and red finger paint
- clear plastic wrap
- crayons or washable markers
- tape
- My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Rainbow Promises" page (at the end of the lesson)

Rainbow Reminders Easy Prep

Remove the Lesson 6 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book. Cut clear plastic wrap into 2-inch squares.





Rainbow Mosaic Supplies

large sheet of clear vinyl
adhesive paper
piece of cardboard
tape
scissors
1 sheet of construction
paper per child

Rainbow Mosaic Easy Prep

Remove the backing
from a large sheet of
clear vinyl adhesive
paper, and tape it to
a piece of cardboard,
sticky side up.

Weaving Faith at Home Supplies

My Bible Snuggles or 1
copy per child of the
“Growing With Jesus”
page (at the end of the
lesson)

Cover the paint blobs with the clear plastic wrap, and tape all the edges to the paper. Show children how to run their fingers over the surface of the plastic wrap to spread the paint into a rainbow. Lift off the plastic wrap, and set the pictures aside to dry.


Rainbow Mosaic

What You'll Do

Give children sheets of colored construction paper. Help children tear the paper into small pieces and then throw the pieces into the air for rain.

Say: **Now let's make a rainbow to remind us that God stopped the rain. God keeps all promises because God loves us. ► GOD NEVER LIES.**

Have children pick up the pieces of paper and place them on the sticky vinyl adhesive paper to make a rainbow. As children place the colors, sing “Rainbow Maker” (not on the CD) to the tune of “Did You Ever See a Lassie?”

 **Only God can make a rainbow,
A rainbow, a rainbow.
Only God can make a rainbow
To promise his care.**

**There's red, orange, and yellow,
And green, blue, and purple.
Only God can make a rainbow
And God never lies.**

Weaving Faith at Home

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Growing With Jesus



Your child learned that God never lies (from Genesis 7-8; 9:8-16). Your child participated in one of the following activities today. You can use these activities with your child to help your child grow with Jesus throughout the week.

INFANT

God's Promises

Say this rhyme as you rock or walk with your baby:

**God keeps all his promises.
He's faithful, kind, and true.
Yes, God, he never, ever lies.
He'll always comfort you.**

TODDLER

Raindrops

Lay a plastic tablecloth on the floor. In the center set a dishpan with about 1 inch of water in the bottom, a small sponge, and a large spoon.

Show your toddler how to make "raindrops" by squeezing the sponge over the dishpan. If your toddler is younger and unable to squeeze the sponge, he or she can scoop and pour raindrops with the spoon.

Remind your child that God promised never to flood the world again. Reinforce that God never lies. Say this rhyme together:

**Rain, rain, go away!
Noah's animals want to come out and play.**

2-YEAR-OLD

Rainbow Mosaic

Help your child tear colored paper into small pieces and then throw the pieces into the air for rain.

Say: **Now let's make a rainbow to remind us that God stopped the rain. God keeps all promises because God loves us. God never lies.** Help your child arrange the pieces of paper to make a rainbow as you sing "Rainbow Maker" to the tune of "Did You Ever See a Lassie?"

**Only God can make a rainbow,
A rainbow, a rainbow.
Only God can make a rainbow
To promise his care.
There's red, orange, and yellow,
And green, blue, and purple.
Only God can make a rainbow
And God never lies.**



Promises, Promises

Your parenting has much to do with how your child sees the world and God. If you have a difficult time keeping your word, your child may come to believe that the world is an overwhelmingly scary place and that God is unreliable. Sometimes crazy threats, promises, or even lies come out of our mouths. Apologize when you mess up. Work hard to make realistic commitments and keep them.



Use these ideas to help your child become a FaithWeaver:

- Let your child make rainbows by squeezing shaving cream into a sealed plastic bag. Add drops of food coloring to the bag, and let your child work the coloring into the shaving cream.
- Wave colored scarves as you move with your child to favorite praise music.



Rainbow Promises



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