

NOAH'S ARK

VBS Lesson Outline | Genesis 6-9

THE BIG IDEA

God keeps His promises. Even when the whole world had turned away from God, He saved Noah and his family because Noah trusted and obeyed Him. The rainbow reminds us that God always keeps His word.

MEMORY VERSE

"I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth." (Genesis 9:13, NIV)

OPENING (5 minutes)

Ask: Have you ever had to wait a really, really long time for something? Maybe waiting for your birthday or a vacation? Today we are going to meet a man who waited over 100 years for God's promise to come true.

STORY TIME (10 minutes)

Tell the story from Genesis 6-9. Key points: (1) The world had become very wicked, and it made God sad. (2) Noah was the only righteous man, and God told him to build a huge ark. (3) Noah obeyed even though people laughed at him. (4) God brought two of every animal to the ark. (5) Rain fell for 40 days and 40 nights, covering the whole earth. (6) After the flood, God made a covenant with Noah, sealed with a rainbow. (7) God promised never to flood the whole earth again.

DISCUSSION (5 minutes)

Questions to ask: Why did Noah keep building even when people laughed? What promises has God made to us? How can we trust God even when we have to wait? What does the rainbow remind us of?

ACTIVITY TIME (15 minutes)

Option A: Rainbow Promise Craft (see craft sheet). Option B: Coloring page. Option C: Memory verse practice with hand motions.

CLOSING PRAYER

Dear God, thank you for this story and what it teaches us. Help us to remember God keeps His promises. In Jesus' name, Amen.