

Grade 3, 4, 5
Session 4

Noah

Opening Prayer
Sign of the cross and the Our Father.

Read together Genesis 6:9-9:17, starting on page 32

On page 36, color in a rainbow over the words in Genesis 9 to remind yourself of God's promise.

Use the instruction pages found in the children's Bible pages 34-35

Discussion questions

1. What is your favorite part of this story?
2. Did you know how it was going to end?
3. What does the word Covenant mean? A really big promise that is meant to bring people together in a strong relationship.
4. The last part of the reading is called "God's Covenant with Noah". What was the covenant? That God would never again destroy all living things.

Even though God made a promise here, he did not make Noah promise anything in return. God knew that no matter what, humans were going to make mistakes and sometimes there would be a lot of mistakes and people would forget that God only wanted what was best for them. But God made the promise because He had a plan to bring us all back to Him.

Read and do the activity pages on "The Covenant with Noah".

Fun Fact- The term 40 days and 40 nights that we often hear in the Bible is not a time that was really 40 days or 40 nights. It was a common term back then that meant "a really long time". And the Jewish people usually also associated the number 40 with a trial period, or a time of hardship. So when the Bible says it rained for 40 days and nights, it really means that it rained for a long time.

Another Fun Fact - The rain came in this story when Noah was 600 years old. But was he really that old. Actually, no. In the time of the ancient writers, they believed that if someone lived a long life, they must have been a good and holy person for God to allow them such a long life and if someone died younger, they believed that they died due to some sin and God ended their life because of that. We know now that is not how things work, but humans were still learning about how the world worked back then. Since they believed that, when the ancient writers

wanted to show how holy a man was, they exaggerated his age so the reader would understand how holy the man they were writing about was. How old is the oldest person you've ever met?

Here is a video for fun:

Noah, Saddleback Kids

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qzYjy6lhRag>

Closing prayer

Sign of the cross and the Our Father. Close the prayer with a special blessing on the child/children by the parent(s).