

Glenview New Church Sunday Morning Program
Preschool Lessons, Phase 2 – Lesson 4
Noah and the Rainbow (Genesis 9)

Theme: The Lord's Covenant with Man

I. Underlying Ideas for the Teacher

- A. The Lord and His angels are constantly caring for us and leading us toward heaven.
- B. A rainbow is the truths from the Word in our mind. The various colors show how we all receive the truth differently.
- C. The rainbow in the cloud represents regeneration.

II. Story Circle

A. Introduction

- 1. Have you ever seen a rainbow? Sometimes you can see a rainbow after it rains. How do you feel when you see a rainbow? Do you feel lucky? Do you feel happy?
- 2. Once the Lord sent a beautiful rainbow to Noah and his family. Do you remember Noah who built the ark? The Lord told Noah to build the ark, because a great flood was coming. Noah and his family were good, but other people were very bad. They didn't love the Lord. They didn't do what the Lord told them to do. The great flood came to punish all the bad people. But Noah and his family were safe from the flood. They stayed in the ark until the rain stopped and there was dry land once again. Let's read about the rainbow the Lord sent to Noah after the flood.

B. Tell/Read the Story

- 1. Retell the story from Genesis 9:8-15:
- 2. Then God spoke to Noah and to his sons with him, saying: "And as for Me, behold, I establish My covenant with you and with your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you: the birds, the cattle, and every beast of the earth with you, of all that go out of the ark, every beast of the earth.
- 3. "I set My rainbow in the cloud, and it shall be for the sign of the covenant between Me and the earth.
- 4. "It shall be, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the rainbow shall be seen in the cloud; and I will remember My covenant."

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C. Ideas to Discuss

1. Was Noah good or bad? (good)
2. Why did a great flood come on the earth? (To punish the bad people)
3. Why did the Lord tell Noah to build the ark? (So that Noah and his family would be safe from the flood)
4. What beautiful thing did the Lord send after the flood? (A rainbow)

D. Further Ideas

1. The rainbow was a special sign that the Lord remembered Noah and his family and loved them.
2. The rainbow is also a sign that if we are good, the Lord can take care of us. As long as we love the Lord and obey Him, He will not let evil things hurt us. He will take care of us.

III. Enrichment Activities

A. Music

1. "Father in heaven," *Hymnal* #152.
2. "All that the Lord has spoken," *Hymnal* #245.
3. "Noah and the Rainbow" *First Songs For Little Children*, p. 26

B. Activities

1. Show children that a prism makes a rainbow of the sunlight.

C. Project

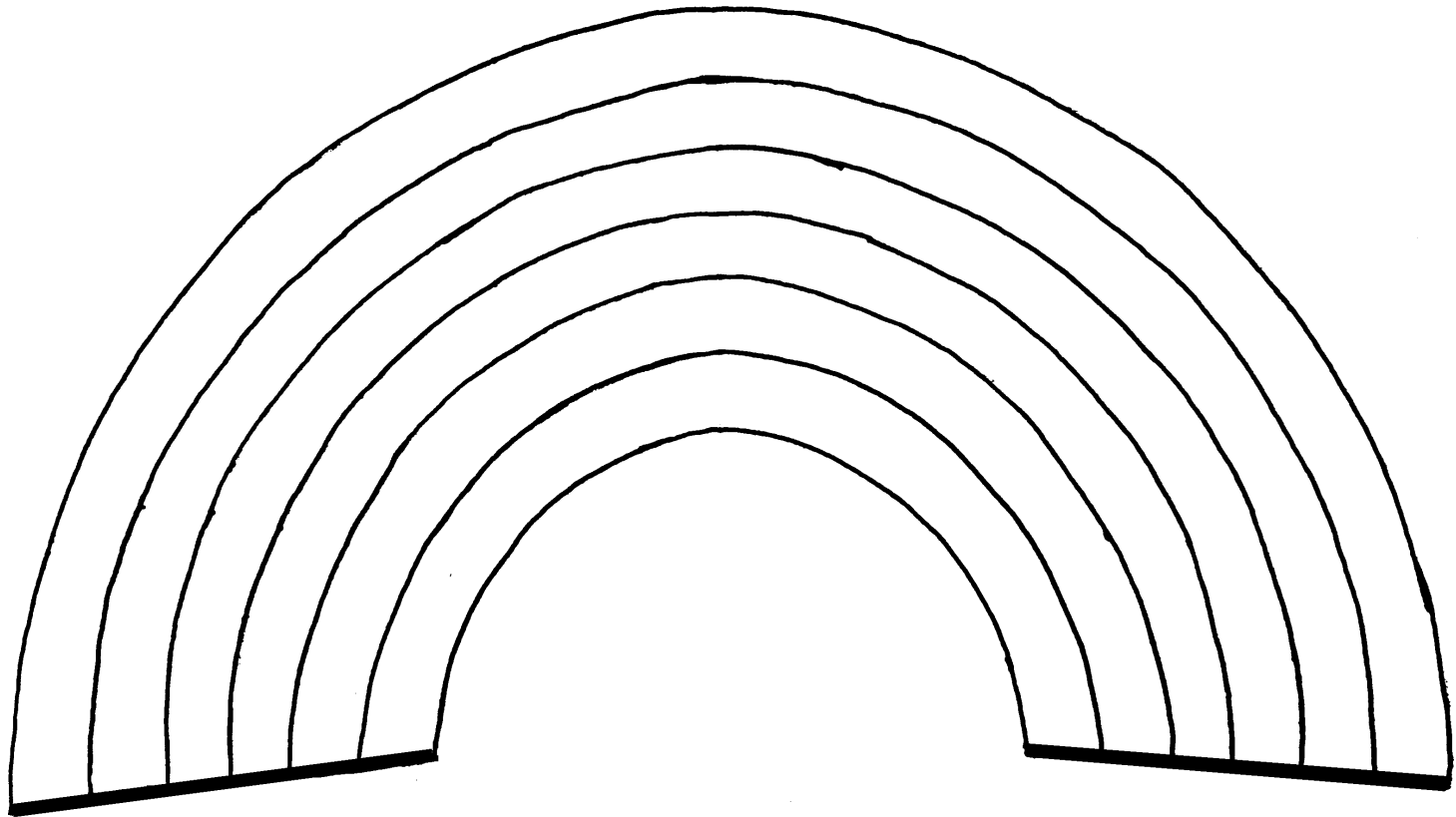
1. Give each child the outline of a rainbow to color using markers, crayons or oil pastels.
2. Have each child make a rainbow using oil pastels on blue paper. Starting from the top of the rainbow, the colors should be: red, then orange, yellow, then green, blue, and then purple. (Text: "I set My rainbow in the cloud.")
3. Make it rain or shine on Noah's ark. (See project for the little ones in the *Sunday School Activity Book* for Genesis 9:1-17: The Rainbow).

IV. Teaching Aids

- A. Illustrations of the story of Noah and the ark.

V. Further Reading for the Teacher

- A. Dole's *Bible Study Notes*, Volume I, Genesis 9.



"I set My rainbow in the cloud."

Genesis 9:13