

Lesson Overview

In today's lesson, we're learning about a special promise God made to Noah. Last week, we learned about Noah and the flood. God sent a flood to wash away all the evil people. But, because Noah obeyed God, he saved Noah, his family and some animals by showing Noah how to build a big boat. God eventually took all the water away and dry land was found again. So, everyone got off the boat to start a new life! God told them to populate the earth with new people and animals. And, God promised Noah that he would never flood the earth again. He gave him a sign to remember the promise and it's a sign we still see today. It's the rainbow! God created the rainbow as a reminder that he will never flood the whole earth again. But, the rainbow is also a symbol of God's unbelievable love for us. He chose to rescue Noah from the flood, and he chose to rescue all of us from sin when he sent Jesus. Even when we really mess up, God's love is still there. So, the next time you see a rainbow, remember God's promise and his love for you.

Big Idea

*Even when people's sin is big,
God's grace is bigger.*

Key Question

What is grace?

Memory Verse

*Genesis 9:16 "When I see the
rainbow in the clouds, I will
remember the eternal covenant
between God and every living
creature on earth."*

Classroom Agenda

1. (5 min) **Let kids start working on Activity Page #1.**
2. (5 min) **WARM UP: Can you think of a time you when you thought you were in big trouble but your parents or teacher let you off the hook? How did that feel?** (Tip: Sometimes, our parents don't give us the punishment we deserve. God is the same way. He loves us and is kind to us even when we don't deserve it.)
3. (5 min) **PREVIEW: Write out the Big Idea, Memory Verse, and Key Question on a whiteboard.** Have the kids copy it down on Activity Page #1 (if applicable).
4. (20 min) **LARGE GROUP: Gather for songs and videos with other kids.** Then return to class to finish this guide.
5. (2 min) **RECAP: Read the Lesson Overview (see above).**
6. (3 min) **KQ: Answer the Key Question.** (Answer: **Grace is God's free gift of love and forgiveness.** (Think about when you get a gift. Did you have to do something to earn the gift? Did you pay for it? No! Someone buys you a gift because they love you and want you to feel special. This is how God is toward us. He loves us. He doesn't make us do things to earn his love. It's the same with forgiveness. He offers us forgiveness out of his love, not because we've earned it or deserve it.)
 - **Bonus Questions:** What is grace? Why do we need forgiveness? **4-5th:** How does it make you feel to know that God loves you, no matter what you've done?
7. (5 min) **EXPLORE: Read [Romans 5:8](#). How did God show his great love for us? Why does it matter that Jesus came to die even though we're sinners?** (Answer: He sent Jesus to die for our sins so that we could live to honor God. Jesus came to break the power of sin that makes us want to do things our own way instead of God's way. And, Jesus did that for us even though we didn't deserve it or hadn't earned it in any way.)
8. (10 min) **PLAY: Choose a group activity from Activity Page #2.**
9. (5 min) **CLOSE: Share prayer requests and pray as a class.** Encourage kids to use the Family Guide at home with their parents - and remind them to go online to pursueGOD.org/kids to find this week's lesson video.

Teacher instructions: Choose an activity for your classroom.

OPTION 1: NOAH AND THE RAINBOW JEOPARDY

Instructions:

- Divide the class into two teams. Give each team a bell or ringer.
- Read a question from below. First team to ring in gets a chance to answer. If correct, they get a point. If wrong, the other team gets a chance to answer for a bonus point. Team with the most points, wins.

Questions:

1. Why did God send a flood? (wipe out evil)
2. What did God tell Noah to do once he was on dry land? (start over, multiply)

3. From what book is our memory verse found? (Genesis)
4. Who died on the cross for our sins? (Jesus)
5. What does the rainbow mean? (God's promise never to flood earth again)
6. What's the Big Idea today? (see board)
7. What does grace mean? (gift of love/forgiveness)
8. Why do we need forgiveness? (sins)
9. What book is full of God's truth? (Bible)
10. Where did Jesus die for us? (cross)

Supplies needed: Bells/Ringers

OPTION 2: GOD'S RAINBOW CRAFT

Instructions:

- Give each kid a half of a paper plate and a Rainbow template (page 5).
- Have kids design their own rainbow on the rings of the plate. Then, have them glue the Big Idea and Memory verse below the rainbow.
- As they work, read the story of Noah and the rainbow from Genesis 9:8-17. Remind the kids that the rainbow was a promise from God to never flood the earth again. It's also a reminder to us that God loves us and wants to protect us, too.

Supplies needed: Rainbow template (pg. 5, pre cut 1 set per kid), White paper plates (cut in half, 1 half per kid), Crayons/Markers, Glue

Hey kids and parents! Fill in the blanks as you talk about this week's lesson together. Have fun!

Key Points

- God remembered Noah, and eventually dried up the _____. Genesis 8:1
- _____ told Noah and the animals to _____ the boat and start over again. Genesis 8:15-17
- God _____ never to flood the earth again, and gave the _____ as a sign. Genesis 9:11, 17
- Even when people's sin is _____, God's _____ is bigger.

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Talk About It

1. What's your favorite part of the video? What's one thing you learned from it?
2. Can you think of a time you when you thought you were in big trouble but your parents or teacher let you off the hook? How did that feel?
3. What did God tell Noah and the animals to do once they got on dry land?
4. Why did God create the rainbow?
5. Read Romans 5:8. How did God show his great love for us? Why does it matter that Jesus came to die even though we're sinners?
6. How will you apply this lesson to your life this week?

Instructions: Color the picture.

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Noah And The Rainbow

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