

# God's Promises

## Introduction for parents—

This lesson explains how God makes promises through the stories of Noah and Abraham. As we go through our Lenten series will come to the ultimate promise of salvation through Christ in a later lesson.

## Family discussion—

People make promises to each other. Sometimes we give something to another person as a sign of our promise, other times we just give our word to another person that we'll do something.

Talk about familiar signs of a promise. One example would be a wedding band. An oath is an example of a promise to do something. Include promises to do chores as an example of a promise to do something.

Sometimes people don't keep promises they made for us and it makes feel bad. Other times there is a reason that they want to keep their promise but they just can't and we need to be understanding and forgive them. We may not be able to keep our promises due illness, financial issues, having extra homework or working overtime, talk about promises kept or not kept in family.

God makes promises too but God never breaks his promises. Today we're going to learn about the promises God made to Noah and to Abraham.

## The Story of Noah—

Watch the video of the story of Noah together.

Read Genesis 9:8-17 and discuss how God gave us the sign of the rainbow as promise that he will never destroy the flood the world again.

[Children, especially older children, may question if God is trying to destroy the world with Covid and storms at this time. God did not say that bad things wouldn't happen. He doesn't make them happen. God loves us and His love helps us get through hard times.]

## Rainbow Science Project—

Watch the video of the science project together and then try it yourself. You'll need whole milk, food coloring, and dishwashing liquid for this project.

## The Promise to Abraham—

Read Genesis 17:15-16. God promised Abraham that he would have many descendants. Jesus was one of those descendants. See how far back you can trace your family tree. Use construction paper to make a family tree. You can find creative ideas for family trees on Pinterest and other web sites.