

The Colors Of The Rainbow

PRESCHOOL LESSON PLAN

Theme: God's promises.

Scripture: Genesis 9:16

Memory Verse: Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures. Genesis 9:16

The Children's Sermon

Did you know that a Rainbow is a Promise?

Did you know The Bible begins with a rainbow and ends with a rainbow:=-

- In the Book of Genesis it says: The Rainbow of God's Promise shines across the world.
- In the Book of Revelation it says: The Emerald Rainbow shines around the Throne of God in heaven.

A very long time ago, God could find only one honorable person, Noah. So God asked him to build a large boat and to load it with his family and pairs of every kind of bird and animal on earth. Then God sent rain for forty days and nights until the earth was covered with water in a great flood, and all the people and animals outside drowned - even the birds.

After the water dried up, Noah built an altar and worshiped God, and God spoke to Noah and his sons. God promised that the earth and everything living on it would never again be destroyed by a flood.

We see this story as evidence one more time of the grace and goodness of a God who makes solemn promises. And God gave us something to remind us of that solemn promise.

A rainbow is an arch of light exhibiting a wide range of colors. It is caused by drops of water falling through the air. It is usually seen in the sky at the end of a rain shower. Because of this, God said every time we see a rainbow it would remind us of His promise never to flood the whole world again and remind us of His love for us.

Do you know what each color in the rainbow means? I found something that explains it:

Red represents the blood Jesus shed for us

Yellow is for God's perfect light, the sun so bright

Orange peeks out from the night, bringing life through Jesus.

Green paints the world with God's creation, like trees and grass, showing us the new life we have in Jesus.

Blue, the color of water, reminds us of God's beautiful seas and our baptism, connecting us with Jesus.

Black shows our sins and the darkest day for God.

Purple shares the story of Jesus' sorrow, so we can have eternal life. Pink whispers of our bright futures.

White shines with God's purity, washing away our sins with grace.

When life feels like a never-ending storm, and you're filled with doubts, remember God's Rainbow Covenant. It's a promise of hope, a reminder that God is always there for you.

So, kids, whenever you see a rainbow, remember God's promises and how much He loves you. Each color tells a part of God's big story and His plan for us. And just like Noah, we can trust that God will always keep His promises. The Rainbow Covenant isn't just a story from the past; it's a promise for us today and every day.

Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for the beautiful Rainbow Covenant and the promises each color holds. Help us remember your love and care for us, especially when we face tough times. Teach us to trust in your promises and find joy in the colorful life you've given us. Amen.

Bible Memory Verse

Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures. Genesis 9:16

You Will Need:

- Construction paper (various colors including red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, violet)
- Cotton balls
- Glue
- Scissors

Get Ready:

- Cut the construction paper into strips, one for each color of the rainbow.
- Prepare a sample rainbow to show as an example.

Do This:

1. Explain the memory verse to the children, emphasizing God's promise and the significance of the rainbow as a reminder of that promise.
2. Help the children arrange the strips of paper in the correct order of a rainbow (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, violet) on a large piece of construction paper or poster board.
3. Once the rainbow is arranged, let the children glue the strips down and then add cotton balls at the ends of the rainbow to represent clouds. Encourage them to remember God's promise every time they see a rainbow.

Bible Interactive Experience

You'll Need:

- Paper plates
- Cotton balls
- Glue
- Blue and rainbow colored markers or crayons

Get Ready:

- Cover the work area with newspaper or a plastic tablecloth for easy cleanup.
- Have the paper plates, cotton balls, glue, and markers/crayons laid out on the table where children can easily reach them.

Do this:

1. Tell the children they will make their own rainbow to remember God's promise to Noah (and us) that He would never flood the whole earth again. Explain that the rainbow is a sign of that promise.
2. Have the children color the bottom half of the paper plate blue to represent the sky. They can use the blue markers or crayons for this.
3. Next, instruct the children to glue cotton balls on the top half of the plate for clouds.
4. Finally, let the children draw a rainbow above the clouds with the rainbow colored markers or crayons. Encourage them to use as many colors as they want to make their rainbow colorful.
5. As they work, talk to them about the importance of God's promises and how He always keeps His word.

Snack Activity: Rainbow Promise Pudding Cups

You'll Need:

- Instant vanilla pudding mix
- Milk (to make the pudding)
- Food coloring (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, violet)
- Clear plastic cups
- Spoons

Get Ready: Prepare the vanilla pudding according to the package instructions in a large bowl. Divide the pudding evenly into seven smaller bowls.

Do this:

1. Add a few drops of a different food coloring to each bowl of pudding to create the colors of the rainbow (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, violet). Stir well until each bowl is brightly colored.
2. Carefully layer the colored pudding into the clear cups, one color at a time, to make a rainbow. Start with violet at the bottom and end with red on top, to mimic the order of colors in a rainbow.
3. Share with the children that just like the beautiful layers of colors in their pudding cups, God's promise to Noah with the rainbow in Genesis 9:16 is a reminder of His love and faithfulness to us. Every time we see a rainbow, it's a sign of God's promise to never flood the whole earth again.

Game Activity: Rainbow Promise Hop

You'll Need:

- Sidewalk chalk
- A large, open concrete or asphalt area
- Small prizes or stickers (optional)

Get Ready: Draw a large rainbow on the ground with the sidewalk chalk, making each color of the rainbow a different 'lane' for hopping. At the start of the rainbow, write 'Start' and at the other end, write 'God's Promise'.

Do this:

1. Gather the children and explain that the rainbow is a sign of God's promise to Noah that He would never flood the whole earth again. Each color of the rainbow represents a part of God's love and promises to us.
2. Have the children line up at the start of the rainbow. They will take turns hopping from color to color, saying a promise of God with each hop. For younger children, you can say the promise and have them repeat after you. Examples of simple promises include 'God loves us', 'God is with us', and 'God cares for us'.
3. When a child reaches the end of the rainbow, celebrate their accomplishment with applause, a sticker, or a small prize. Remind them that just like they can trust in finishing the hop, they can always trust in God's promises.

Craft Activity: Rainbow Promise Plates

You'll Need:

- Paper plates
- Cotton balls
- Glue
- Rainbow colored tissue paper (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, violet)

Get Ready: Cut the tissue paper into small squares (about 1 inch x 1 inch).

Do this:

1. Explain to the children that after the flood, God made a promise to Noah and all of us that He would never flood the whole earth again. God gave us the rainbow as a sign of this promise.
2. Have the children spread glue generously over one side of the paper plate.
3. Let the children stick the cotton balls on the bottom edge of the plate to represent clouds.

4. Encourage the children to stick the rainbow colored tissue squares above the cotton clouds in the order of a rainbow. Remind them that every time we see a rainbow, it's a reminder of God's promise to us.

Prayer Activity: Rainbow Promises

You'll Need:

- A printout of a rainbow
- Crayons or markers
- Cotton balls

Get Ready: Print out a simple rainbow coloring page for each child.

Do this:

1. Read Genesis 9:16 together, simplifying it as: 'God made a promise with the rainbow that He would always take care of us and the earth.'
2. Give each child a rainbow printout and let them color the rainbow with crayons or markers. As they color, talk about the colors and remind them that each color can remind us of God's promises.
3. Once they are done coloring, help them glue cotton balls on the ends of the rainbow for clouds. Explain that just like clouds and rainbows appear in the sky, God's promises are always with us, even when we can't see them.