



GOD SPARED NOAH: GENESIS 6-10

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KEY PASSAGE:

“Everyone makes wrong choices” Romans 3:2



BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

What does it mean to sin? We sin when we disobey God.



CHRIST CONNECTION:

- **Toddlers:** We can trust in Jesus
- **Ages 3-5:** God rescued Noah and his family from the flood. Jesus came to save people from sin. When we trust in Jesus, He saves us from our sin.
- **Pre-Primary:** God rescued Noah and his family from the flood. Later, there was an even greater rescue! Jesus came to save people from sin. When we trust in Jesus, He saves us from the punishment for our sin.
- **Primary:** God rescued Noah and his family from the flood. The story of Noah points ahead to a greater rescue. God’s Son, Jesus—the only perfectly righteous One—came to take the punishment for our sin. By trusting in Him, we are saved from the punishment our sin deserves.

LEADER BIBLE STUDY

When God destroyed the entire population of the earth except for Noah and his family, we are reminded that **God keeps His promise to preserve a remnant of His people always.** When Noah sent a dove to find dry land and it returned with an olive leaf, we are reminded of God’s promise to show His people the way at just the right time. And when God painted His bow in the sky, we are reminded of God’s promise that He will always keep His Word.

In a world filled with fake news and false prophets, we are often skeptical of the stories and promises that we hear and read about. When it comes to the promises and claims of the world, we should be discerning. But **when it comes to the promises of God, we should be trusting.**

As you survey Genesis 6-10, may it stir a great reminder in your heart and mind that God is always faithful and true. God is no liar, and He will not turn back from His word. May these chapters of Genesis also give you hope that though everything around you may fail, God’s Word never will.

As Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 1:20, “every one of God’s promises is ‘Yes’ in [Jesus].”

1. WELCOME KIDS



SAY: Several weeks ago we learned that God made the earth and everything on it, including animals. Today we are going to hear a Bible story about a great flood. Our Bible story is found in Genesis 6. Genesis is the first book of the Bible.

OPTIONAL GAMES

OPTION 1: BUILD AN ARK (OLDER KIDS)

Divide the kids into small groups of 2-3. Provide each group with a variety of craft supplies: craft sticks, foil, glue, tape, etc. Challenge them to work together to build a boat out of the craft supplies. The most important thing about the boat needs to be its ability to float. When everyone is finished building, give each group a turn to put their boat in the bowl of water to see if it floats.

OPTION 2: WILL IT FLOAT? (YOUNGER KIDS)

Cut paper plates in half for each child. Make a boat by duct taping the two halves together. Help the younger children stick animal stickers on the boat. Write a gospel gem or the Christ connection on each child's boat. Talk about the Bible story

SAY: God kept Noah's family safe in the ark, and God kept the animals safe too.

OPTION 3: ANIMAL RACES (ALL AGES)

Use masking tape to make starting and finishing lines. Form teams of two. Allow each team to choose the animal they want to be. The teams will race against other teams. They will race as the animals they've chosen to be (if they are elephants, they will race on all fours; if they are snakes, they will race on their bellies; etc). Call two teams to the starting line. Instruct them to get into their animal position. The team that crosses the finish line, still in their animal positions, wins. Play again as other animals as time allows.

SAY: You all were hilarious as animals! Does anyone know why Noah brought two of every kind of animal onto the ark? It was part of God's plan. Listen as we read the Bible story today to see that God's plan included at least two of each kind of animal and Noah's whole family

2. INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

INTRODUCE THE SESSION

Every single person in the whole world was full of sin. The Bible says that even their thoughts were evil. We know that sin isn't just what we do. **Sin is deeper than just our behavior. What does it mean to sin? To sin is to think, speak, or behave in any way that goes against God and His commands.** We can't save ourselves from the depth of our sin. **We need someone to save us, to rescue us, from our sinful thoughts, words, and actions.**

God rescued Noah and his family from the flood. Later, there was an even greater rescue!

Jesus came to save people from sin. When we trust in Jesus, He saves us from the punishment for our sin.



TELL THE BIBLE STORY

Open your Bible to Genesis 4-5. Read the story and/or watch the childrens story on the Sunday Scrum.

Adam and Eve had children and grandchildren. Soon there were many people in the world. **All of them sinned like Adam and Eve.** They chose not to do what God said. God saw that the people did mean things and thought bad thoughts. **God was very sad. He decided to send a big flood to take away all the people from the world. But God showed favor to a man named Noah.**

Noah followed God. God told Noah about His plan, and He told him to build an ark—a really big boat—where Noah’s family and all kinds of birds and animals would be safe from the flood. Noah obeyed God. **He built the ark just like God told him to.** When the ark was finished, Noah went inside with his family and every kind of animal, and God shut the door. **Rain began to fall.** Water covered all the earth, even the highest mountains. The ark floated on the water, and everyone inside the ark was safe.

Finally, after 40 days and 40 nights, the rain stopped. The water went down, and the ark rested on a mountaintop. God told Noah to bring his family and all the animals out of the ark. Noah walked out and gave an offering to thank God. **God had saved Noah, his family, and the animals from the flood.** God told Noah’s family to spread out over the earth, have children, and take care of the world.

God promised that He would never again send a flood to cover the whole earth. God put a rainbow in the clouds to be a reminder of His promise.

REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY

The story of Noah is well known, but as you see it is not primarily about animals going on a boat. **This is a story about a time God judged the world and showed grace to Noah.**

People were constantly choosing to turn away from God. God had created people to be in a close relationship with Him, but sin was ruining everything.

How did God feel about sending His judgment on the world? Look at Genesis 6:6. [Choose a volunteer to read aloud Gen. 6:6.] God was deeply grieved. He wasn’t just angry; He was heartbroken. **God loves people, and He loved them too much to allow them to continue in their sin.** So He decided to send a flood as judgment for sin, and He graciously chose to rescue Noah. Noah obeyed God by faith and built an ark. After Noah, his family, and the animals were on the ark, what did God do for them? Look at Genesis 7:16. [Choose a volunteer to read aloud Gen. 7:16.] God shut the door. The world was covered with water, but God kept Noah and everyone on the ark safe.

God judges sin and provides salvation to those who trust in Him. We saw God’s judgment of Adam, Eve, the serpent, and creation in Genesis 3. God judged Cain for murdering his brother in Genesis 4. Genesis 5 gives a list of people who lived from Adam and Noah, and each person died as a result of God’s judgment. Genesis 6–9 shows God’s judgment poured out to wipe away people’s wickedness. But all along, we also saw God providing grace. When Noah finally came off the ark, what was the first thing he did?

Look at Genesis 8:20. [Choose a volunteer to read aloud Gen. 8:20.] Noah worshiped God. Noah’s response to being saved from God’s judgment was to worship. God saves us from His judgment when we trust in Jesus. Salvation isn’t something we can earn; it is a gracious gift from God. Our right response is worship.



3. GROUP DISCUSSION

Ask the following questions. Lead the kids to discuss their answers.

SAY: Why would God want to destroy His own creation?

Guide the kids to consider why God wanted to destroy the very people He had created. Help them to understand that God saw the spread of sin throughout the world. God saw that men were wicked, even every thought was evil. Help them understand that sin deeply grieves God. It's not just that God must punish sin, it's also that God is sad when His people choose to sin.

SAY: Why did God choose to save Noah?

Help the kids understand that God chose to save Noah because God is merciful. Noah loved and trusted God, but he was a sinner like everyone else. Help the kids to understand that God chose to save Noah to point others to Jesus. Every story in the Bible points us to Jesus. Help kids consider how the story of Noah foreshadows the story of Jesus saving us from the punishment of our sin: death.

4. REFLECTION & PRAYER

Distribute a sheet of paper and pencil to each kid. Ask the kids to write about or draw a picture to answer the following questions:

- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Who can I tell about this story?

Be sure to send the sheets home with the kids along with the activity pages so parents can continue to discuss the Bible story with their kids.

If time remains, take prayer requests or allow kids to complete the Bible story coloring page. **Pray for your group.**

5. ACTIVITIES

Genesis 6–7: Noah Trusts and Obeys God

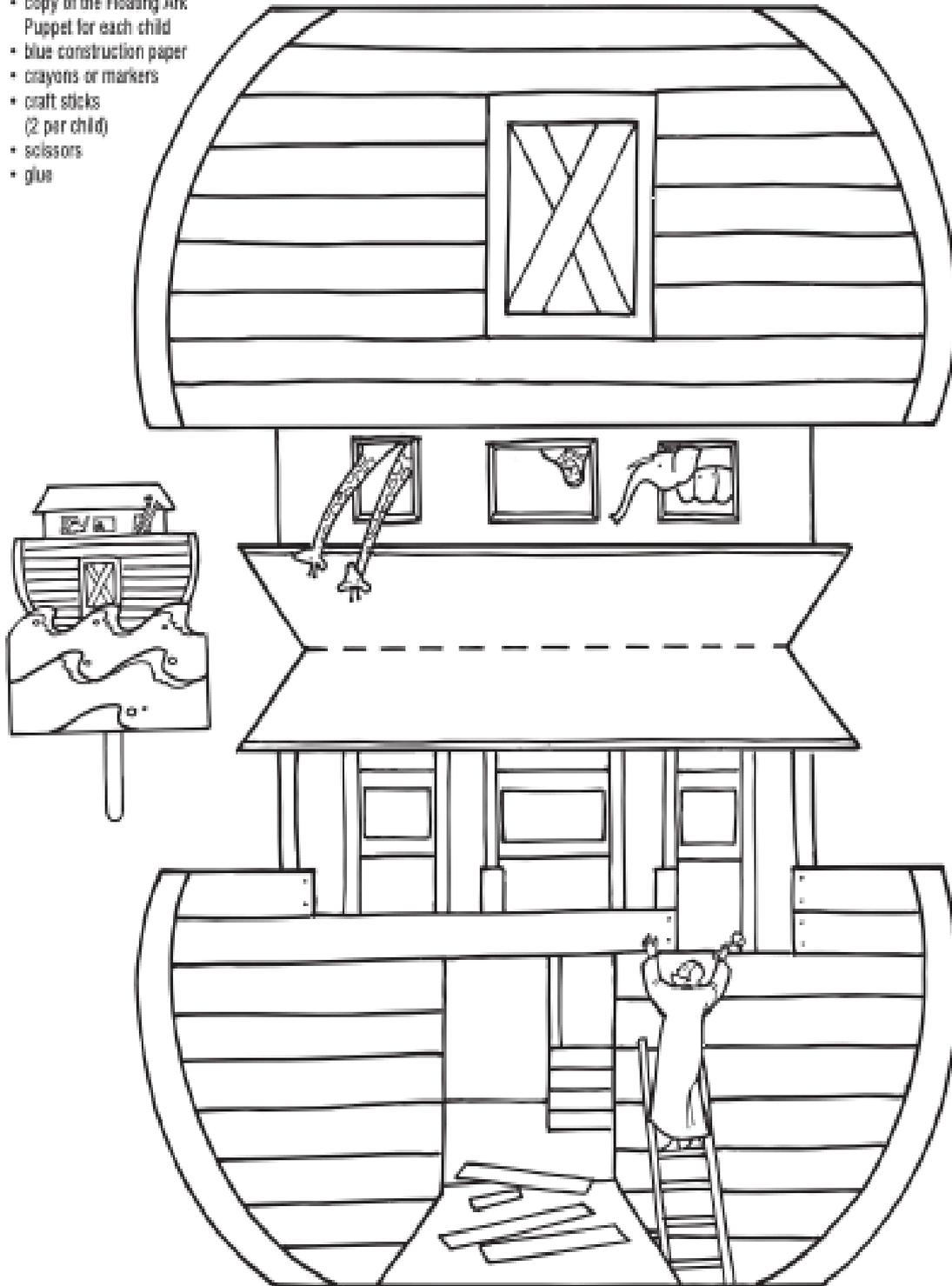
Floating Ark Puppet

Supplies

- copy of the Floating Ark Puppet for each child
- blue construction paper
- crayons or markers
- craft sticks (2 per child)
- scissors
- glue

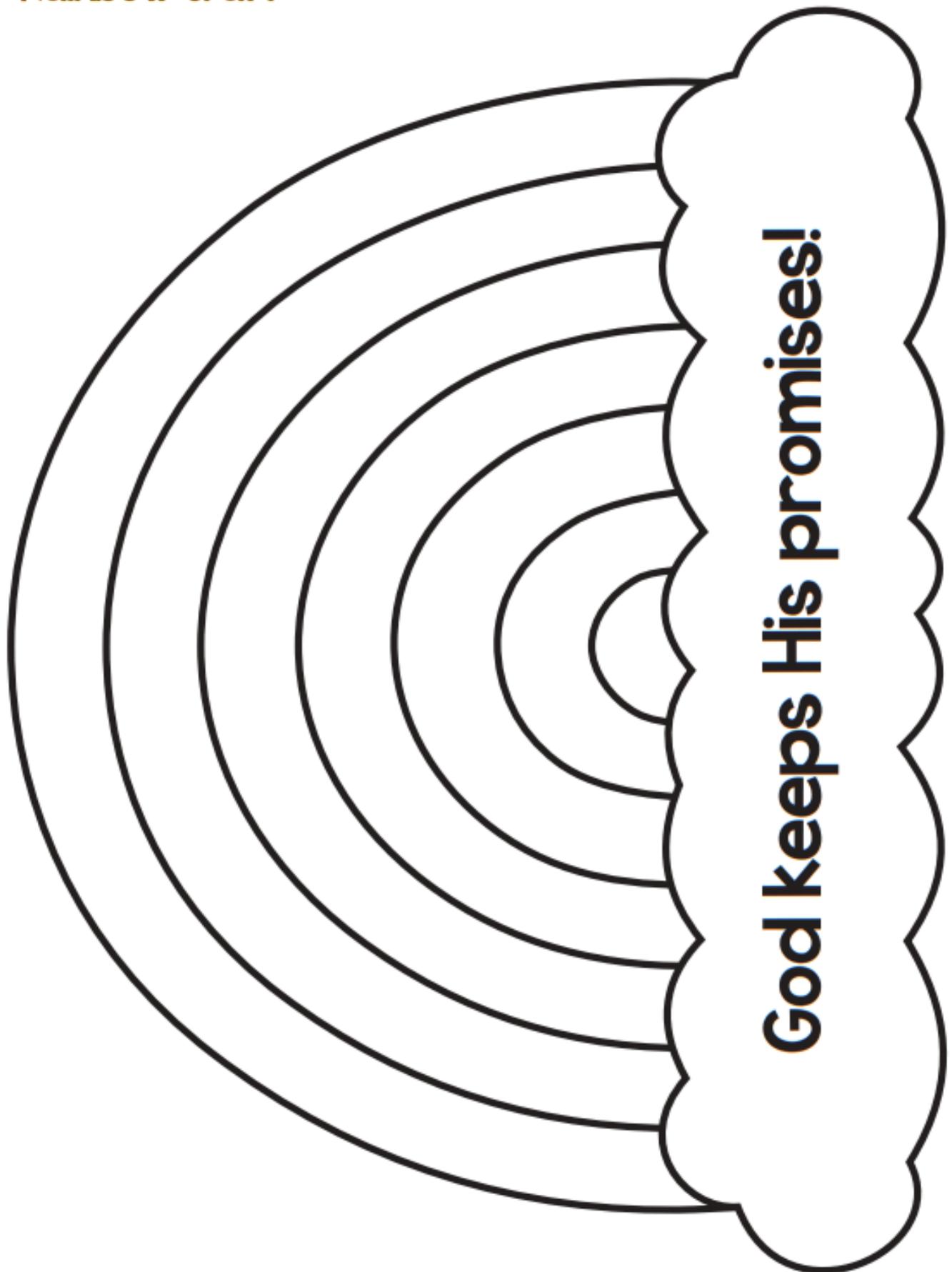
Directions

Color and cut out the ark puppet. Fold the ark puppet in half along the dotted line and glue a craft stick to the bottom of the ark puppet between the two halves. Glue the two halves of the ark together. Cut a piece of blue construction paper to look like waves and attach it to a craft stick. Hold the water in front of the ark as you retell the story (see the example).



6. ACTIVITIES

Rainbow Craft



God Spared Noah

BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:

- Sin spread and people grew so wicked that they only thought about evil.
- God planned to destroy the earth with a flood to judge sin.
- God told Noah to build an ark and fill it with animals.
- The flood covered the world, but Noah and his family were saved from the flood.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

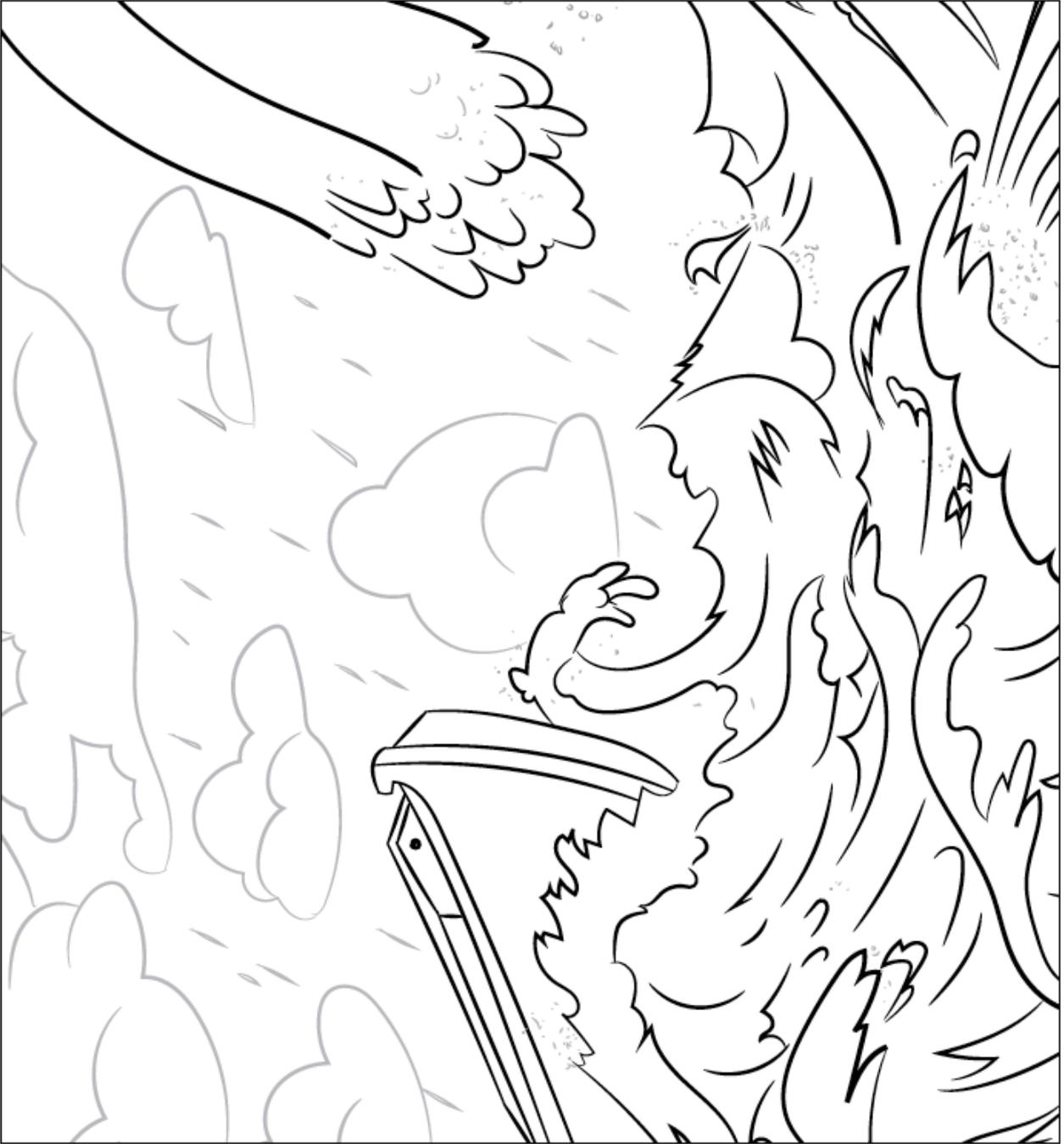
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KEY PASSAGE: Romans 3:23

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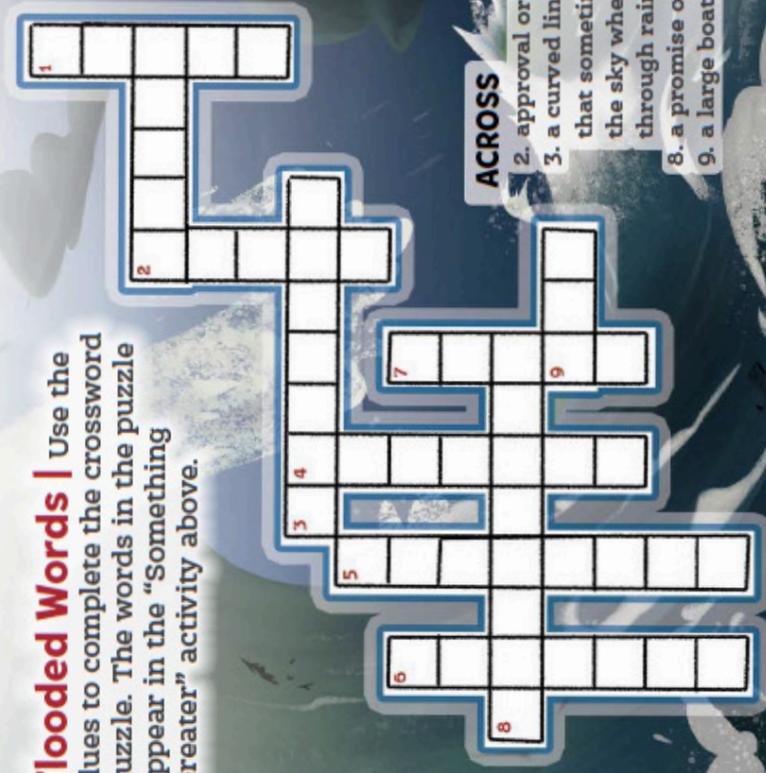
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Something Greater | Use the coordinates to decode each key word. The first number indicates the button; the second tells the letter. (2,1 = second key, first letter = A)

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Flooded Words | Use the clues to complete the crossword puzzle. The words in the puzzle appear in the "Something Greater" activity above.

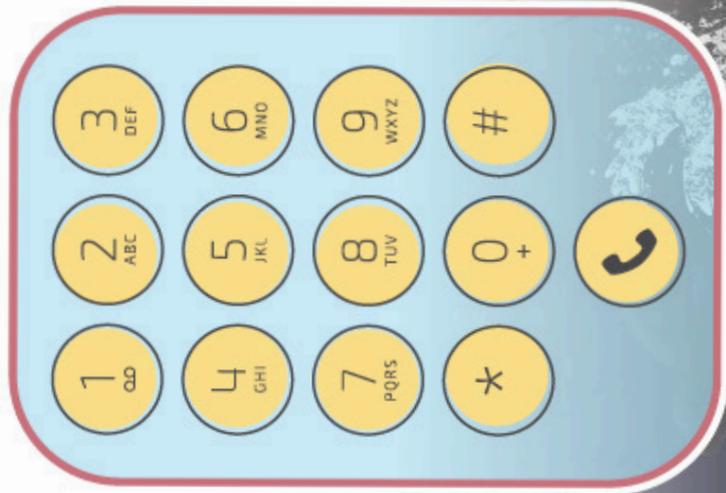


ACROSS

- 2. approval or support
- 3. a curved line of different colors that sometimes appears in the sky when the sun shines through rain
- 8. a promise or agreement
- 9. a large boat

DOWN

- 1. the planet we live on
- 2. a large amount of water covering land that is usually dry
- 4. living things that are not humans or plants
- 5. something given to God as an act of worship
- 6. a statement telling what will definitely happen
- 7. a platform or table where offerings are given




JOURNAL PAGE

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2. What does this story teach me about myself?

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4. Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?

5. How does this story help me to live on mission better?



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GOD SPARED NOAH

Genesis 6–10

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO SIN? TO SIN IS TO THINK, SAY, OR BEHAVE IN ANY WAY THAT GOES AGAINST GOD AND HIS COMMANDS.

Adam and Eve had many children and grandchildren. People began to fill the earth. God looked at all the people on earth and saw that they were choosing to sin more and more. God was sad that He made people. God decided to send a flood to destroy all the creatures on the earth.

But God showed favor to a man named Noah. God warned Noah about the flood. He told Noah to make an ark to save himself, his family, and all kinds of animals.

God told Noah that He would make an agreement—or covenant—with Noah and his family. Noah did everything God commanded.

The rain started and water rose from the ground. Now the ark floated on top of the water. Everyone inside the ark was safe.

Finally, the rain stopped. God told Noah to bring all the people and animals out of the ark. So Noah did. Noah built an altar and gave an offering to the Lord. God promised to never completely flood the earth again.

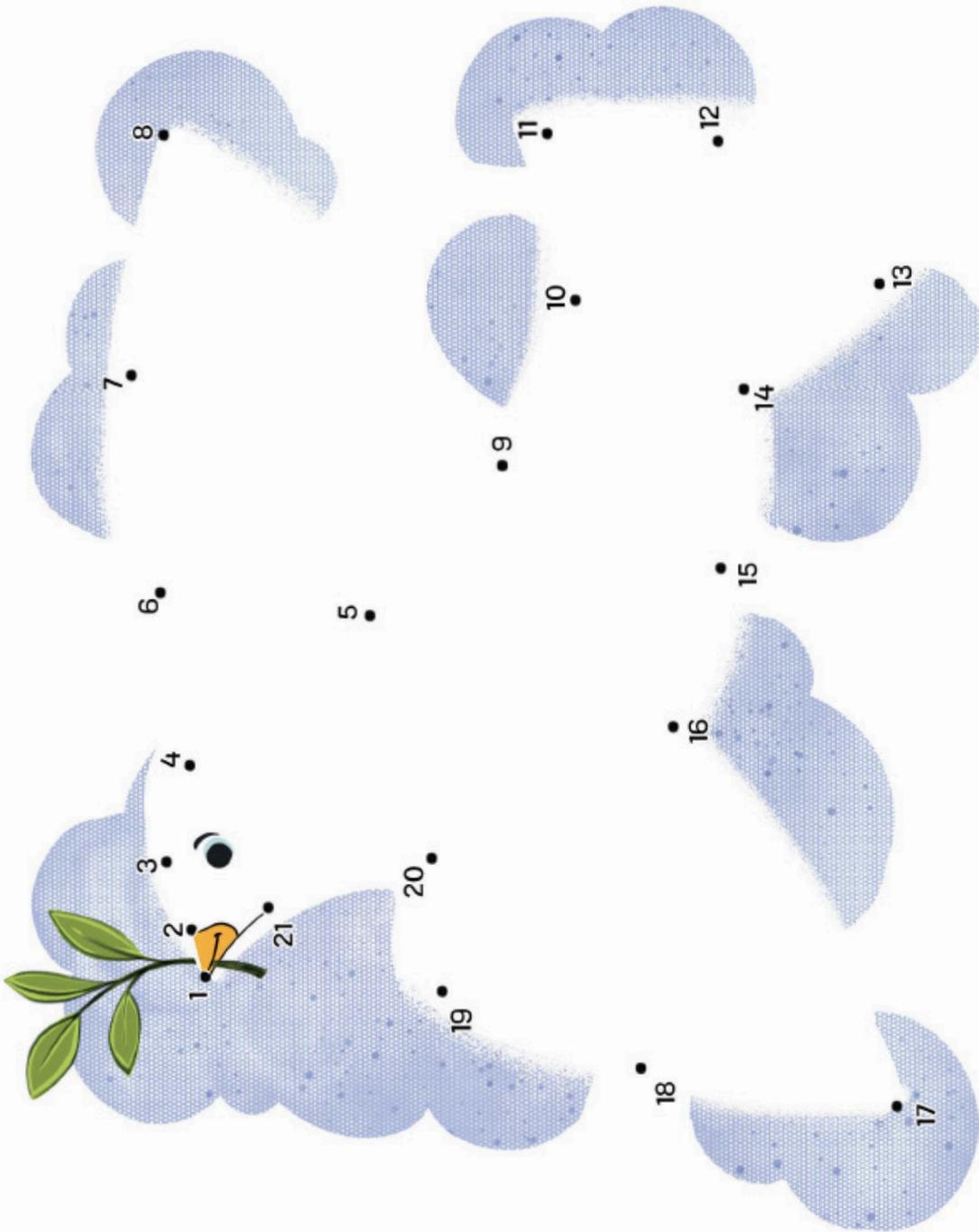
God told Noah and his family to spread out over the earth and fill it with people. God placed a rainbow in the sky as a special sign of the covenant He made with Noah.

Christ Connection: God rescued Noah and his family from the flood. The story of Noah points ahead to a greater rescue. God's Son, Jesus—the only perfectly righteous One—came to take the punishment for our sin. By trusting in Him, we are saved from the punishment our sin deserves.

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Connect the Dots

INSTRUCTIONS: Connect the dots to reveal the picture.





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SIN SPREAD TO PEOPLE

Genesis 4-5

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO SIN? TO SIN IS TO THINK, SAY, OR BEHAVE IN ANY WAY THAT GOES AGAINST GOD AND HIS COMMANDS.

Adam and Eve had two sons, Cain and Abel. One day, Cain gave God an offering of some of the produce he grew. Abel gave God some of the firstborn of his flock. God accepted Abel's offering, but He did not accept Cain's offering.

Cain was furious. Cain invited Abel to go out into the field. While they were in the field, Cain killed his brother.

Then God asked Cain, "Where is your brother Abel?"

"I don't know," said Cain. "Is it my job to look after him?"

But God knew what had happened. God punished Cain. God said Cain would spend the rest of his life wandering the earth. God put a mark on Cain to protect him so that whoever found him would not kill him. Then Cain left the land. He had a wife and a family, but they did not follow God.

God gave Adam and Eve another son, Seth. Seth grew up and had a family too. Around this time, Adam's descendants in Seth's family began to call on the name of the Lord.

Christ Connection: Adam and Eve's sin and its consequences spread to all of their descendants. But God did not forget His promise to send a Rescuer. At just the right time, God would send His Son to save sinners.

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