

Family Devotion - Week Four

The Rainbow

Read Genesis 9:8-17

*****For preschoolers, read "Noah's Ark" in the Beginner's Bible by Zonderkidz. For this week read pages 26-33.***

Do you get excited when you see a rainbow in the sky? I do! I usually yell loudly for my kids to see it and try to take a picture if I can. I love rainbows in the sky!

Did you know that the rainbow is a sign from God? The beautiful bow of colors in the sky is a symbol of God's promise given to Noah (and all of us).

After Noah and his family were able to get off the ark, God told Noah and his sons that He was establishing a new covenant (which is a promise) with all of His people and with all living creatures. God promised He would never again destroy the whole earth with a flood like He did with Noah. The way Noah (and all of us) would remember this promise is with a rainbow in the sky. Anytime Noah and his family saw this rainbow, they would recall and remember God's promise. And God said He would remember His promise when the rainbow was in the sky, too. God promised to never destroy all the earth again with a flood, and He always keeps His promises.

Do you keep your promises? Lots of times we say we promise we will do this or that, but we never follow through and we end up breaking them. We promise our parents we will clean our room. We promise our parents we aren't lying to them. We promise not to call our brother or sister a mean name. We promise God we will read our Bible and pray every day. Promises can be hard to keep sometimes.

But even though we may break our promises, we know with 100% that God NEVER breaks His promises. He will always be there for us. He will always protect us. He will always forgive us when we ask. He will always love us no matter what we do (even if we break our promises to Him). God loves us so much!

The next time you see the rainbow in the sky, stop and say a prayer. Thank God for always keeping His promises. And tell Him you love Him so much.

Father God, thank You for sending the rainbow to us as a reminder of Your promise. Help me to follow You all the time. I love You, Lord. Amen.

Family Game - Week Four

Taste the Rainbow

Supplies Needed: bag of Skittles, blindfold

For this game, you will be eating Skittles and trying to guess the flavor.

Parents, before you start, pour some Skittles into a cup for each member of your family. Blindfold each family member. Lay out the same color Skittle in front of each person. Before they eat the Skittle, have them say, "I remember God's promise." Then have them eat the Skittle and guess what flavor it is. Continue doing this with each Skittle (do as many times as you like).

***Another way to play this is to have them write down their guesses on a sheet of paper after they have eaten the Skittle (or use a crayon of same color and draw it on a piece of paper). You can keep score and the person with the most number correct, wins!*

Family Craft - Week Four

Skittles Rainbow

Supplies Needed: Skittles, cup of warm water, plate

This is a little fun science experiment to see a rainbow be made!

On a plate, have each child make a circle using the different colors of the Skittles. Have them make the circle so that they rotate the colors. For example, they can do this pattern: red, orange, yellow, green, purple. Any version of this is fine, but don't put the same colors next to each other.

Next, heat a cup of water in the microwave. Then have each child pour the cup of water into the center part of the circle. Then watch as a beautiful rainbow of colors is made!

After you are finished, remind your children how God placed a rainbow in the sky and when we see it, we are to remember God's promise to never bring a flood to destroy the earth again. We are to remember that God loves us and is always with us.

Family Snack - Week Four

Rainbow Fruit Cup

Strawberries, sliced

Oranges (Cuties or Halos make a perfect size)

Pineapple chunks

Green grapes, sliced

Blueberries

Cool Whip

In a clear cup, layer fruit in this order from the bottom: blueberries, green grapes, pineapples, oranges, and strawberries. Top with a spoonful of Cool Whip.

Enjoy this Rainbow Fruit Cup and remember the rainbow that God placed in the sky as His promise to us.