L2.11 "God Makes Another Covenant"

Read Together: Noah had warned the people, but they would not listen. After Noah and his family entered the ark, God closed the door and sealed it. The rain poured down from the sky, and the waters under the earth were opened up. For forty days and nights it rained, and the waters covered the entire earth. No animal that lived on land survived. After being on the water for five months, the ark came to rest on top of Mt. Ararat, which is in modern-day Turkey. Noah, his family, and all the animals stayed on the ark for another seven months while they waited for the waters to recede. Noah had been on the ark



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for a year, but the first thing he did upon leaving the ark was to make a sacrifice to God and worship Him. God decided that He would never again destroy everything because of man's wickedness. God made a covenant with Noah, all his descendants, and every living creature that He would never again destroy the earth by flood. The sign God gave in remembrance of the covenant is the rainbow.

Read Together: Genesis 7:16-24; 8:1-22; 9:1-17

Parents:

- Some people believe that the flood was just a local flood somewhere in the Middle East. Explain to your child it was worldwide. (Hint: God said He would destroy "from the face of the earth all living things" [Genesis 7:4], and that "all the high hills under the whole heaven were covered" [Genesis 7:19], and that when the water receded "the tops of the mountains were seen" [Genesis 8:5]).
- Ask your child what would it be like for Noah and his family to stay aboard the ark for a year.
 What would they eat? Where would they sleep? Where would they get fresh water for themselves and the animals? Building the ark was no small task, and it took a lot of planning.
- Point out that God gave Noah, his sons, and their wives the same command that He gave Adam and Eve. Can he or she point out what that command is?
- Ask your student if he or she has seen a rainbow. Explain that whenever a rainbow in seen in the sky, God wants us to remember that His promise is still in effect. Ask, what was that promise?

Review memorization:

Genesis 6:9 "This is the genealogy of Noah. Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God."