

Lesson #1-1***Noah and the Ark***

Genesis 6:5-22; 8:6-12; 9:8-17

**Key Verse:**

[God said] “I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.”

Genesis 9:11

The Point:

We can trust that God cares for creation, and will never again destroy the earth.

Unit Theme (September 9—October 7)

God's Promises Bring Hope

Confession

Give worship participants a paper heart. **As each confession is made, tear a small amount of paper from your heart.**

God, we confess to you those things that break your heart. We confess:

Our inability to keep promises.

Our lack of care for your creation.

Our selfishness and lack of concern for others.

God, we stray from your will, and it breaks your heart. Hear us as we confess those things that we do in our darkest moments ... (pause for silent confession)

Thank you, God, for your promise to never again destroy your people. We continue to sin, and you continue to be steadfast. Keep us mindful of your everlasting promise. Amen.

Offering

The offering is a great time to engage all ages. Giving is a discipline that both important and easy to teach. Preparing and placing an offering in the plate is participatory, kinesthetic, and visual. You can order special envelopes for kids or have them decorate plain envelopes according to the day's theme.

Using the pieces from your torn hearts from the confession, write a promise of how you will care for God's creation. Include it as a part of your offering today.