

GOD PROVIDES A WAY



God provides
an ark



God provides
a cross



God provides
an empty tomb



God provides
a rainbow

Family
Conversation Guide
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WEEK 4

April Theme:

God Provides a Way!

Monthly Memory Verse:

I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth.

Genesis 9:13 (NIV)

Monthly Challenge Verse:

And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:19

Week of April 17

Main Idea: **God provides a rainbow.**

Life Application: **We can trust God's promises.**

Parents, use *The Action Bible* as you lead your kids, and also use your own Bible to read through some of the verses listed that will help them understand. This week, please prepare for discussion by listening to the sermon together and using *The Action Bible* as you walk through the story of Noah with your family. Have your kids turn to **pages 30-39 in *The Action Bible***. Also- please use your Bible, **Genesis 8-10**, for reference.

Review of Part 1 of the story of Noah- God Provides an Ark:

Refer to **pages 30-36** in *The Action Bible*.

In the days of Noah, what caused God's heart to grieve? (*There was every kind of evil in the world. People lied, stole, and cheated. And, instead of worshiping God, they worshiped idols.*)

What was different about Noah? (*He found favor in the eyes of the Lord because of his faith in God*) **What did God tell Noah to do?** (*God told Noah to build an ark. It took him 120 years to do so.*)

What did God tell Noah to do after the ark was built? (*Put his entire family along with two, male and female, of every type of animal into the ark.*)

Read **pages 33-36** in *The Action Bible*. Finally, after the ark was completed, the rain came.

What happened? (*It rained for 40 days and 40 nights, and everything and everyone on earth were destroyed.*)

What did Noah and his family do? (**Pages 35-38** in *The Action Bible*. *They faithfully cared for the animals and waited for the rain to stop.*)

Part 2 of the Story of Noah- God Provides a Rainbow:

1. Read **Genesis 8:1-4**. After the rain started, it continued for 40 days and 40 nights, and then the rain stopped. It says that God remembered Noah and all that were on the ark with him. **How does it make you feel to know that God remembers you?** (*Discuss*)
2. God caused the rains to stop, and a wind to blow over the earth. **How long did it take for the earth to dry?** (*Genesis 8:3-150 more days*) **How did Noah know when they could leave the ark?** (**Genesis 8:8-12** and **page 37** of *The Action Bible*- *Noah sent out a dove twice, and the dove returned because it could not find dry land. Finally, when he sent the dove out a third time, the dove did not return, meaning it had found dry land.*)

3. Read **Genesis 8:13-19**. Still, Noah did not leave the ark until God said so. Finally, God told Noah to go out from the ark along with all of the living creatures. **How do you think Noah's family and the animals felt when they left the ark and found dry land?** (See **page 38** in *The Action Bible*- discuss how it would feel to leave the ark after so many days)
4. The new earth was beautiful. God had given Noah, his family, and the animals a fresh start, a new life. **Can you think of another way that God gave us a fresh start?** (God sent Jesus to live on the earth and give His life on the cross, to die for our sins so that we could be forgiven and have eternal life)
5. In **Genesis 8:20** what did Noah do ? (He built an altar to the Lord and offered burnt sacrifices from every type of animal. By this time, there were many more animals because they had babies while on the ark!)
6. God was pleased with Noah's offering. In **verses 21-22**, what did God say in **His heart?** (That He would never again destroy the earth) In **Genesis 9**, God established a covenant with Noah and his family and every living creature, that He would never again bring a flood to destroy the earth. **What was the sign God used to remind himself and us of His promise?** (**Genesis 9:12-17** and **page 40** of *The Action Bible*- a rainbow.)
7. **Can you say this month's memory verse? What was God's promise?** "I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth." **Genesis 9:13 NIV**
8. **What were the names of Noah's sons?** (**Genesis 10:1**-Shem, Ham, and Japheth) Noah's sons moved down from Mt. Ararat (Where the ark had landed) into the valleys below. They had many children and many were born through the generations in the years following Noah. From Noah and his family, the people of the whole earth went out and had children. All of us came from Noah and His family, even Jesus! **Can you believe that Noah was your great, great, great (and many more greats) grandfather?**
9. **How can you be like Noah, your great, great (and many more greats) grandfather?** (Noah was loved by God because of his faithfulness. God chose him out of all the people in the world, and He has chosen us out of all the people in the world to give new life to others.)

Pray: God, we are so thankful that You found Noah, a faithful man, to build the ark and give the world a fresh start. Thank You for your rainbow promise and your love for us. Help us to be strong and faithful like Noah! In Jesus' name, Amen.

Family Challenge:

1. This is the last week for this month's memory verse. See if your children are able to say the verse. **Record them reciting the verse, and celebrate!** If you can, please reward them in some way. If they are able to say the challenge verse, it's even more worthy of celebration!
2. Together, watch the video **God's Story: Noah on Youtube**.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4yzN0fUxjkQ>
3. Set out a variety of art materials (Markers, crayons, paint, colored tissue, glue, etc.) and ask your kids to **create a rainbow piece of art**. When they finish, have them share with your family.. Together, read this month's memory verse and thank God for His promise and His faithfulness.