

POINT WE CAN TRUST GOD.

Have children form a circle and sit on the floor. Open your Bible to Genesis 9, and show kids the words.

SAY: The Bible tells about a man named Noah who trusted God. Let's sing a song to remember what happened to Noah. Sing

● "The Lord Will Keep His Promises" (track 17) on the *CD* to the tune of "The Muffin Man." Hold up the *Bible Buzz Card* with the number 1 on the picture, and hold up new cards as indicated during the song.

SING:

**The Lord will keep his promises,
promises, promises.**

**The Lord will keep his promises.
God never tells a lie.**

**Noah obeyed and built the ark,
built the ark, built the ark.** (hold up picture #2)

**Noah obeyed and built the ark.
God never tells a lie.**

**Animals on the ark came two by
two...**(hold up picture #3)

God shut the door when the rain came down...(hold up picture #4 for the rest of the song)

It rained and poured for 40 days...

The boat hit land when the water dried...

The Lord will keep his promises...

Set out the *Rainbow Clay*. **SAY: Let's find out what happened after the water dried up. As you listen, make a rainbow out of clay.** Play

● "Noah's Rainbow" (track 16) on the *CD*. Hold up picture #5 as an example while kids sculpt and listen to the *CD*.

ASK: After hearing about Noah, what does a rainbow mean to you?

Tell about a promise someone kept for you.

SAY: When we see a rainbow, it's a reminder that  WE CAN TRUST GOD to keep his promises. He'll never break a promise! He kept his promise to Noah, and we know he'll do what he says for us, too.



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Have children each choose one predominant color of their shirts. Ask all the children in red to form a straight line. Then have the kids in orange form a straight line right next to them, and so on in rainbow order (yellow, green, blue, purple). Invite children wearing white, brown, gray, or black to form a line at the end. It's okay if you only have a few colors represented.

Lead children in singing and doing the motions for ● "Only God Can Make a Rainbow" (track 18) on the CD to the tune of "Did You Ever See a Lassie?" The song repeats four times.

SING:

Only God can make a rainbow,
(sweep hand overhead)

A rainbow, a rainbow. *(sweep hand overhead twice)*

Only God can make a rainbow
(sweep hand overhead)

To shine in the sky. *(twinkle fingers overhead in arch shape)*

Red, yellow, green, blue, *(kids in corresponding lines jump when their color is named)*

God's promise is true. *(point to head)*

Only God can make a rainbow
(sweep hand overhead)

To shine in the sky. *(twinkle fingers overhead in arch shape)*

ASK: **What made God's promise to Noah believable?**

Why do you or don't you trust God to keep his promises today?

SAY: **God sent a colorful rainbow like the one we made with our clothes! God's rainbow meant that he promised not to flood the earth ever again. Noah trusted God and thanked him. ➔ WE CAN TRUST GOD, too.**

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Have kids face a wall and cover their eyes. Hide each of the *Color Switchers Markers* in different places in your room where kids can find them without moving anything.

SAY: God sent a rainbow as a reminder of his promise to keep Noah's family safe. God makes promises to us, too. I've hidden the Color Switchers Markers in our room to help us practice looking for God at work. Walk around the room and look for one quietly. When you find one, don't tell anyone! Come over to me, and whisper in my ear where it is. In fact, I promise that I'll give each of you a high five after you find one.

Allow several minutes for the kids to search. When children whisper the answer to you, give them high fives and have them sit quietly as the other kids finish.

ASK: What helped you find one of the markers?

What helps you look for God at work in your life?

What are some ways you've found God working in your life?

Have kids each get the marker they found. Hand out the extras if two or more kids found the same marker. Also pass out a piece of paper to each child. **SAY: Use the colored end of your marker to color all over your paper. Just use the one marker.** Allow time.

SAY: Hmm...those aren't very colorful drawings. Flip your marker over and use the white tip to draw stripes across your paper.

SAY: In our game, we looked for the markers. In life, we can look for ways God is doing great things for us. Those are ways he is keeping his promise to always be with us and to love us no matter what. And when we see colorful things like our drawings or the rainbow God sent for Noah, we can remember that  **WE CAN TRUST GOD.**

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Spread out the *Color Switchers Markers* on the table or the floor, and set out one piece of paper. Hold up different colors of markers.

SAY: Look at all the beautiful colors of markers in front of us. God's promises are like these markers. In the Bible we can read happy promises that tell us about heaven and God's love. There are bright promises reminding us that Jesus is our forever friend (hold up the yellow marker). There are promises to help us when we feel dark and sad (hold up the purple marker). Have kids take turns holding up markers, and tell them a promise to go with each color. After you share each promise, have the child who chose the marker draw a stripe on the paper to contribute to a rainbow. (The order of colors doesn't matter.)

- Red reminds us of food, like apples. God takes care of all our needs (Philippians 4:19).
- Orange reminds us of warning signs. God keeps us safe (Psalm 18:30).

- Yellow is like the sun—it's always there, even when we can't see it. God will never leave us (Hebrews 13:5).
- Green reminds us of resting in the grass. God will help us calm down when we are worn out (Matthew 11:28).
- Blue reminds us of sad times. God will work things out for us (Romans 8:28).
- Purple reminds us that God will always be the king over everything (Psalm 47:7).

ASK: What do you like about rainbows?

Which promise from God do you want to remember when you see a rainbow?

SAY: There are a lot of promises in the Bible. And ➔ **WE CAN TRUST GOD** to keep his promises. Noah saw the first rainbow and knew that God would keep his promises. When we see rainbows or bright colors, let's remember God's promises and trust him! Let's remember one more promise. Color over your rainbow with a white marker tip. Our rainbow changed—but God will never change (Hebrews 13:8).

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Read aloud Genesis 9:12-16. Take out the *Rainbow Ball* and spin it on a hard surface, such as a table. Show kids how the ball creates a rainbow when you spin it.

SAY: We're going to have a time of silent prayer, but you can keep your eyes open. I'm going to show you some different colors of the rainbow that God has given us. As I do, I'll tell you what to silently pray for. Hold up the ball, and point to the following colors one at a time as you read the sentence after it:

Green: The color green reminds us of creation. Thank God for keeping his promise to give us a beautiful world to live in. Pause.

Red: The color red reminds us of Jesus' blood. Thank God for keeping his promise to send Jesus to die for our sins. Pause.

Blue: The color blue reminds us of the flood that Noah was in. Thank God for keeping his promises to Noah and us. Pause.

Yellow: The color yellow reminds us of the golden streets we'll see in heaven one day. Thank God for his promise that we'll go to heaven if we believe in Jesus. Pause.

ASK: What are some things you talked to God about?

Why are you thankful that God keeps his promises?

SAY: Of all the promises God made, the best thing he did was send Jesus to die on the cross for us. Because of that, we know we can get to heaven if we believe in Jesus. ➔ **WE CAN TRUST GOD** to forgive us when we believe in Jesus.