

# WEEK 1: God's Promise to Noah

**Big Idea:** God keeps his promises.

## HANGOUT

1. Challenge the children to work together to find something red in your group's space and bring it back to you. Repeat with the rest of the colours of the rainbow: orange, yellow, green, blue, and purple.
2. Discuss:
  - When we put all these colours together, what does it make? (a rainbow)
  - Have you ever seen a rainbow in the sky? What was it like?
3. Introduce the Big Idea for this series: **God keeps his promises**. Let the children know that rainbows are a part of one of God's promises to us.

## HEAR

4. In advance, gather a variety of stuffed animals and a blanket.
5. Let the children know that today's story from the Bible is about a special promise God made to Noah. Ask everyone what they know about Noah. Encourage the group to listen carefully because after the story, they're going to have some fun pretending to be part of it!
6. Read about God's promise to Noah in a children's Bible (from Genesis 6-9). Show everyone the pictures. Invite the children to name any animals shown and make their sounds.
7. Review the story together. Ask what God put in the sky to remind Noah and his family about his promise. Remind everyone that **God keeps his promises!**
8. Drape a blanket over a couch or table to make a pretend ark. Guide the children to gather up the stuffed animals and place them safely in the ark.

## HUDDLE

9. Introduce the Key Verse for this series (God has made a great many promises. | 2 Corinthians 1:20a, NIRV). Say the verse together. Each time you say a word, jump up as high as possible and clap your hands. Prompt the children to follow your lead. Repeat until the group is familiar with the verse.
10. Let everyone know that it's time to talk to God. Demonstrate a prayer posture, with closed eyes and folded hands. (It's okay if anyone doesn't want to do this.)
11. Pray, "Thank you, God, for keeping your promises. Thank you for loving [say each child's name] so much and for your promise to never leave us. We love you! Amen."

