



Sabbath Keeping Youth

All I Really Need to Know I Learned From the Noah's Ark story.

1. Don't miss the boat.
2. Don't forget that we're all in the same boat.
3. Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the ark.
4. Stay fit. When you're 600 years old, someone might ask you to do something REALLY big.
5. Don't listen to critics, just get on with what has to be done.
6. Build your future on high ground.
7. For safety's sake, travel in pairs.
8. Two heads are better than one.
9. When you're stressed, float awhile.
10. Remember that the ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic was built by professionals.
11. Remember that woodpeckers inside are a larger threat than the storm outside.
12. No matter the storm, when you're one with God ----- there's a rainbow waiting.

-Author Unkown

The Rainbow Promise

Genesis 8:18-22; 9:1-17

While in the Garden of Eden, Adam and Eve had given into temptation and sin entered the world. Things in the world continued to get worse up to the time of Noah. During the time of Noah, God decided to destroy all life that was on the earth, except for Noah, his family and one of every kind (male and female) animal. After the flood, when Noah and his family were able to leave the ark and walk on dry ground, they built an altar so they could worship and praise God. God was pleased with Noah and his family for giving thanks. God then spoke to Noah saying,

“I set my rainbow in the cloud and this rainbow shall be a token of the covenant between me and the earth. And it shall come to pass when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the rainbow shall be seen in the cloud. I will look upon it, and I will remember the everlasting covenant between me

and you and every living creature upon the earth.”

Do you know what it means to make a promise? It means to keep your word. A promise is sacred and should not be taken lightly. If you tell someone that you are going to do something, you must follow through and do it. A person who does what he says is a person of integrity. Never make a promise without giving it serious thought. People sometimes have a hard time keeping a promise. However, when God makes a promise He keeps it.

The rainbow is a sign of a promise God made a long time ago. A rainbow appears in the sky either during or after a rain. It is in the shape of an arch and is made up of seven colors. The next time it rains and you see a rainbow remember this is a sign from God that He will not flood the entire earth again. Because we believe that the Bible is the inspired word of God we know this story of a rainbow is true, not a myth. We can have faith God will keep His promise.

The Parents Corner

Children are a precious gift that should be thought of and appreciated. In her book *The Joy of Parenthood*, Jan Blaustone shares some warm and personal thoughts for parents:

There are no magic answers when it comes to raising children—but there are many magic moments.

Before you try to give your children what you didn't have, give them what you do have.

Your children are your greatest gifts in life. Caring for them well is your “thank you.”

Although you may not always have the energy to play ball, you'll be glad you did.

First Teach Who God Is

A child that is not taught faith or a reverence for a being greater than himself is a child that will go through life morally adrift. Children tend to be little beings that think the world revolves around them. Children need to be taught at an early age that they are not the center of the universe. In order to begin this process they must be taught early on that there is a Creator who is at the controls and He is one that loves and cares about them very much. The knowledge of who God is sets the foundation for teaching faith.

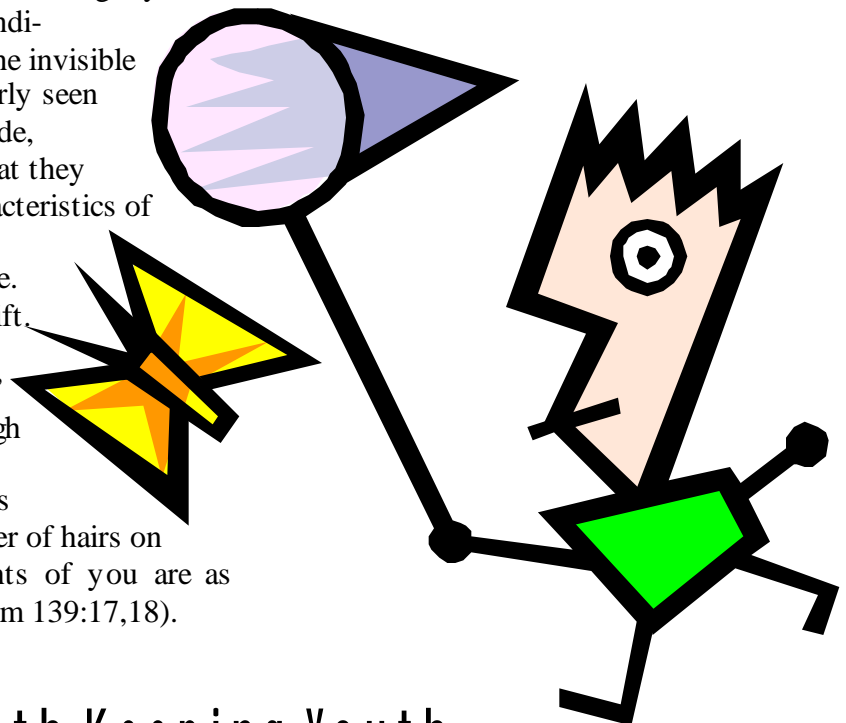
To begin to build a foundation of faith, introduce your child to their Creator. While there are only a few places in the Bible that refer to God's appearance, they certainly emphasize His incredible brilliance (Revelation 1:14-16; Daniel 7:9-10). Teach your child that God's existence may be powerfully demonstrated by the creation that is all around. It is not hard to find God, one just needs to take the time to look and appreciate. As an example, God's hand is seen in the hummingbird at your window, the butterfly flitting in the park, a sunset or moonrise and the list goes on. As a parent, it is your responsibility to teach your child about the character of God and how His existence is all around.

God is the supreme Creator and Sustainer of the entire universe. He is the Life-Giver. His names are many, such as Creator, Counselor, Healer, Father and Almighty. David said in Psalm 19:1, "the heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth his handiwork". Romans 1:20, Paul records that "the invisible things of Him from the creation... are clearly seen being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse". Of all the many characteristics of God, love is the most outstanding.

God is the total embodiment of love. He is the giver of every good and perfect gift. His is an unselfish love. Love is so much a part of God's character that "God is love" (I John 4:8). We see His love for us through the sacrifice of His son (John 3:16), and forgiveness of our sins. God made us in His image (Genesis 1:26); He knows the number of hairs on our head (Matthew 10:30). His thoughts of you are as countless as the sand on the seashore (Psalm 139:17,18).

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- ◆ Our God is real and present everywhere
- ◆ (Psalm 139: 7-12). Finally, He loves man
- ◆ so much that He has devised a master
- ◆ plan to share Himself by reproducing
- ◆ Himself through man. While God is the
- ◆ eternal, omnipresent, all-powerful,
- ◆ supreme Creator who sustains galaxies,
- ◆ he is at the same time a loving and
- ◆ merciful God who is concerned about
- ◆ each human being. Teach your child to
- ◆ have absolute faith, belief and trust that
- ◆ God does exist and to trust His words
- ◆ (Hebrews 11:6).

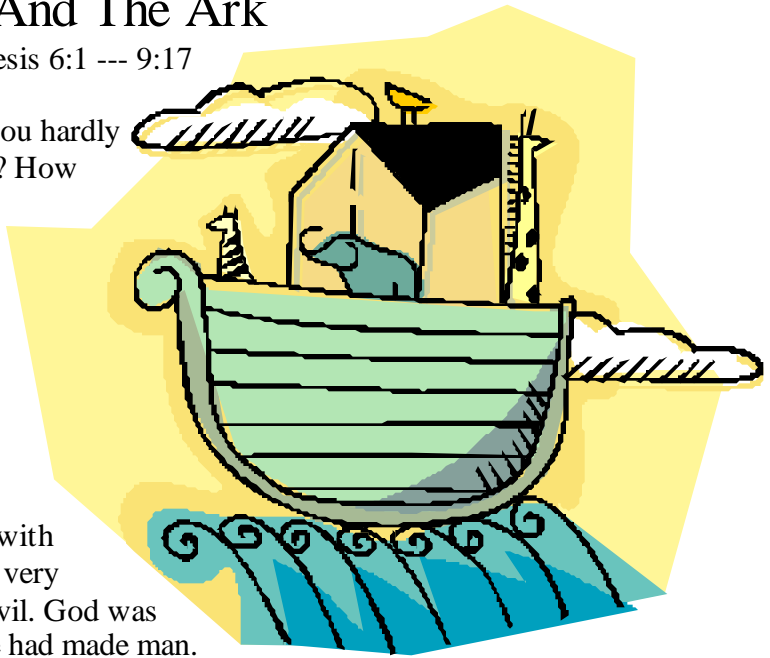
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- ◆ As previously read, without faith
- ◆ it is impossible to please God. Faith is
- ◆ not just a feeling in ones heart. True faith
- ◆ motivates ones thoughts and behavior. It
- ◆ is the promises of God that faith
- ◆ ultimately deals with. Hebrews 11:1 says,
- ◆ "Now faith is the substance of things
- ◆ hoped for, the evidence of things not
- ◆ seen." Faith is the trust "in things not
- ◆ seen." We cannot see God, but our faith
- ◆ comes from perceiving God's hand in all
- ◆ of creation and His presence in one's own
- ◆ life. Teach your child to willingly believe
- ◆ God exists and that He will accomplish
- ◆ those things He has promised.



Noah And The Ark

Genesis 6:1 --- 9:17

Have you ever had your friends or kids you hardly know make fun of you for doing what it is right? How did their teasing make you feel? Instead of doing what is right, were you tempted to join them? It is sometimes very hard to be the only one in a crowd who chooses to do what is right. The following story is about a man named Noah who lived on earth a long time ago. In spite of everyone around him doing wrong, he believed and obeyed God.



During the time of Noah, God was filled with sadness that the people on the earth had become very wicked and in their hearts and minds there was evil. God was so grieved by what He saw that he was sorry He had made man.

God said to Noah, "I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth" (Genesis 6:7). Noah was the only just man who lived. While everyone around Noah was sinning against God, Noah's life was one of righteousness.

Everyone but Noah and his family would die because of their sinful ways. This must have been very sad news for Noah. In spite of the sinful ways of others all around him, Noah continued to please God. Think about your life. When taking a test, doing homework or doing ones chores, it seems at times to be easier to copy a friends' homework, cheat on a test or not do the chore completely. After all, everybody does it. But, would this be the correct thing for you to do? No, it wouldn't because you know what the Word of God says, "Let us not grow weary while doing good" (Galatians 6:9). While others around you may think you are a fool for doing what is right, God is pleased when you make the right choices. Noah obeyed God, doing all that He commanded of him.

It is believed that it took Noah 120 years to build the ark (Genesis 6:3). Noah was about 480 years old when God told him to build the ark. Twenty-two years after this his first son Shem was born. A year later Japheth was born and a year after him, Ham. All three of Noah's sons, from the time of their birth until they were almost 100 years old, grew up around the ark and helped to build it. During the 120 years that Noah worked on the ark, he would give a warning message to the people about God's judgment. They probably made fun of him and teased him about his belief. This did not stop Noah from standing firm in doing what was right.

After the ark was finished, God told Noah to enter the ark with his wife, son and his sons' wives. "You shall take with you seven each of every clean animal, a male and his female: two each of animals that are unclean, a male and his female; also seven each of birds of the air, male and female, to keep the species alive on the face of all the earth" (Genesis 7:1-4). Seven days later God caused it to rain upon the earth for forty days and forty nights. Every living thing on earth was destroyed. God kept his word, only Noah, his family and every living creature on the ark was saved (Genesis 7:11-24).

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“The fountains of the deep and the windows of heaven were stopped, and the rain from heaven was restrained. The waters receded from the earth. At the end of 150 days the waters decreased. The ark rested on the mountains of Ararat” (Genesis 8:2-4).

At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark and let out a raven that would fly to and fro. Noah also sent out a dove that returned because she had found no resting place for the sole of her foot as the waters still covered the earth. Noah waited another seven days and once again sent out the dove. This time the dove returned in the evening and when she did there was in her mouth a freshly plucked olive leaf. Noah knew then that the waters had receded from the face of the earth. Noah waited another seven days and sent out the dove again this time the dove did not return to him.

God spoke to Noah, saying “Go out of the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons’ wives with you. Bring out with you every living thing of all flesh that is with you, birds and cattle and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, so that they may abound on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth” (Genesis 8:15-17).

So Noah left the ark with his wife, sons and his sons’ wives. Every beast, every creeping thing and every bird left the ark. Noah then built an altar to the Lord, and offered him burnt offerings of every clean animal and every clean bird. The Lord smelled a soothing aroma and said, “I will never again curse the ground for man’s sake, although the imagination of man’s heart is evil from his youth; nor will I again destroy every living thing as I have done. While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, winter and summer, and day and night shall not cease” (Genesis 8:21-22).

God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them: “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth” (Genesis 9:1). He continued to say: “Behold, I establish My covenant with you and with your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you; the birds, the cattle, and every beast of the earth with you, of all that go out of the ark every beast of the earth. Thus I establish My covenant with you: Never again shall all flesh be cut off by the water of the flood; never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth. This is the sign of the covenant which I make between Me and you, and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations: I set My rainbow in the cloud, and it shall be for the sign of the covenant between me and the earth” (Genesis 9:9-13).

Although at times it is hard to continue to do what is right when others are doing wrong, God will be with you. You must read the Word of God, listen and obey your parents and pray to God asking Him for the strength to do what is right. God will bless you for obedience. Year after year Noah kept doing what was right. He never stopped building the ark. He followed the commands of God and obviously had a deep desire to do God’s will. He was a good example for his family, the people of his day and he is a good example for us to follow today. Noah was rewarded for his faithfulness and you will be too if you desire to be faithful to God.



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Bible Safari!

There are many different animals in the Bible. Change into your best safari clothes, grab your pencil, and get ready for a Bible Safari. See how many of these animals from the Bible you can find in the jungle below.

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 dog / donkey / dove / eagle / fish / fox / horse
 lions / quail / raven / rooster / sheep / wolf / worm

Come On, Let's Play!



Piggy Back!

Gather some of your friends together for this really great game. Get a sticker for each player. Secretly write the name of one animal on each sticker. Place one sticker on the back of each person (don't let them see what's on the sticker). When you say go, everyone walks around the room asking each other "yes" or "no" questions about the animal on their back. See who can guess what's riding on their back first.

Animal Crackers!

Here's a game of charades with a twist. Get a box of animal crackers and a few friends. Each person draws an animal out of the box, and quickly eats it without letting anyone see what it is. After completely swallowing the cracker begin acting like the animal. The first person to guess the correct animal gets to be the next person to eat (play).

Just for Fun!

Where did Noah keep his bees?
In the ark hives.

Why did the crow sit on the telephone pole?

He wanted to make a long caw.

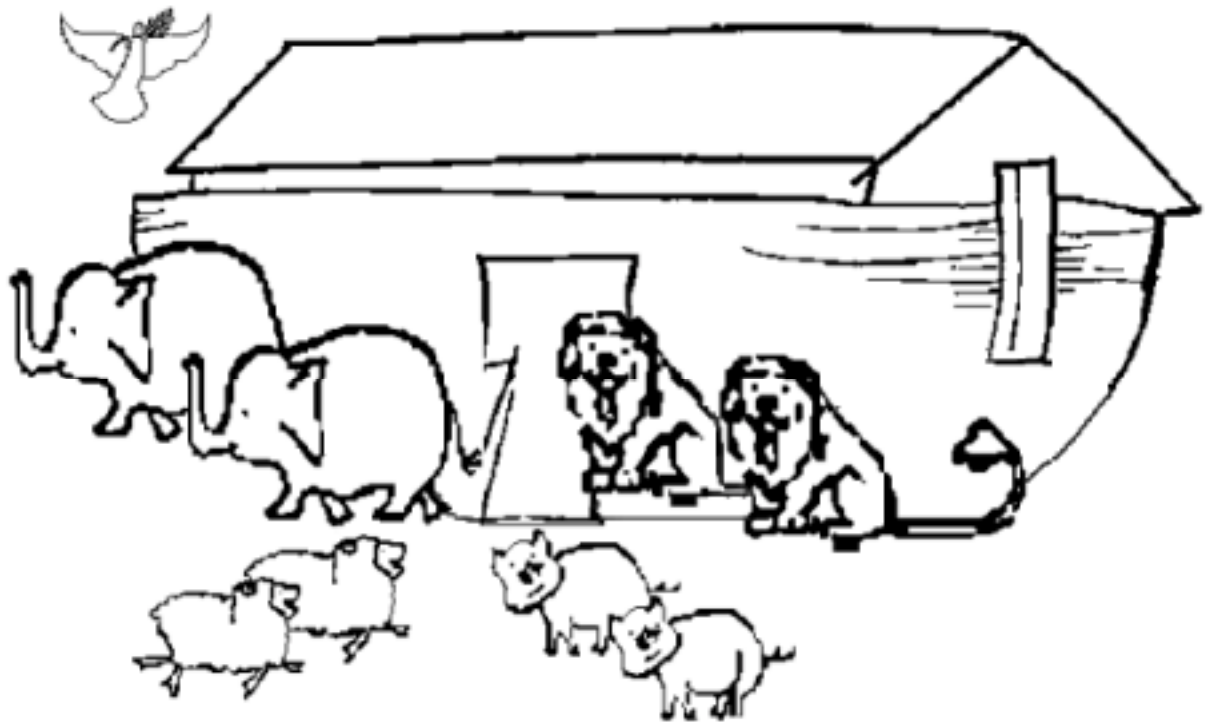
What is a frog's favorite drink?

Croaka-cola

Why did the worm oversleep?

Because he didn't want to get caught by the early bird.

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