

# GOD MAKES A PROMISE

## *Genesis 8:1-9:17*

### **Genesis 8**

<sup>1</sup>But God remembered Noah and all the wild animals and the livestock that were with him in the ark, and he sent a wind over the earth, and the waters receded. <sup>2</sup>Now the springs of the deep and the floodgates of the heavens had been closed, and the rain had stopped falling from the sky. <sup>3</sup>The water receded steadily from the earth. At the end of the hundred and fifty days the water had gone down, <sup>4</sup>and on the seventeenth day of the seventh month the ark came to rest on the mountains of Ararat. <sup>5</sup>The waters continued to recede until the tenth month, and on the first day of the tenth month the tops of the mountains became visible.

<sup>6</sup>After forty days Noah opened the window he had made in the ark <sup>7</sup>and sent out a raven, and it kept flying back and forth until the water had dried up from the earth. <sup>8</sup>Then he sent out a dove to see if the water had receded from the surface of the ground. <sup>9</sup>But the dove could find no place to set its feet because there was water over all the surface of the earth; so it returned to Noah in the ark. He reached out his hand and took the dove and brought it back to himself in the ark. <sup>10</sup>He waited seven more days and again sent out the dove from the ark. <sup>11</sup>When the dove returned to him in the evening, there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf! Then Noah knew that the water had receded from the earth. <sup>12</sup>He waited seven more days and sent the dove out again, but this time it did not return to him.

<sup>13</sup>By the first day of the first month of Noah's six hundred and first year, the water had dried up from the earth. Noah then removed the covering from the ark and saw that the surface of the ground was dry. <sup>14</sup>By the twenty-seventh day of the second month the earth was completely dry.

<sup>15</sup>Then God said to Noah, <sup>16</sup>"Come out of the ark, you and your wife and your sons and their wives. <sup>17</sup>Bring out every kind of living creature that is with you—the birds, the animals, and all the creatures that move along the ground—so they can multiply on the earth and be fruitful and increase in number upon it."

<sup>18</sup>So Noah came out, together with his sons and his wife and his sons' wives. <sup>19</sup>All the animals and all the creatures that move along the ground and all the birds—everything that moves on the earth—came out of the ark, one kind after another.

<sup>20</sup>Then Noah built an altar to the LORD and, taking some of all the clean animals and clean birds, he sacrificed burnt offerings on it. <sup>21</sup>The LORD smelled the pleasing aroma and said in his heart: "Never again will I curse the ground because of man, even though every inclination of his heart is evil from childhood. And never again will I destroy all living creatures, as I have done.

<sup>22</sup> "As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease."

### **Genesis 9**

<sup>1</sup>Then God blessed Noah and his sons, saying to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the earth. <sup>2</sup>The fear and dread of you will fall upon all the beasts of the earth and all the birds of the air, upon every creature that moves along the ground, and upon all the fish of the sea; they are given into your hands. <sup>3</sup>Everything that lives and moves will be food for you. Just as I gave you the green plants, I now give you everything.

<sup>4</sup>"But you must not eat meat that has its lifeblood still in it. <sup>5</sup>And for your lifeblood I will surely demand an accounting. I will demand an accounting from every animal. And from each man, too, I will demand an accounting for the life of his fellow man.

<sup>6</sup> "Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed; for in the image of God has God made man.

<sup>7</sup>As for you, be fruitful and increase in number; multiply on the earth and increase upon it."

<sup>8</sup>Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him: <sup>9</sup>"I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you <sup>10</sup>and with every living creature that was with you—the birds, the livestock and all the wild animals, all those that came out of the ark with you—every living creature on earth. <sup>11</sup>I establish my covenant with you: Never again will all life be cut off by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth."

<sup>12</sup>And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come: <sup>13</sup>I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth. <sup>14</sup>Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds, <sup>15</sup>I will remember my covenant between me and you and all living creatures of every kind. Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life. <sup>16</sup>Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth."

<sup>17</sup>So God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant I have established between me and all life on the earth."





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POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	QUESTIONS
5		1.) Why did Noah send a dove out of the ark? (Verse 8:8)
5		2.) What did God allow man to eat now? (Verse 9:3)
5		3.) What was the covenant between Noah and God? (Verse 11)
5		4.) What do we see in the sky as a sign of the covenant?

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	MEMORY VERSE
10		"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

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	HOME CONNECTION	PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE
5		<i>I have read, or been read, the passage of scripture for this week.</i>	
5		<i>I have answered the questions aloud to an adult at home this week.</i>	
10		<i>I have recited the memory verse out loud to an adult at home this week.</i>	

TOTAL POINTS	CLUB CONNECTION
	LEADER'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE ___/___/___

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## CRAFT/ACTIVITY: DOVES

Students will make a dove to remind them of how Noah sent out a dove from the ark to see if the water had receded.

### MATERIALS

1. White 67 lb. Cardstock
2. Dove Pattern
3. Scissors
4. Tape
5. Small Leaves



### DIRECTIONS

1. Copy the dove pattern onto 67 lb. cardstock for each student.
2. Have students cut out the dove body and wings.
3. Fold wings on the dotted line.
4. Cut a slit through the dove's body on the straight black line.
5. Slip the wings through the slit.
6. Tape a small leaf to the beak of the dove to represent an olive leaf.

### FOR DISCUSSION

As students are cutting out their doves, remind them of how the dove returning to the ark with an olive leaf indicated that the water had receded enough for trees' branches to be exposed. When the dove did not return the second time, Noah knew that the earth was even drier than the week before.

### TIME NEEDED TO COMPLETE:

Approximately 10 minutes

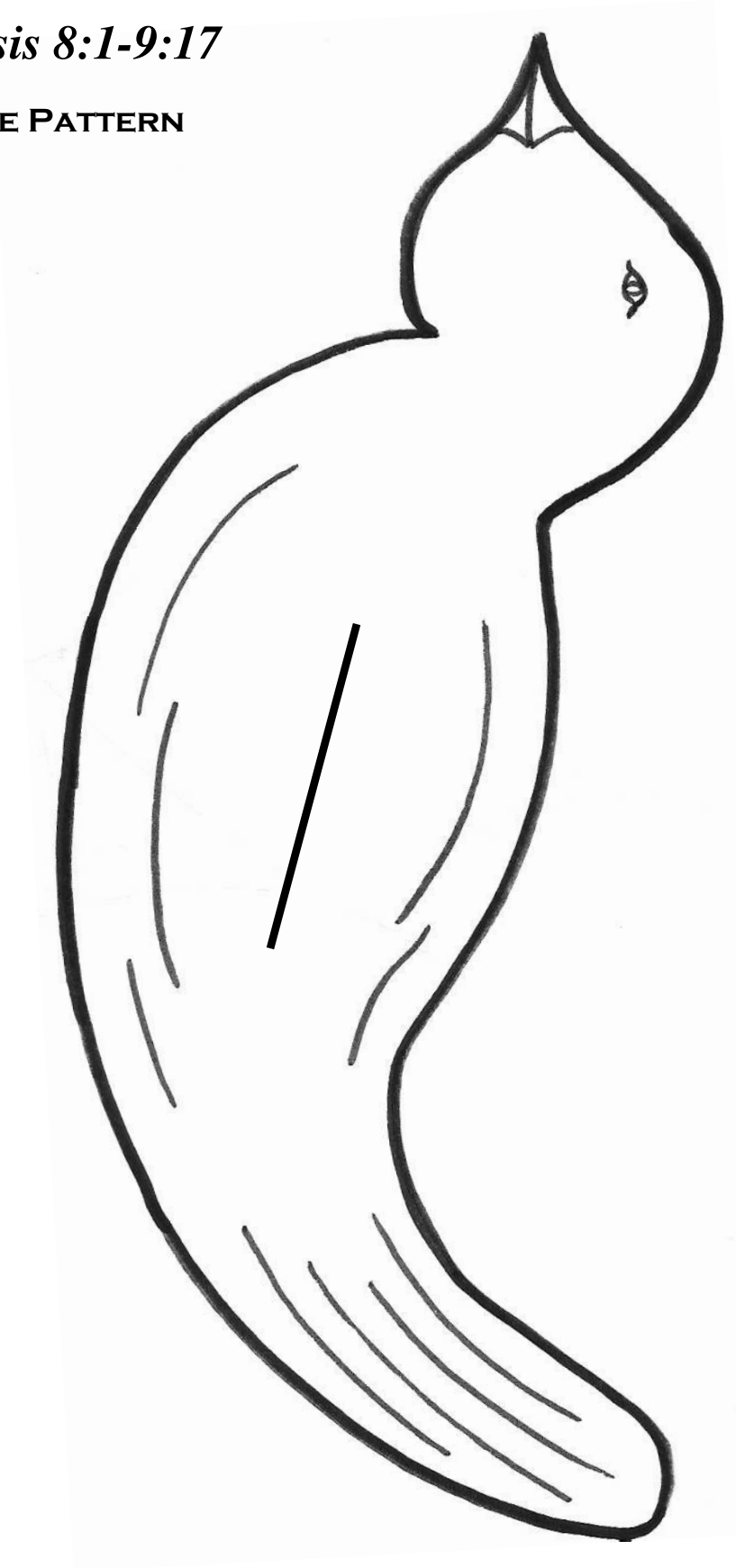
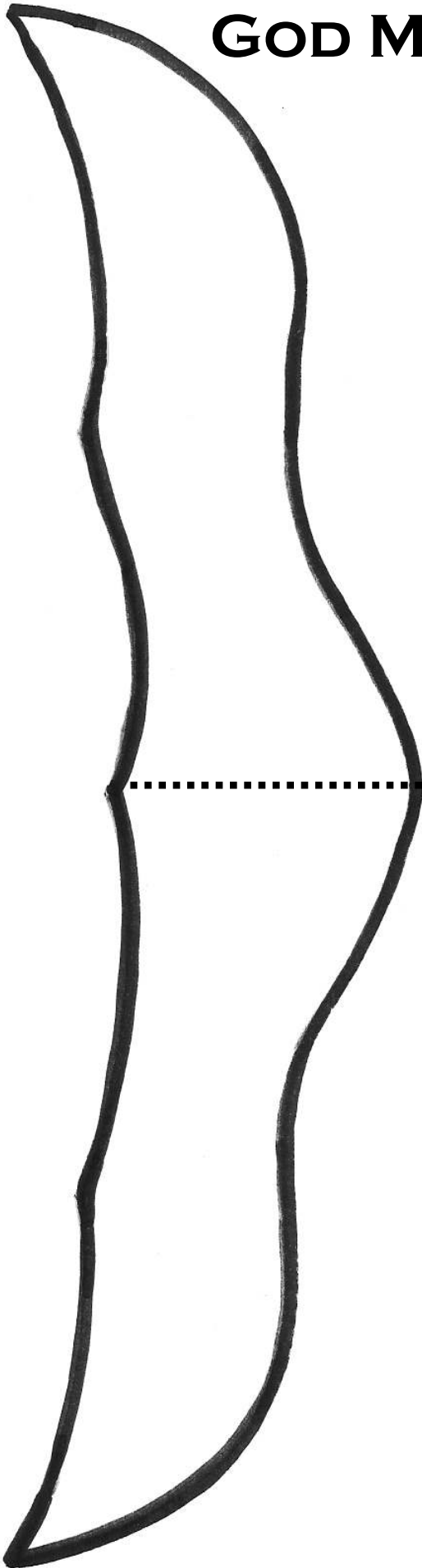
### MEMORY VERSE

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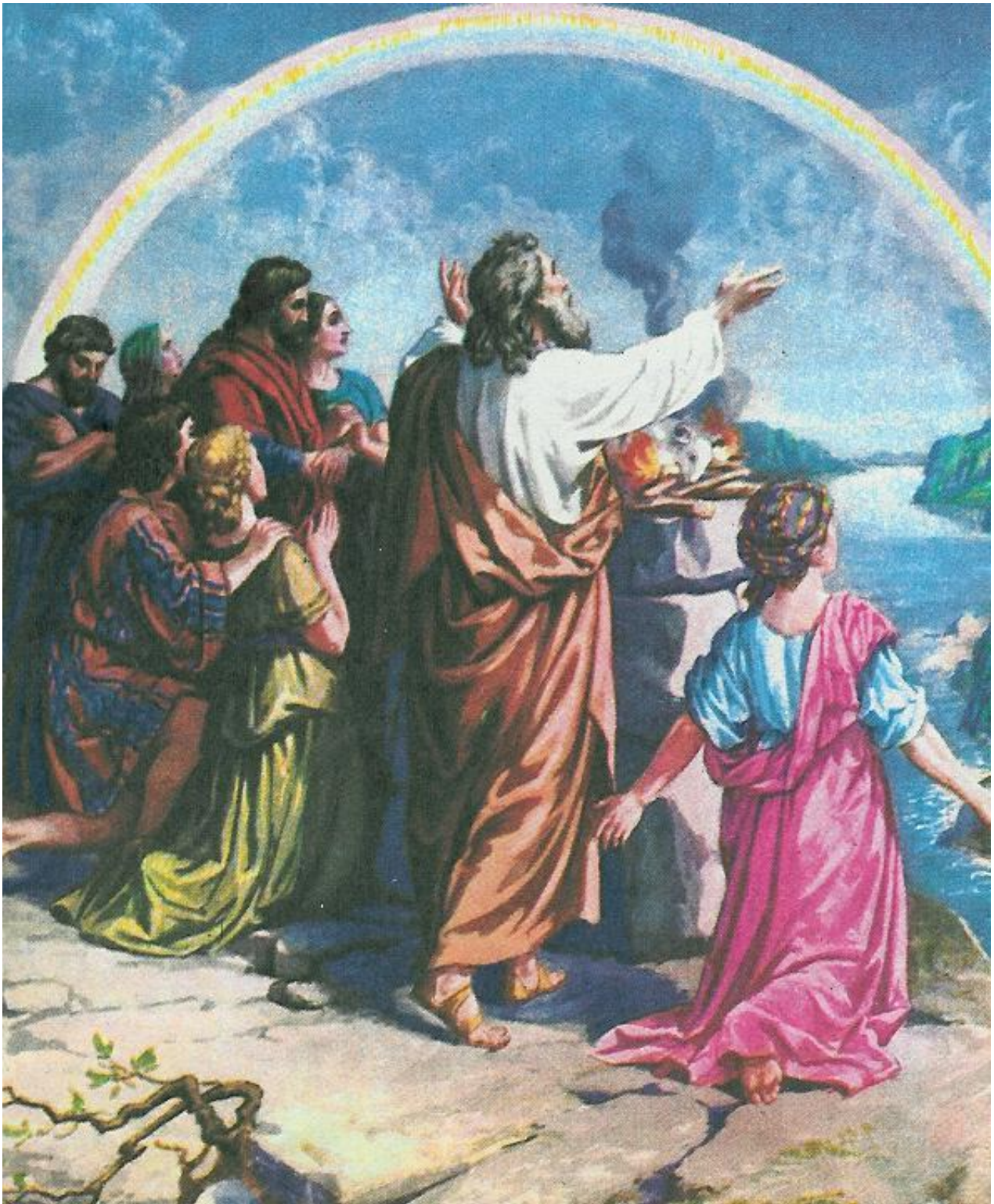
DOVE PATTERN





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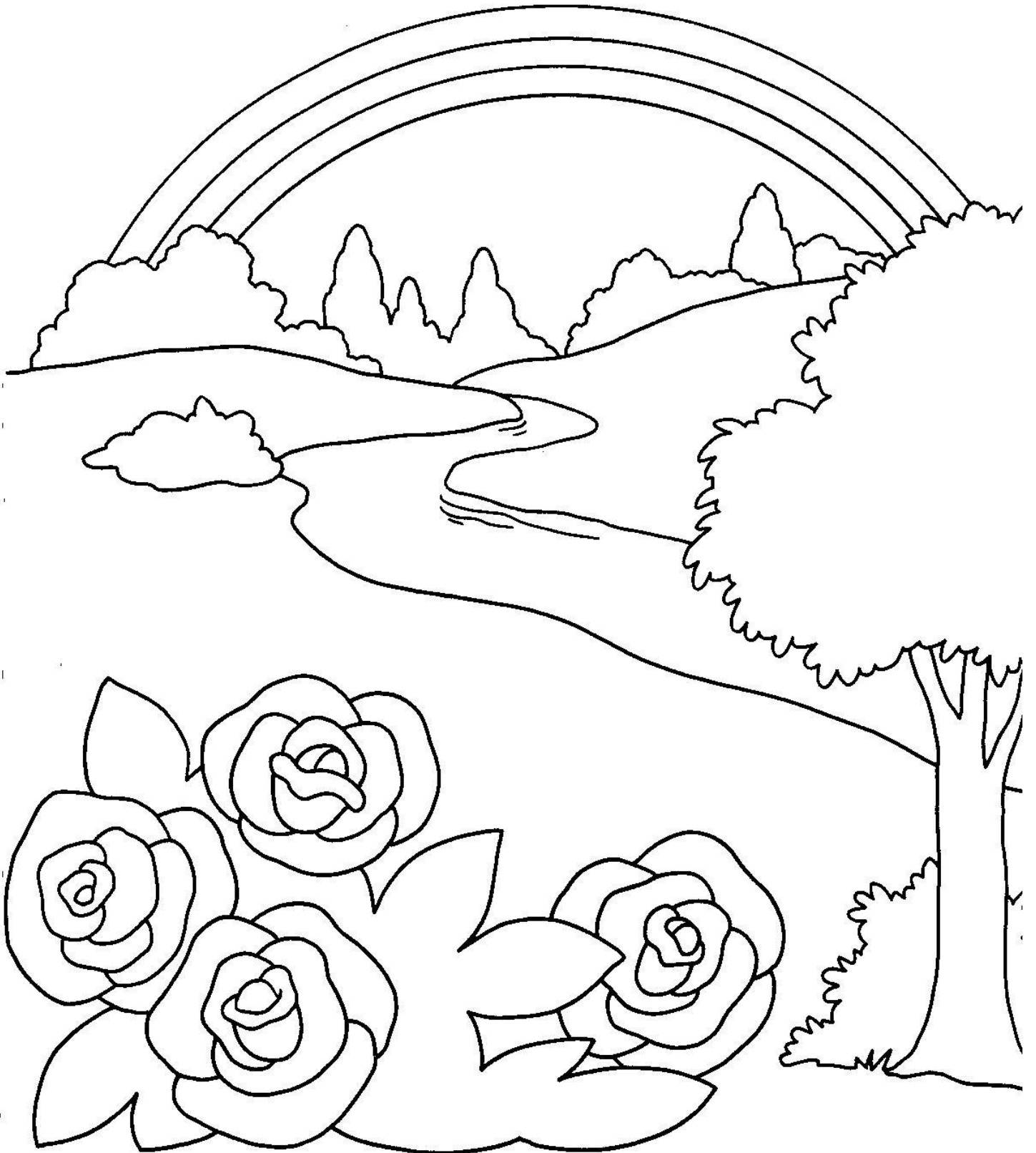
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*A rainbow is God's promise not to destroy the earth by flood again*

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God did not forget about Noah, his family, or the animals on the ark. God sent a flood to destroy the animals and humans on earth.

Later, God sent a wind over the earth and the waters began to drop. Then the ark came to rest on the mountains of Ararat.

Noah opened a window in the ark and let out a raven. The raven kept flying until the water dried up from the earth. After that, Noah sent out a dove, but it came back. Noah knew that the ground was not yet dry because the dove came back to him. The dove had nowhere to land.

Seven days later, Noah sent the dove out again. This time, the dove returned with a fresh olive leaf in its beak.

Noah waited seven more days. Then he sent out the dove again. This time, the dove did not return to Noah. Noah knew the land was drying up.

God told Noah to come out of the ark with his family and the animals after being on the ark for about a year. God wanted the animals to begin multiplying.

Noah built an altar to the Lord and sacrificed some of the clean animals and birds.

God made a covenant, or promise, to Noah that He would never again destroy the earth by flood. God said, "I have set a rainbow in the clouds, and it will be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth."

Now, whenever we see a rainbow, we can remember the promise God made to Noah.

For more details, please read Genesis 8:1-9:17 in the Bible.

## QUESTIONS

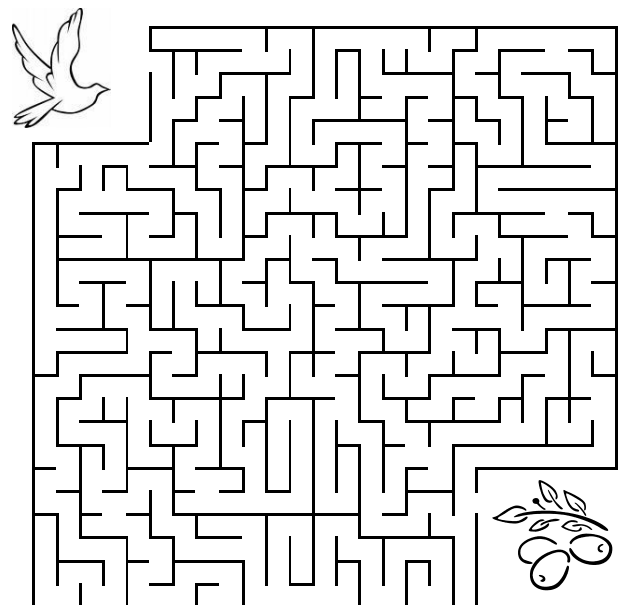
1. Why did Noah send birds out of the ark?
2. What did Noah do after he got out of the ark?
3. What covenant, or promise, did God make with Noah?
4. What was the sign of the covenant?

## 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

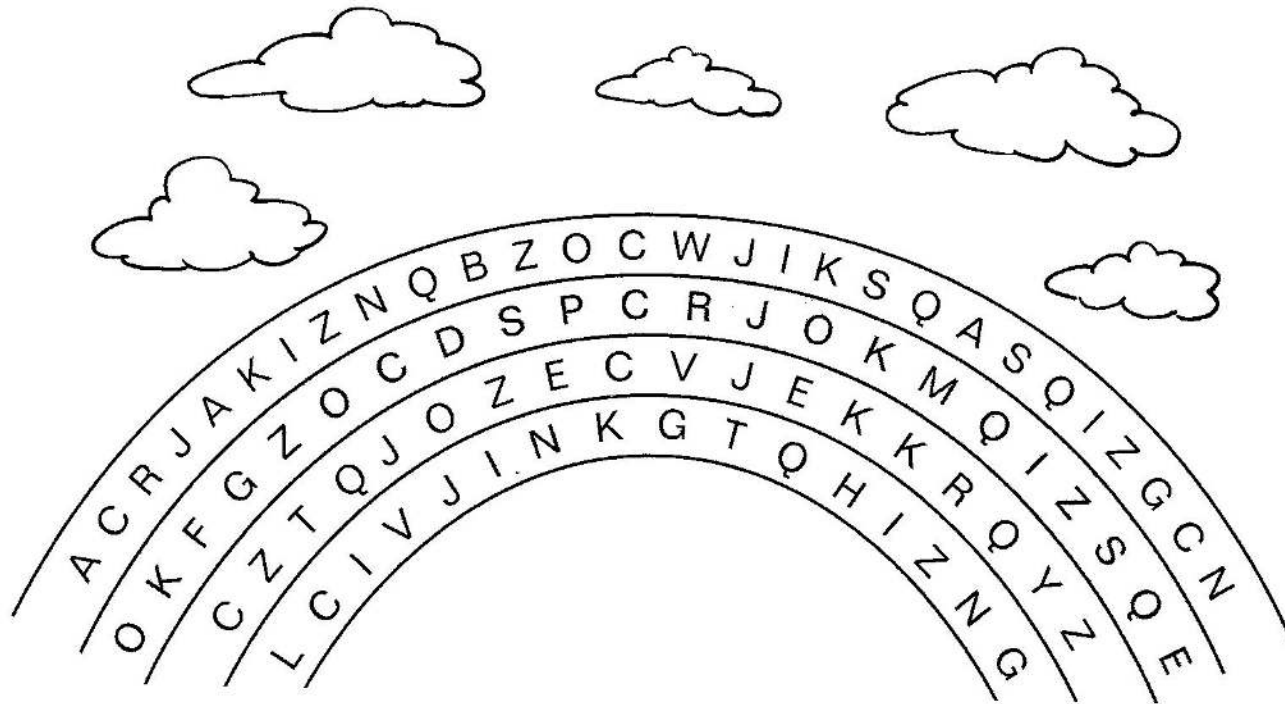
## HELP THE DOVE FIND THE OLIVE LEAF



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Cross out the letters C, J, K, Q, and Z every time you see them in the puzzle.  
Copy the leftover letters in each row to create a sentence  
about God's special sign.



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