



GOD'S COVENANT WITH NOAH

Covenants

Throughout the next Home Lessons in Family Formation, we are studying the covenants that God made with Noah, Abraham, and Moses. These, however, are only a part of the big plan for God's salvation of mankind. We may tend to view familiar Old Testament stories as unconnected to each other, but in reality, they are intricately related. The Old Testament is the true history of God's preparation of the world for the coming of Christ. God chose to use a series of covenants to accomplish this.

To begin with, we need to define the word covenant. You could say that a covenant is an agreement or a contract, but God's covenants with mankind are much more than that. They could better be described as sacred family bonds. In ancient Israel, there was no word for "family" as we define it, yet tribal bonds, kinship obligations, marriage, parenthood, and brotherhood were unbreakable bonds that God Himself had instituted. Family was important. Theologian Dr. Scott Hahn shows that covenant was the word to describe those family bonds. When God covenants with humanity through His Old Testament family, He is fathering His people. The word covenant is as different from contract as son is from slave. A contract exchanges property. A covenant exchanges persons expressing the idea, "I am yours, and you are mine." God uses the covenant to enter into a relationship with those He created in His own image.

For more information, refer to the audio CD series entitled, "Salvation History" by Dr. Scott Hahn. It is available through Saint Joseph Communications, Inc., P.O. Box 720, West Covina, CA 91793 (saintjoe.com/products/salvation-history).

What Did You Learn About God's Covenant with Noah?

for younger saints

1. Rainbows are reminders that there will never be another flood like the one in Noah's time.
true false
2. Noah spent many years traveling around the earth to collect all the animals.
true false
3. God always keeps His promises.
true false
4. While Noah was on the ark, it rained for 40 weeks.
true false
5. The Bible is a good place to find promises from God.
true false
6. Noah learned how to make an ark in an old book he found.
true false
7. God sent the flood because people were very evil.
true false
8. Noah's family was on the ark with him.
true false
9. The first thing Noah did when he got off the ark was build a campfire and cook his lunch.
true false
10. Recite your memory verse.

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Quiz Answers

1. Rainbows are reminders that there will never be another flood like the one in Noah's time.

true false

2. Noah spent many years traveling around the earth to collect all the animals.

true false: The animals came to him.

3. God always keeps His promises.

true false

4. While Noah was on the ark, it rained for 40 weeks.

true false: It rained for 40 days.

5. The Bible is a good place to find promises from God.

true false

6. Noah learned how to make an ark in an old book he found.

true false: God told Noah exactly how to make the ark.

7. God sent the flood because people were very evil.

true false

8. Noah's family was on the ark with him.

true false

9. The first thing Noah did when he got off the ark was build a campfire and cook his lunch.

true false: He built an altar and worshipped God.

10. Recite your memory verse.

"By his stripes we were healed." Isaiah 53:5

What Did You Learn About God's Covenant with Noah?

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1. Why did God send a flood?
2. Explain why only God can always keep promises.
3. Why did God save Noah and his family?
4. For whom are God's promises in the Bible written?
5. How do you think the animals knew they should go to the ark?
6. Where in the Bible can you find the story of Noah's Ark?
7. What did Noah do when he first stepped onto dry land?
8. Recite the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary.

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Quiz Answers

1. Why did God send a flood?

Everyone on earth (except Noah and his family) was very wicked.

2. Explain why only God can always keep promises.

God knows everything and can do anything so nothing can get in the way of Him keeping His promises.

3. Why did God save Noah and his family?

Noah and his family were the only people on earth who loved God.

4. For whom are God's promises in the Bible written?

Some promises are for a specific person (like God's promise to Abraham for descendants as many as there are stars in the sky). Some promises are for all readers of Scripture. You must let God speak to you about which ones are for you.

5. How do you think the animals knew they should go to the ark?

God told His creatures to go, and they obeyed.

6. Where in the Bible can you find the story of Noah's Ark?

Genesis 6:5—9:17

7. What did Noah do when he first stepped onto dry land?

He built an altar and worshipped God.

8. Recite the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary.

The Agony in the Garden. The Scourging at the Pillar. The Crowning with Thorns. The Carrying of the Cross. The Crucifixion.