

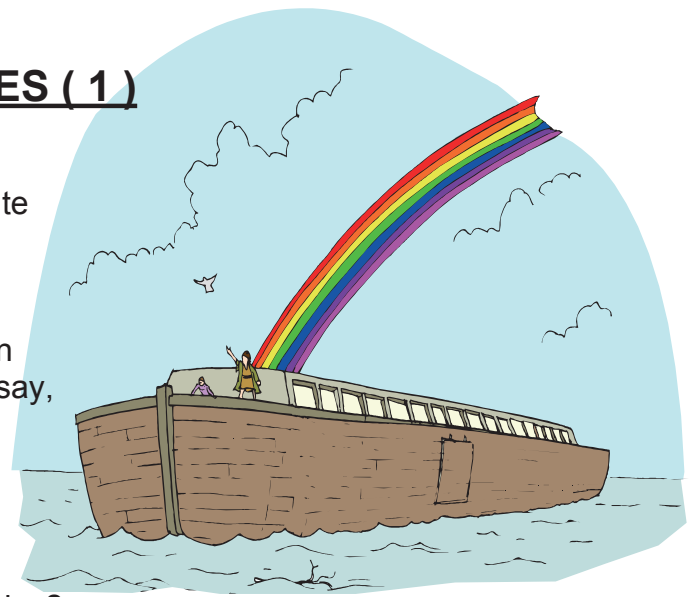
## 5. PROMISES ( 1 )

### Sing

JP 255 'This is the day' / MP 691 or Juniors' favourite Praise songs

### Pray

"Father we thank you that You are with us everyday in all that we do. Help us to do the right things and not say, think, or do things which upset and annoy others. Help us to love and be trustworthy. Please be with us now in the meeting. Amen.'



### Discuss

Does anyone go to an organisation which has a promise? E.g. Brownies, Cubs, Junior Red Cross or PDSA. Look at a £5 and find the promise on it.

### ☺ Role Play

Juniors enact to the group. These incidents show how easy it is not to keep a promise. It is not always our fault. We let people down but we must keep trying to remember to keep promises made. Note too we should apologise to those we have let down.

### God's Promises

God made covenant promises to His people. Listen carefully to the reading as it is being read as there is going to be a quiz about it later on. A covenant is a promise between two people.

### ☺ Read

Genesis 9: 8-17 Read by Junior who has prepared it. Who made a promise? Why was it made? Has it been kept?

### ☺ Sing

Junior lead as s/he has planned.

### ☺ Sword Drill

Covenant verses lead by Junior who has prepared them.

### Christian Endeavour Promise

Show Juniors the promise and talk about the implications of the words. Show attendance cards / register. After a probationary period of four weeks, the children will formally be enrolled as members. (The next Promise meeting will be in four weeks.)

### ☺ Chain Prayer

Use the ideas prepared by the Junior and asking God to help you to keep your promise.

### Quiz

Have a noughts and crosses quiz using the questions you have prepared from the Bible reading. Be seen to be fair in selecting the teams and in accepting / rejecting answers. This should be fun as well as reinforcing the story facts. If wrong answers are given, encourage and give further clues.

### Sing

JP 42 'Father, I place into your hands' or MP 133  
JP 188 'One more step along the world I go'

## **Pray**

Thank you, God, that you have given us minds to understand right and wrong. Help us to keep our promises to each other, adults we know and especially to You. Forgive us, Jesus, when we let you down. Please take us home safely and stay with us in our homes. Amen.

## **FOR NEXT WEEK**

Ask all Juniors to bring an offering - some money to give to C.E.

Ask Juniors to prepare

- Bible reading : Matthew 25: 34-46
- Songs on theme of giving, gratefulness or thinking of others
- Chain prayer ideas
- Quiz - Write out, or print from the computer on 2 sheets of A4 paper the words of these verses in large letters. Galatians 6: 19 and Acts 20: 35 (last part) Cut up each into ten pieces like a jigsaw.

## **Leader's Preparation**

Bring materials for making gifts. According to your church accommodation, time of year, what you can cope with, and knowing your Juniors, decide whether to make a bookmark, greetings card (Thank you/ Harvest/ Easter/ Christmas/ Mother's Day/ Thinking of you), peppermint creams (egg white, icing sugar and peppermint essence), decorate a flower pot, Christmas decoration, etc.

Gather together materials to make the items. Use good quality materials which will encourage a pride in their work.