

Sunday School Lesson
Sunday, September 13, 2020
Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost



“When the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between me and all living beings on earth.”

While labeled Sunday School, please feel free to use these ideas in a way that blesses your family. You do not have to do all the activities nor do you need to do them on Sunday morning. You can use whatever translation of the Bible or Children’s Bible you have in your home.

Read: Genesis 8: 22; 9: 8-17

Activities and Background:

Often the rainbow is said to be a reminder to us that God will never destroy the earth again when actually the rainbow is placed in the sky to remind God of the covenant. The bow also is a representation of a weapon (bow and arrow). God is laying down God’s weapons of destruction and offering a covenant of peace. The term “covenant” may be new to some children and will need to be defined. Often the term promise is used in this story. But covenant is more than a promise, it is a legal agreement to do or not do something.

1. Read the scripture story.
I wonder what the people thought when they saw the bow in the sky.
I wonder how God covenants with us today.
2. Younger children will enjoy making rainbows so get out the sidewalk chalk, crayons, markers, or paint and have some fun making rainbows as a reminder of this story.
3. Older children might think about other types of bows. God’s bow is placed in the sky. I wonder why? They might want to explore other places “covenant” is used in the Bible.
4. Look for rainbows naturally made in the world in places other than the sky. On a warm day spray the water sprinkler and see the rainbows created. Light shining through a glass window. Light through prisms. Rainbows are all around us even when we cannot see them. We just need to look for them. God’s covenant is always around we just need to recognize it, accept, and respond.
5. Sing “Rise and Shine.”
6. Create a rainbow prayer: List the colors in a rainbow and pray for someone whose name starts with each letter or thank God for something which starts with each letter. (Example: Red – Thank you God for radishes and please heal Robert)