

Family Discipleship Resource

December 1-7
(Genesis 9:1-17)



G – Gather for Prayer

Father,

Thank you for your many promises! May your faithfulness encourage me to spread your hope to those around me.

In Jesus' Name, Amen

R – Read the Text (Genesis 9:1-17)

1 And God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth. 2 The fear of you and the terror of you will be on every beast of the earth and on every bird of the sky; with everything that creeps on the ground, and all the fish of the sea, into your hand they are given. 3 Every moving thing that is alive shall be food for you; I give all to you, as I gave the green plant. 4 Only you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood. 5 Surely I will require your lifeblood; from every beast I will require it. And 1 from every man, from every man's brother I will require the life of man.

*6 "Whoever sheds man's blood,
By man his blood shall be shed,
For in the image of God
He made man.*

*7 "As for you, be fruitful and multiply;
Populate the earth abundantly and multiply in it."*

8 Then God spoke to Noah and to his sons with him, saying, 9 "Now behold, I Myself do establish My covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; 10 and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the cattle, and every beast of the earth with you; of all that comes out of the ark, even every beast of the earth. 11 I establish My covenant with you; and all flesh shall never again be cut off by the water of the flood, neither shall there again be a flood to destroy the earth." 12 God said, "This is the sign of the covenant which I am making between Me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all successive generations; 13 I set My bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a sign of a covenant between Me and the earth. 14 It shall come about, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow will be seen in the cloud, 15 and I will remember My covenant, which is between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and never again shall the water become a flood to destroy all flesh. 16 When the bow is in the cloud, then I will look upon it, to remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." 17 And God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant which I have established between Me and all flesh that is on the earth."

O – Observe what God has said

What instructions does God give Noah's family?

What promises does God make for Noah's family?

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W – Work on Application

We must recognize under which covenant we live as believers—the New Covenant of grace through Jesus Christ. Though, to be sure, the Noahic covenant applies to us and we can continue to expect that God will never flood the earth again, what is more pressing for believers are the promises that God has made to us in His son and the victory we have in him that is as sure as His empty tomb. Just as when Noah emerged out of the ark, so too when Jesus emerged from the tomb, a new era was established, an era of renewed grace between God and Man. While following God’s commands would lead to a fruitful and prosperous life for Noah’s descendants in the Old Testament, repentance and faith inevitably lead to fruit and salvation for New Testament saints. While peace was promised on a global scale in a general way for Noah, now, lasting peace and grace is realized only in relationship with Jesus Christ. Those who are in Christ, like Noah, can expect God to keep the promises He has made.

What promises had God made with us today?

Who do we know that needs to know the love of Jesus that we can share with in this season?

Family Weekly Memory Verse: “And we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to His purpose”-Romans 8:28