

God's Promise

Have you ever seen a rainbow? Did you ever wonder what a rainbow was made of? It is made of light. In fact, it is made of seven colours of light. It only occurs when it rains. The light of the sun shines through the rain, causing the light to bend (or refract) and reflect off the rain. The rain acts like a prism, splitting the white light into the colours of red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo (deep blue), and violet (purple).



In the last few months it is likely that you have seen lots of beautiful rainbows displayed in peoples windows. Perhaps you have even created your own. The aim is to make people smile while they're walking by, and also offer a message of hope that by working together and supporting one another we will successfully come through this pandemic.

The bible tells us that a rainbow has another very special meaning. The rainbow reminds us of the promise that he made to a man named Noah. I'm sure that you know the story of how God sent a great flood to destroy the earth because the people had become wicked and evil. He destroyed everything he had created except for two of every kind of bird and animal and Noah and his family. He spared them because Noah was a good and righteous man who walked with God. After the flood waters went down Noah's family and all the animals could leave the ark. God then made a promise to Noah.

Genesis 9 vs 12-17 The rainbow that I have put in the sky will be my sign to you and to every living creature on earth. It will remind you that I will keep this promise forever. When I send clouds over the earth, and a rainbow appears in the sky, I will remember my promise to you and to all other living creatures. Never again will I let floodwaters destroy all life. When I see the rainbow in the sky, I will always remember the promise that I have made to every living creature. The rainbow will be the sign of that solemn promise.



We all make promises, don't we? You might promise your mum that you will tidy your room and do your chores before you go out to play. Or you may promise to keep a secret told to you by your best friend. You may promise to return something that you borrowed from a neighbour.

Has anyone ever broken a promise they made to you? How did that make you feel? What did you say? You were probably very disappointed and said something like, "But you promised!" Sometimes we aren't very good at keeping our promises. But when God makes a promise, he keeps it. As a sign of his promise, he placed the rainbow in the sky whenever it rained.

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Some Promises to Share

Here are some of God's promises from the Bible. Ask God who needs encouraging today and send them a promise verse.

Joshua 1:9 *Be strong and brave. Don't be afraid because the Lord your God will be with you everywhere you go.*

Mark 11:24 *So I tell you to believe that you have received the things you ask for in prayer, and God will give them to you.*

Romans 8:28 *We know that in everything God works for the good of those who love him.*

Jeremiah 29:11 *"I say this because I know what I am planning for you," says the Lord, "I have good plans for you, not plans to hurt you. I will give you hope and a good future."*

Rainbow Prayer Hunt

Go on a search around your house and try to find something of each of the colours below. Here is a prayer that you can say for each colour as you find them.



Thank you God that you love us and are always with us



Dear God please help us to be patient, to wait and listen to you and be obedient while we wait for the crisis to end.



Dear God, please help all those who are scared. May they know your perfect peace that takes away all fear.



Dear God, please look after those who are sick, give them the treatment they need to recover, send your healing power into the whole world.



Dear God, please protect those people working for the NHS, thank you for all they are doing to protect us.



Thank you, God, that we are children of the King of Kings. Thank you that even in difficult times we can trust in you.



Thank you, God, that we know that you will bring us through this crisis to safety on the other side just as you protected Noah and brought his family through the flood.