

## Lesson 4: A New Beginning

### Opening:

**Ask:** Have you ever heard the word promise? What is a promise? Have you ever made a promise? In today's Bible story God makes a wonderful promise and He gives a sign to remind us that He always keeps His promises.

### Bible Story:

Take out the *Jesus Storybook Bible* and read

**"A New Beginning" pg. 38 in The Jesus Storybook Bible**

**Ask:** What did Noah build in our story? Why did God tell Noah to build an Ark (a really big boat)? *Because the people of the world had filled it with hate instead of love.* How long was Noah on the boat with his family and all of the animals? *40 long days and 40 long nights.*

### Game: How Many is 40?

**Share:** 40 is a really big number. Let's see if we can count together to the number 40. Can you imagine taking a car ride that lasted for 40 whole days?

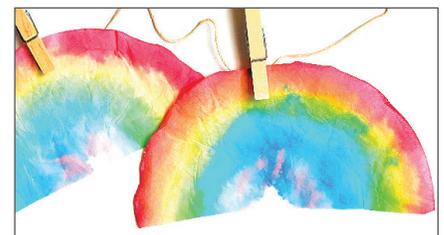
Let's try to do 40 of something just to see how long 40 really is, everyone stand up! Now we are going to see if we can balance on one foot while I count to 40. Try other things as well such as hopping 40 times, reaching to the sky as you count to 40, etc.

**Ask:** Do you think that Noah, his family, and the animals were happy to get off the ark after 40 days? What did God show them after they got off the boat to remind them of His promise? A rainbow. Let's make our own rainbows to remember God's promise?

### Craft: Coffee Filter Rainbows!

**You will need:** white coffee filters, colored markers, and spray bottles of water or pipettes and cups of water.

**Instructions:** After they color the filters, have them spray or drop water on the filters to watch the colors spread to a rainbow!



### Alternative Craft & Snack idea: Fruit Loop Rainbows

**You will need:** fruit loop cereal, glue sticks, rainbow template pages

**4s&5s:** Glue fruit loops onto a rainbow template. Let them know they will have separate Fruit Loops to eat as snack after. (Or have snack first if you think that will be easier)

**2s&3s:** Have them arrange Fruit Loops onto the rainbow template but do not glue. After snack, you can have them color the rainbows with crayons or markers to take home.

### Close in Prayer Together

*Dear God, thank you for saving Noah and his family. Thank you for your promise that you love us. Thank you for keeping your promise by sending Jesus to give us life and to guide us. Amen.*

We are a community of Jesus followers who love God, love one another and make disciples.