

ARTIST

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Having completed this badge members will:

- Explore colours;
- Create their own picture;
- Experience sculpture.

BADGE REQUIREMENTS

1. Paint a picture of a rainbow.
2. Draw and colour a picture of your family.
3. Colour a picture.
4. Using modelling clay or similar to make a model.
5. Help to make a mural of a Bible story.

EXPLORERS
MOONBEAMS



TIME FRAME

Three - Four
weeks

AIM

to introduce
members to
the variety of
colours and
allow them
to express
themselves
through art.





Teaching ideas



1. Paint a picture of a rainbow.

The rainbow doesn't have to conform to the correct colours, rather allow members to explore a variety of colours.



2. Draw and colour a picture of your family.



3. Colour a picture.

Provide members with a picture to colour, **Leader's Resource 1** may be used. Bible story pictures could also be used to lead into devotions. For a harder challenge use a 'colour by numbers' picture. Any media may be used, e.g. paint, pencils, crayons or felt pens.



4. Using modelling clay or similar to make a model.

Models may be made from clay, plasticine, *Play Doh* or other modelling material. Several recipes to make your own play dough are included below. The model may be anything of the member's choosing.



5. Help to make a mural of a Bible story.

Create a large picture of a Bible story, e.g. Creation, Crossing the Red Sea using pictures drawn and/or coloured by members. Use the story for devotions.

Uncooked Play dough

1 cup plain flour ½ cup salt
1 tablespoon oil 1-2 tablespoons cream of tartar
1 cup boiling water, with a few drops of food colouring added if desired

Mix the dry ingredients together with the oil. Then quickly add the boiling water, stirring rapidly as the dough thickens. Knead until smooth adding more flour if dough is sticky.

Microwave Play dough

1 cup plain flour ½ cup salt
1 tablespoon oil 1 tablespoon cream of tartar
1 cup water, with a few drops of food colouring added if desired

Beat all ingredients well, removing all lumps. Place in a large covered microwave dish. Cook on high for 5 minutes. Stir into dough while hot and knead into a ball when cooled

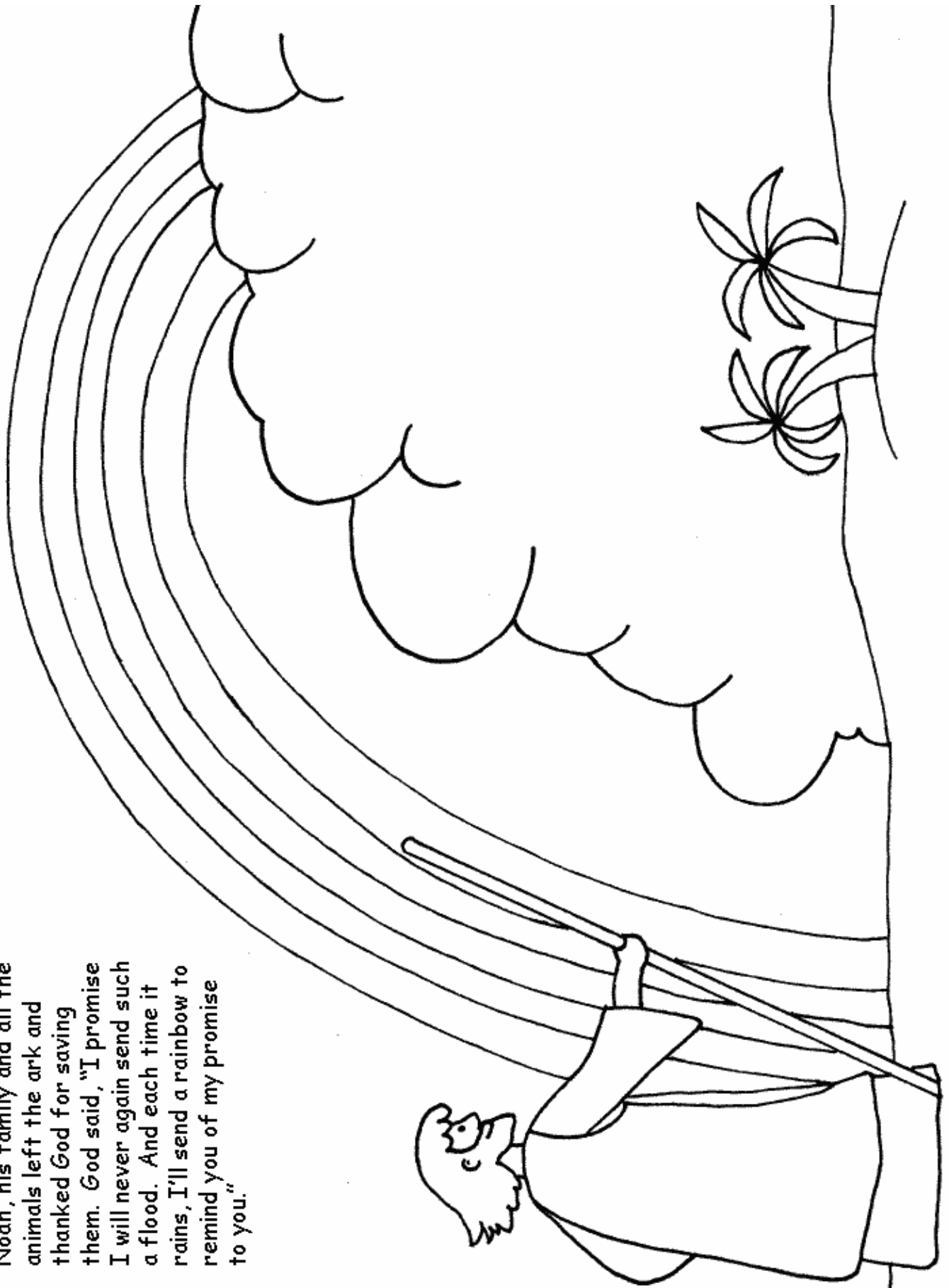
Play dough

1 cup flour 1 tablespoon oil
1 cup water ½ cup salt
2 teaspoons cream of tartar or baking soda

Combine all ingredients in a saucepan. Cook over medium heat. Stir continually. Mixture will form into a ball. Put oil on hands and knead the dough until smooth. Store in a closed container. Add food colouring to create different coloured play dough.

Leader's Resource 1

Noah, his family and all the animals left the ark and thanked God for saving them. God said, "I promise I will never again send such a flood. And each time it rains, I'll send a rainbow to remind you of my promise to you."



Leader's Resource 1 (contd)

God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son. (John 3:16.)

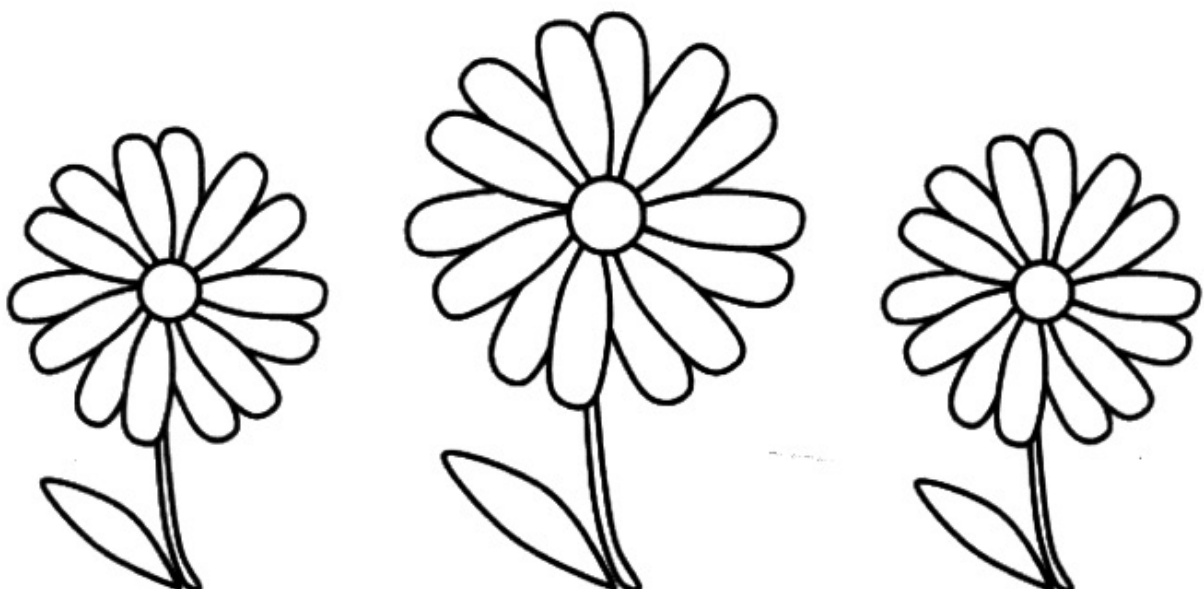


Leader's Resource 1 (contd.)



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SAVE OUR PLANET!



Devotional ideas



- Title:** 'Sin' Eraser
Bible: Isaiah 43:25
Thought: God can erase our mistakes
Supplies: Bible, a magic writing slate or Etch-a-sketch®

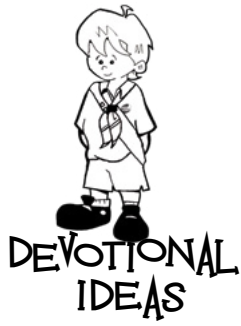
Ask members if they have ever played with an Etch A Sketch®? You can draw pictures by turning the knobs. The best thing about an Etch A Sketch® is that when you make a mistake all you have to do is shake it and then you can start all over again because the mistakes have been erased.

We are like this Etch A Sketch®. We do OK for a while and then we make a mistake. But if we tell God that we messed up and that we are truly sorry, its like He takes us, turns us upside down and shakes us and the mistake is gone. When God forgives our sins He totally erases them and we get to start all over again.

Read the Bible passage and then pray with members asking God to take away their mistakes.



DEVOTIONAL
IDEAS



Devotional ideas



2. Title: If you love me...

Thought: Show your love by what you do

Supplies: Bible, Family Pictures (**Badge Requirement 2**)

Scripture: John 14:23

After members have drawn their family for **Badge Requirement 2** comment that our Mum, Dad, Grandma and Grandpa, love us very much and they are teaching us and want us to be the very best we can be. Mum and Dad love to hear us say that we love them but we can show them we love them. Ask members how we would show Mum and Dad that we love them.

Help members create a list. The top ten ways to show your parents you love them may look like this:

10. Make your bed
9. Tidy your room
8. Put the garbage out
7. Help clean the yard
6. Help make dinner
5. Set the table and help with the washing up
4. Do your homework and try hard at school
3. Don't fuss with your brothers or sisters
2. Give a gift that you made yourself

And, the number one way to show you love your mum and dad...

Obey them when ever they ask you to do something.

Of course they love to hear you say 'I Love you' but Mum and Dad like to see that you love them by what you do. Ask members if they think Jesus likes to hear them say that they love him. Of course He does but, just like Mum and Dad, He like it even better when we show Him we love Him. Read John 14:23. We can show Him we love Him by obeying Him and doing what He teaches us in the Bible.

Devotional ideas



3. Title: Ring of Promise

Thought: God's promises

Supplies: A wedding ring or church's advent wreath, Noah colouring page

Scripture: Genesis 9:11, Corinthians 1:20

Have you ever made a promise? Has anyone ever made a promise to you? Do any of you have a best friends necklace someone gave you when they promised to be your best friend? A promise is something we tell someone we will definitely, absolutely do. You should only make a promise you intend to keep. Grown-ups make a promise when they get married. A husband and a wife promise to love each other forever and ever, and they give each other rings as a sign of that promise. Here is a wedding ring. If you follow the wedding ring, it goes around and around, forever and ever, to remind the husband and wife that they promised to love each other forever and ever. An Advent wreath is shaped like a ring it goes around forever and ever, and it reminds us that God made a promise to love us forever and ever, and to send God's Son to save us.

We all make promises, don't we? You might promise your mother that you will clean your room and do your jobs before you go out to play. Has anyone ever broken a promise they made to you? How did that make you feel? You were probably very disappointed and said something like, 'But you promised!' Sometimes we aren't very good at keeping our promises. Sometimes people break the promises because people aren't perfect. But God is perfect, and God keeps all God's promises.

In the Bible there is the story of Noah who built an ark for God to save the animals when the earth was flooded. God chose Noah because was a good and righteous man who did what God asked.

After the flood waters went down and Noah's family and all the animals could leave the ark, God made a promise to Noah that He would never again destroy the whole earth with a flood. Then placed a rainbow in the sky and He said to Noah, 'I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be a sign of the promise between me and all life on the earth.' God said that every time He saw the rainbow, He would remember the promise that He made. Read Genesis 9:11 to members.

God has kept that promise. God keeps all of His promises. Read 2 Corinthians 1:20. The next time you see a rainbow, remember the promise God made to Noah, and remember that just as He has kept that promise, He keeps all of his promises. Members may like to colour the picture of Noah and the rainbow. Pray with members thanking God for keeping all His promises and sending us Jesus.