

God created heaven and earth and all in it and it was good. As people multiplied on the earth their wickedness grew as well. God saw the wickedness and regretted creating the human race, except Noah, who had found favor in God's eyes. God had made a covenant with Noah, a man who "did everything God instructed him to do" (Genesis 6.22). Noah built an ark, filled it with his family and a male and female of every creature, and the rains came. The earth flooded, and creatures were no more, except what was on the ark. God remembered Noah and all the wild animals, the waters receded till they could leave the ark. Then God said to Noah and family, I establish my covenant with you now, never again will I flood the all of creation and destroy the earth. And the sign of the covenant between God and all of creation is a rainbow set in the clouds.

A covenant between God and creation, one we can see, even now. "Covenant," an agreement which brings about a relationship of commitment between God and his people, a binding promise. I am reminded of his promises: God will never leave me or forsake me (Deuteronomy 31.6-8). He is always with me, to the end of the ages (Matthew 28.20). And then God sends His one and only son Jesus, to us. God's promise of a Savior and Jesus is born.

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Noah

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Genesis 6.5-8, 7.11-17, 8.1-3, 9.8-13

Heavenly Father, thank you for your promises. I pray we are brave enough to listen to you, that we will be like Noah, to do everything you instruct us to do. We pray for your favor, and on our loved ones. We are so grateful for the promise of your Son, Jesus. Amen.

