

## **TEACHING TIME**

## **SCRIPTURE** | Genesis 8:15-22, 9:8-17

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Here is one way you can summarize today's Bible story! Cue your child to repeat some things you say or do while you tell the story.
- The Bible tells us about a time when it rained and rained so much that a huge flood covered the whole Earth. There was water everywhere! But God kept a man named Noah and his family — and a whole bunch of animals — safe from the flood on a giant boat called an ark.
- Let's pretend that we are all on the ark. We have all been on the ark for a really long time. I bet it smelled kinda gross in there [Hold your nose.] and some of us probably got seasick [Pretend to be sick.], but we know God will keep us safe from this never ending rain! [Make rain noises by clapping hands on laps.]
- But wait! [Freeze.] I think the boat stopped rocking! Someone, quick! Look out the window! Do you see land? Hooray! We are saved! Come on, everyone! Celebrate! [Tell the kids to make different animal noises.]
- Shh! I think I hear something. God is saying something to Noah. [Read Genesis 9:12-16.] Did you hear that? God's putting a rainbow in the sky to remind us that God will always show us mercy. That means that even though people might continue to mess up, God is saying that we will be given second chances. Let's celebrate God's mercy!

## THE BIG IDEA | God promised us mercy.

• There are times when we do things God doesn't want us to do. But even when we're wrong, **God promised us mercy.** 

## VIDEO | Promise, Episode 2

• INSTRUCTIONS: Play this week's preschool teaching video.

MEMORY VERSE | Joshua 21:45 (NIV)