

WEEK 2

SMALL GROUP GUIDE



THE BIG IDEA

God promised us mercy.

THE BIBLE

God's Covenant with Noah: Genesis 8:15-22, 9:8-17
(Psalm 85:8-13)

QUESTIONS

- How were Noah, his family, and the animals saved when the world was flooded?
- What promise did God give after they left the ark?
- How are we reminded of that promise?
- Read Genesis 9:13. What do you usually think of when you see a rainbow in the sky? Does this story make you think of a rainbow differently?
- What do you think mercy is?
- Describe a time when someone showed you mercy, or when you offered someone else mercy.
- Why do we need God's mercy?

ACTIVITY

Give each kid a small handful of rainbow-colored candies or cereal. Tell them to eat one piece at a time, using the colors to direct their prayer.

- **Red:** Ask God to show mercy for something you said or did that was unkind.
- **Orange:** Pray for God to help you show mercy to someone who has been unkind to you.
- **Yellow:** Ask God to show mercy for something you have done to harm something in the world God created.
- **Green:** Pray for God to help you take care of God's creation.
- **Blue:** Ask God to show you how much you are loved when you are feeling down or "blue."
- **Purple:** Thank God for the promise of mercy.

MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH: Joshua 21:45 (NIV)

Not one of all the Lord's good promises to Israel failed; every one was fulfilled.

Looking for sign language? Go to growcurriculum.org/Joshua21-45 and get memorizing!