



Bow of Promise: The Arrow is Spent
Gen 9: 12-15 & Rom 8: 1-4

LESSON SUPPLY LIST

- Bible w/ Marked Scripture
- Pencils
- Crayons
- Glue Sticks
- Red, Yellow, Green & Blue Scrap Paper
- Plain White Paper
- Rainbow Illustration
- Bow & Arrow (or Bow & Arrow Illustration)
- Copies of Word Puzzle
- Copies of Take Home Sheet

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¹⁵ *And I will remember my covenant, which is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh.*

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Objective of Lesson:

The Bible tells us God put the Rainbow in the clouds as a token of a promise. That promise was he would never destroy the earth or its inhabitants through flood waters again. All those in the Ark were spared God's wrath and judgment. This Biblical story is a picture of how God saves His people. Just like those in the ark, there is no more condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus. God the Father spent his arrow of judgment on God the Son, and those for whom He died will never be condemned.

Lesson Instructions:

1. Have you ever seen a bow and arrow? A bow and arrow looks like this. (If you do not have a real bow and arrow then hold up the illustration provided in this lesson plan.) Pull back on the string and it launches the arrow in the direction you have it pointed. It is an instrument of protection or of death. The only thing you can use it for is to wound or kill something.
2. This is a quiver. This is the holder for all the arrows. As you use or "spend" the arrows you have another one within reach to use. You need a quiver to hold extra arrows, because as you

- spend one you will need another one. A lot of times when you use an arrow, it will break when it hits the target. The quiver is used to hold all the other arrows until you need them.
3. This is the bow. The only purpose the bow serves is to launch the arrow. You cannot throw an arrow with your hand far enough or with enough force to kill something. You have to use the bow to drive the arrow with enough force so as to drive it into what you are aiming. You pull back on the string and it launches the arrow in the direction it is pointing.
 4. This is the arrow. This is the instrument of death. The only part of the bow and arrow that can kill is the arrow. It pierces the offender and inflicts death to whatever it strikes.
 5. What happens if all our arrows are spent? What happens if our quiver is empty? Is the bow dangerous by itself? No. It ceases to be a deadly weapon. Only the arrow kills. You can't kill anything if all your arrows have been spent and/or broken. When there are no more arrows, there is no more death.
 6. Have you ever heard the story in the Bible called Noah's Ark? In the Bible, it tells us of a great flood long ago. God put a man named Noah and his family in an ark (a boat) and caused a great flood to come over the earth. Everything that was not in that ark (that boat) was destroyed by the flood waters of God's anger and wrath. He destroyed the earth because of man's sin. After that flood God put a Rainbow in the clouds as a promise never to destroy the earth by a flood again.
 7. Have you ever seen a rainbow? Notice that it has the same shape as the bow. (Hold the pictures up side by side.) What is missing from this bow? (Hold up the arrow if you need to give a hint.) There is no more arrow!
 8. (Refer to the picture of the rainbow.) This Rainbow is God's bow. Just like a bow without an arrow, it is not a symbol of death but of peace. God told us in the Bible that He put this rainbow in the clouds after a storm, as a token of His promise never to destroy this earth by a flood again. When God sees that bow He remembers that promise He made. That promise is called a covenant.
 9. Do you know what happened to God's arrow? Did it just disappear? No. God used it.
 10. Do you know who God used it on? He used it to kill His only Son, Jesus Christ.
 11. Do you know why God did that? He did it because God must punish sin and man's sin can only be paid for by the death of a Man.
 12. (Rom 3:23) (Rom. 5:12) The Bible tells us our sin is so evil, if we died forever it would not pay for our sins. (John 3:19) Only the death of a perfect, sinless, Man can pay for our sins. Jesus Christ the Son of God is that perfect Man. Our sins require eternal death and we cannot pay that! God Almighty killed His only Son in our stead.
 13. The story of Noah's Ark and the rainbow is a picture of God's promise never to punish us for the sins that have already been paid for, through the death of His Son. That arrow was not taken away; it was spent on God's Son. Only God can give you the ability to believe that. To believe on God's Son for the payment of sins is called the gift of faith. (Eph. 2:8)
 14. (Rom. 6:23) If God gives you the gift of faith to trust in His Son to pay for your sins, then there is no more arrow for you in that bow. Once the arrow of God's wrath has been spent it can't be used again. It was broken on God's Son. There is not even a quiver to hold more arrows. Just the bow of promise is left.
 15. (Rom. 5:15) Just like that bow, when God sees the blood of His Son shed for His people's sins, God remembers His promise. (Ex. 12:13) The sin debt has been paid. (Rom. 5:16 and John 5:24) Isn't it good news to know God's Arrow is spent on the only One who could pay the debt of sin?

Activity:

- Tear and paste tissue paper to form a rainbow craft.



- Bow of Promise Word Puzzle

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Overview of Lesson:

The arrow of God's wrath towards His sinful people is spent. It was not simply taken away. It was used and broken on a Man, Jesus Christ the Son of God. The only way sins are paid for is through the death of God's Son. To believe on God's Son for the payment of your sins is called the gift of faith. (Eph 2:8)

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Bow & Arrow Illustration



Rainbow Illustration



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Word Scramble

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MYCRE					
ROAWR	○				
TIHSCR		○			
POERIMS				○	

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Unscramble each of the clue words.

Take the letters that appear in  boxes
and unscramble them for the final message.

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Puzzle Solution



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Wrath
Mercy
Arrow
Christ
Promise

Faith