

## 8. God's Special Promise (Genesis 9:1-19)

### Connect

- What are you thankful for today?
- How have you seen God working in your life this past week?
- What difficulties are you experiencing in life? How may we help?
- How did you apply last session's discovery? What happened?
- With whom did you share last session's discovery? What was their response?

### Instructions:

Please use the following steps to guide your discovery of God's truth in the passages below. Need to review the [Group Guidelines](#)?

### Discover

**Step 1**-Participants take turns reading sections of the passage (clarify new words/terms)

**Step 2**-One person reads the entire passage out loud while the rest listen

**Step 3**-A participant retells the passage in his/her own words (others add their thoughts)

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**1**Then God blessed Noah and his sons and told them, “Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth. **2**All the animals of the earth, all the birds of the sky, all the small animals that scurry along the ground, and all the fish in the sea will look on you with fear and terror. I have placed them in your power. **3**I have given them to you for food, just as I have given you grain and vegetables. **4**But you must never eat any meat that still has the lifeblood in it. **5**“And I will require the blood of anyone who takes another person’s life. If a wild animal kills a person, it must die. And anyone who murders a fellow human must die. **6**If anyone takes a human life, that person’s life will also be taken by human hands. For God made human beings in his own image. **7**Now be fruitful and multiply, and repopulate the earth.” **8**Then God told Noah and his sons, **9**“I hereby confirm my covenant with you and your descendants, **10**and with all the animals that were on the boat with you—the birds, the livestock, and all the wild animals—every living creature on earth. **11**Yes, I am confirming my covenant with you. Never again will floodwaters kill all living creatures; never again will a flood destroy the earth.” **12**Then God said, “I am giving you a sign of my covenant with you and with all living creatures, for all generations to come. **13**I have placed my rainbow in the clouds. It is the sign of my covenant with you and with all the earth. **14**When I send clouds over the earth, the rainbow will appear in the clouds, **15**and I will remember my covenant with you and with all living creatures. Never again will the floodwaters destroy all life. **16**When I see the rainbow in the clouds, I will remember the eternal covenant

between God and every living creature on earth.” 17Then God said to Noah, “Yes, this rainbow is the sign of the covenant I am confirming with all the creatures on earth.” 18The sons of Noah who came out of the boat with their father were Shem, Ham, and Japheth. (Ham is the father of Canaan.) 19From these three sons of Noah came all the people who now populate the earth.

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## **Ask/Answer:**

- What does this passage mean?
- What do you like/not like about this passage?
- How does this passage change the way you see God/people?

## **Respond: If this is true...**

- How should it change the way you live?
- With whom will you share today’s discovery?