

Genesis 9:8-17

The Rainbow

A magnificent display ...

- I. Reassuring Promise
 - A. "My Covenant"
 - B. All of Creation
- II. Perpetual Sign
 - A. Many Reminders
 - B. A Full Spectrum
- III. Spectacular Image
 - A. Around the Throne
 - B. Highlighting the Savior

... of abiding kindness.

Children, Listen ...

1. What did God promise to all of creation?
2. When we read in the Bible that God makes a commitment or promise to His people it is usually called a c_v_n_n_.
3. Can you think of some ways that God takes care of His creation?
4. What special sign did God place in the sky to remind us of the promise He made after the flood?
5. The next time you see one of these what will you think about?

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Colorful depictions of rainbows adorn everything from kids' cereal boxes filled with inedible marshmallow moons, stars and little green clovers and little pony toys to signs and flags of a proud community of gender challenged individuals. It has been used to poetically symbolize the elusive dream of material wealth (as in a pot of gold) or of inner satisfaction (as in "somewhere over" it "the dreams that you dare to dream, really do come true.") Countless lesser entities have adopted the beautiful multicolor image, but the real phenomena that adorns the sky on occasion belongs exclusively to God, and He alone holds exclusive rights to the meaning of it. As Christians we must not lose sight of the glorious significance of this spectacular reminder designed by God Himself, not only for what it means to us, but for what it means for the entire creation that benefits from His ongoing kindness. When you see a rainbow (especially with the naked eye) stop and pause to take in, not only the luxurious beauty of full spectrum of vivid colors, but be taken in by the faithfulness of God that the rainbow itself represents and give Him thanks for His goodness to you, His people, the evil and the good, every living creature and even the very earth itself.