

# Top 150 Bible Stories

## Covenant With Noah

Week 5 February 7

### Genesis 8:20-9:17

Have you ever been promised something (like an invitation to a birthday party), but when the time came to keep the promise it isn't kept? OR have you ever promised something (like picking up toys in your playroom) and when it came time to keep your promise you didn't. All too often, people (like you and me) don't keep their promises. But that's not what God is like! **God loves to show us and remind us that He keeps ALL His promises.** The rainbow in this story tells us that God promises (9:11) never again to curse the earth with water (8:21; 9:12). God promises some stability on the earth by giving us seasons. There will be a time to seed and a time to harvest, summer and winter, day and night (8:22). So the rainbow and even the seasons remind us of God's constant care. God's promises ensure us that He will be faithful in keeping His family relationship with us (covenant). God knows the future, and His plan to save His covenant-people through Jesus. This story reminds us of God's faithfulness to us – His children. So when we see a rainbow, let us remember that God is always faithful. May we live as His faithful servants.

## Tower of Babel

### Genesis 11:1-9



Have you ever seen someone on television, and then wanted to be just like him? You liked what he did (a lot) and wanted to do those same kinds of things? You might have seen an athlete, a policeman, a queen, a doctor or even a cowboy! Sometimes you might have believed that those types of people are extra special heroes, and really thought too highly of them. In this story, we see how people tend to think too highly of themselves, and then they tend to put themselves above God (11:4). That is a BIG sin and deserves BIG consequences! Even so in this story, God kept His promise and did not destroy them. Instead of destroying them, God had a different plan. He divided them and spread them out over the face of the earth (11:9). God is worthy and is above all; may we always put Him

above all things and all people. Don't miss out on seeing how God has mercy on us, the people of the earth. Also in this story we learn how the languages of the earth began (11:7), and how God placed His people over all of the earth. God is the god of all types of people; indeed He loves the world. This lesson is an easy one to learn: We thank Him that He loves us. May we know God as the One who is above all things and certainly deserving of being lifted up in worship! May we worship God instead of ourselves.

## Way of the Righteous

### Psalms 1:1-6

Usually, where there is water there are trees. Have you ever noticed that? If there is a river, or a lake, or a creek, usually there are trees! Do you know why? Because the river, or lake or creek gives the tree exactly what it needs to grow. And trees like that. So they grow right there next to the water. This Psalm is about growing like a tree. It is about being righteous (that means delighting in God's ways, (v.2)). Righteousness is the opposite of wickedness (and everyone knows what wickedness is). God is righteous and stands opposed to wickedness. God insures the way of the righteous and makes the way of the wicked a way that will perish (1:6). So only like a tree planted by streams of water, will the way of the righteous prosper (1:3). God is the One who yields the fruit in our lives. May we depend upon Him alone! We are reminded of what to do and what not to do. We are to delight in God's law (1:2), and we are to stop walking in the counsel of the wicked (1:1). May we always love God and love His ways.