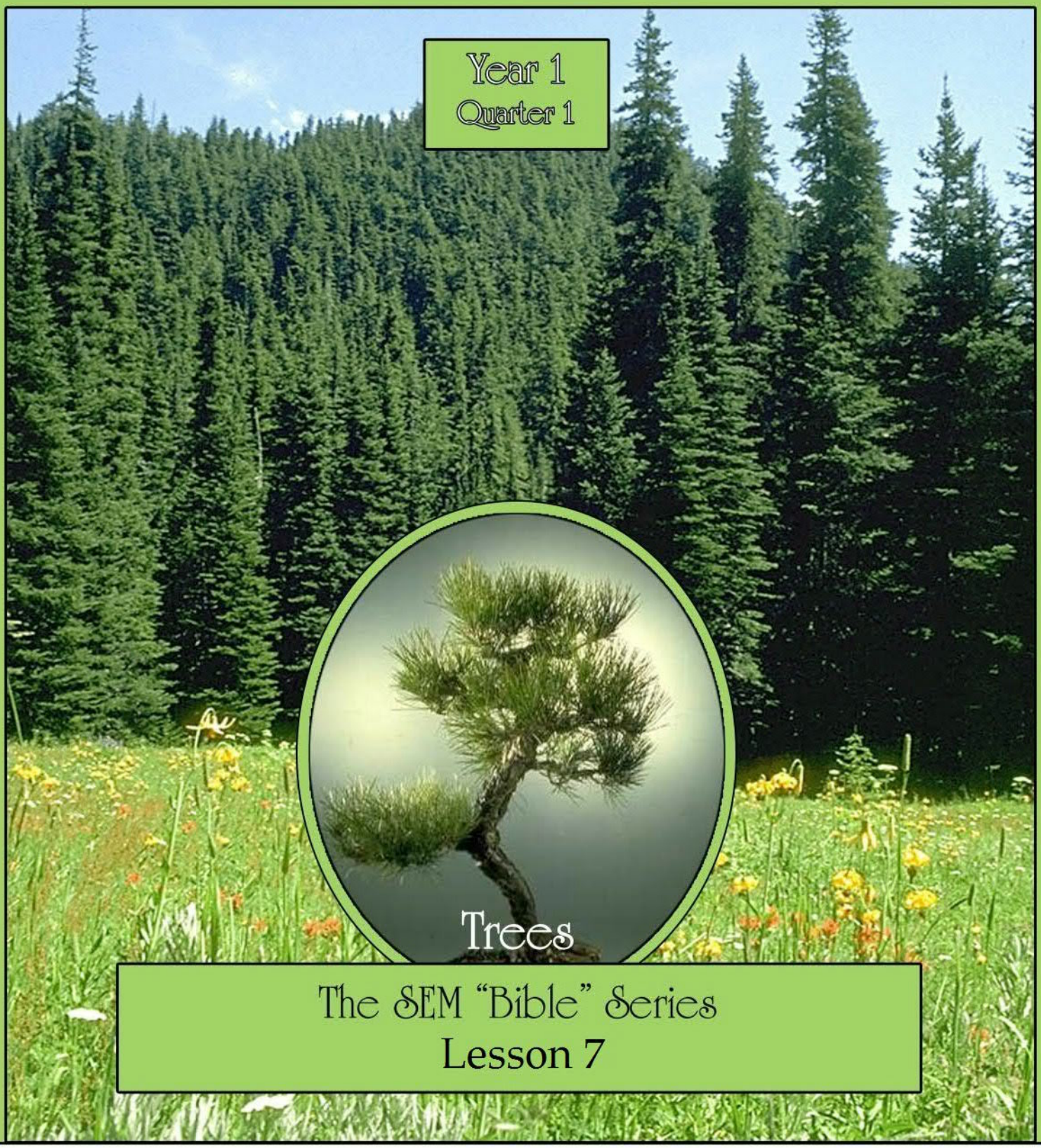
Family Bible Lessons

From "Creation" to "Abraham and Isaac"

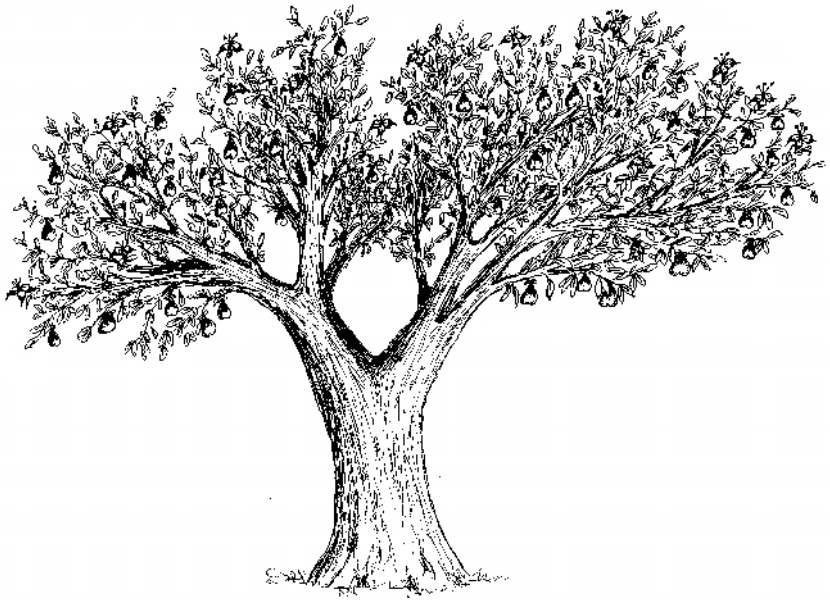


The SEM "Bible" Series

Lesson 7

"And he shall be like a tree
planted by the rivers of water,
that bringeth forth his fruit
in his season;
his leaf also shall not wither;
and whatsoever he doeth
shall prosper."

Psalm 1:3



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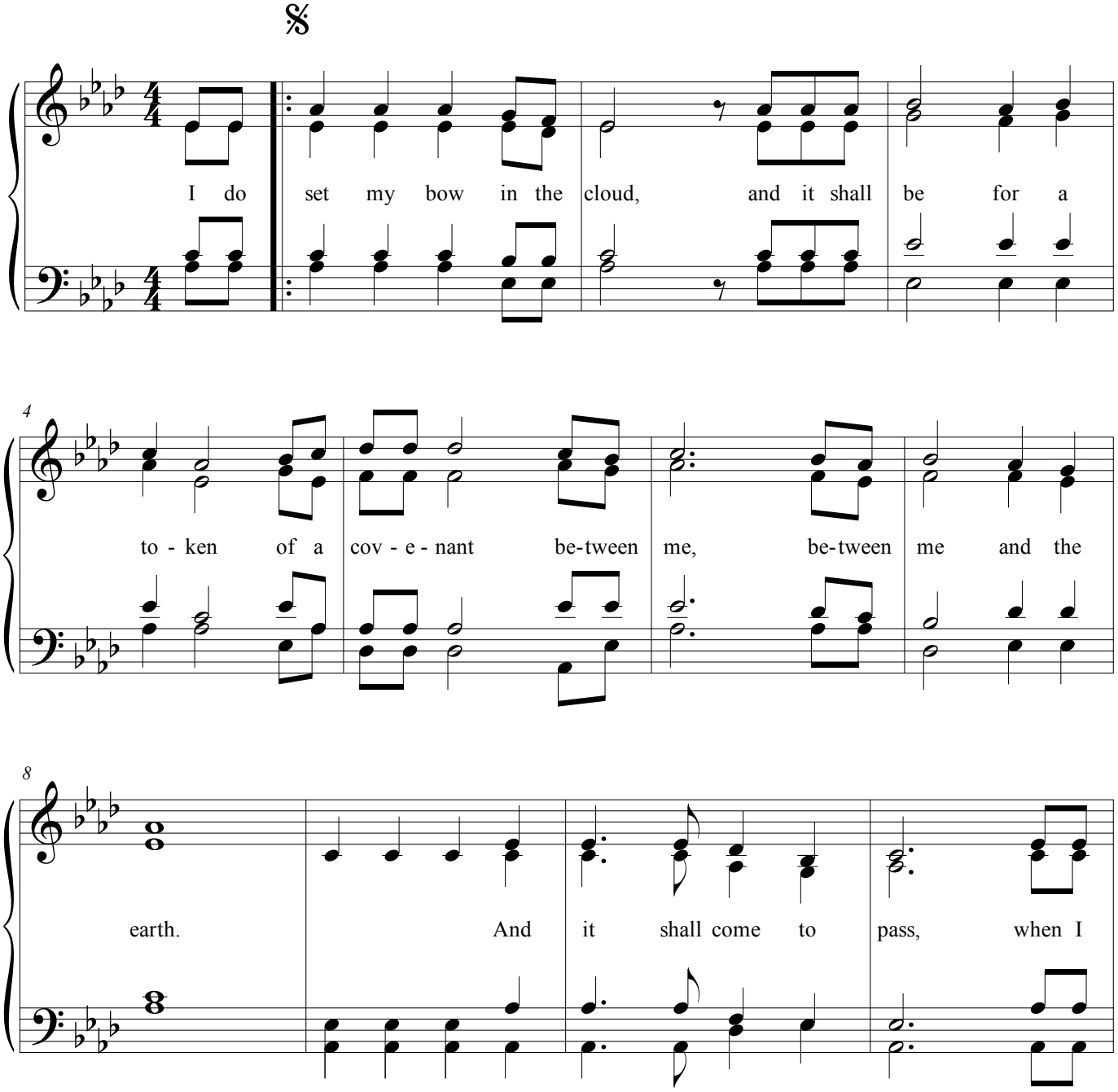
I DO SET MY BOW IN THE CLOUD

Genesis 9:13-16

Ruth Davis



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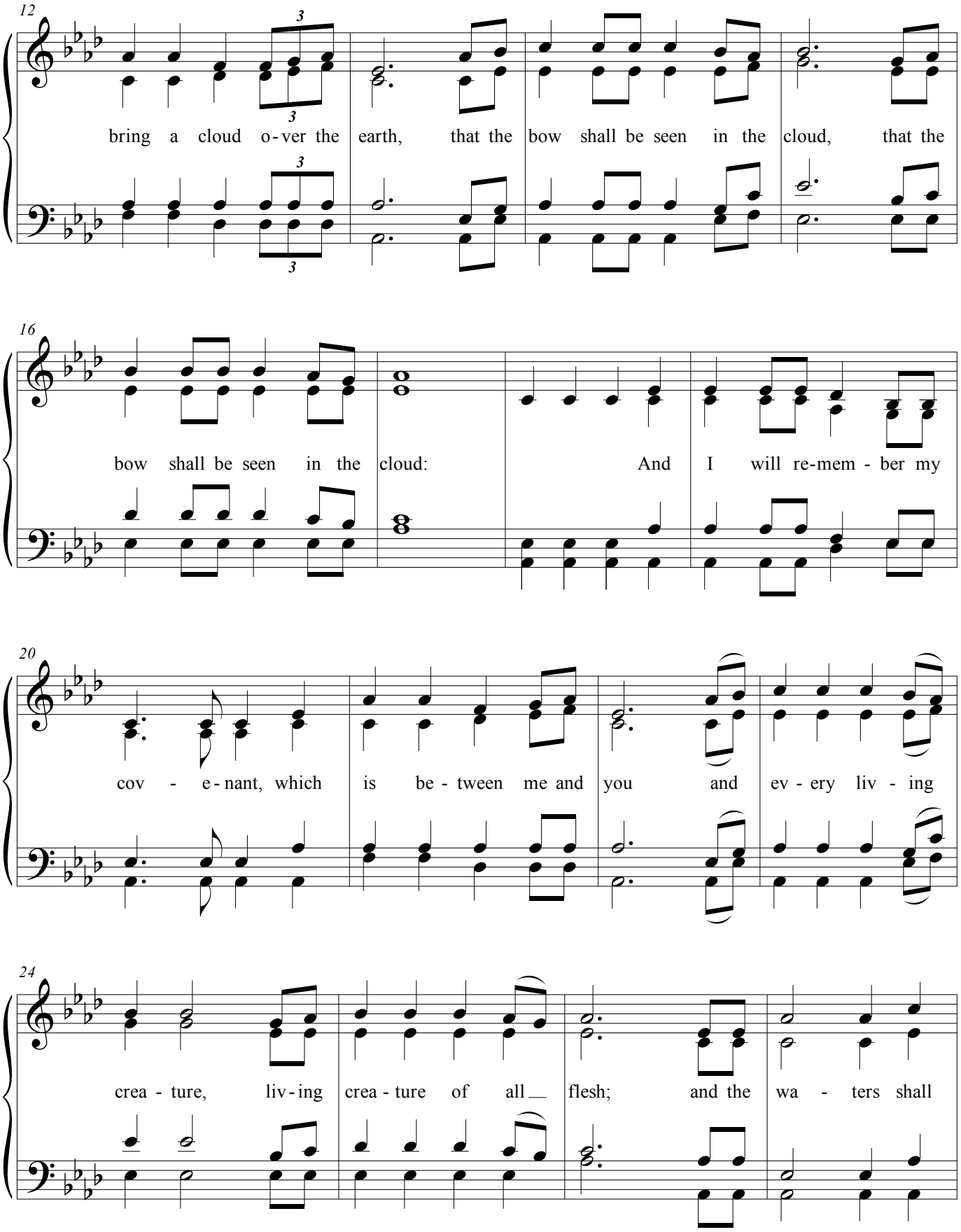
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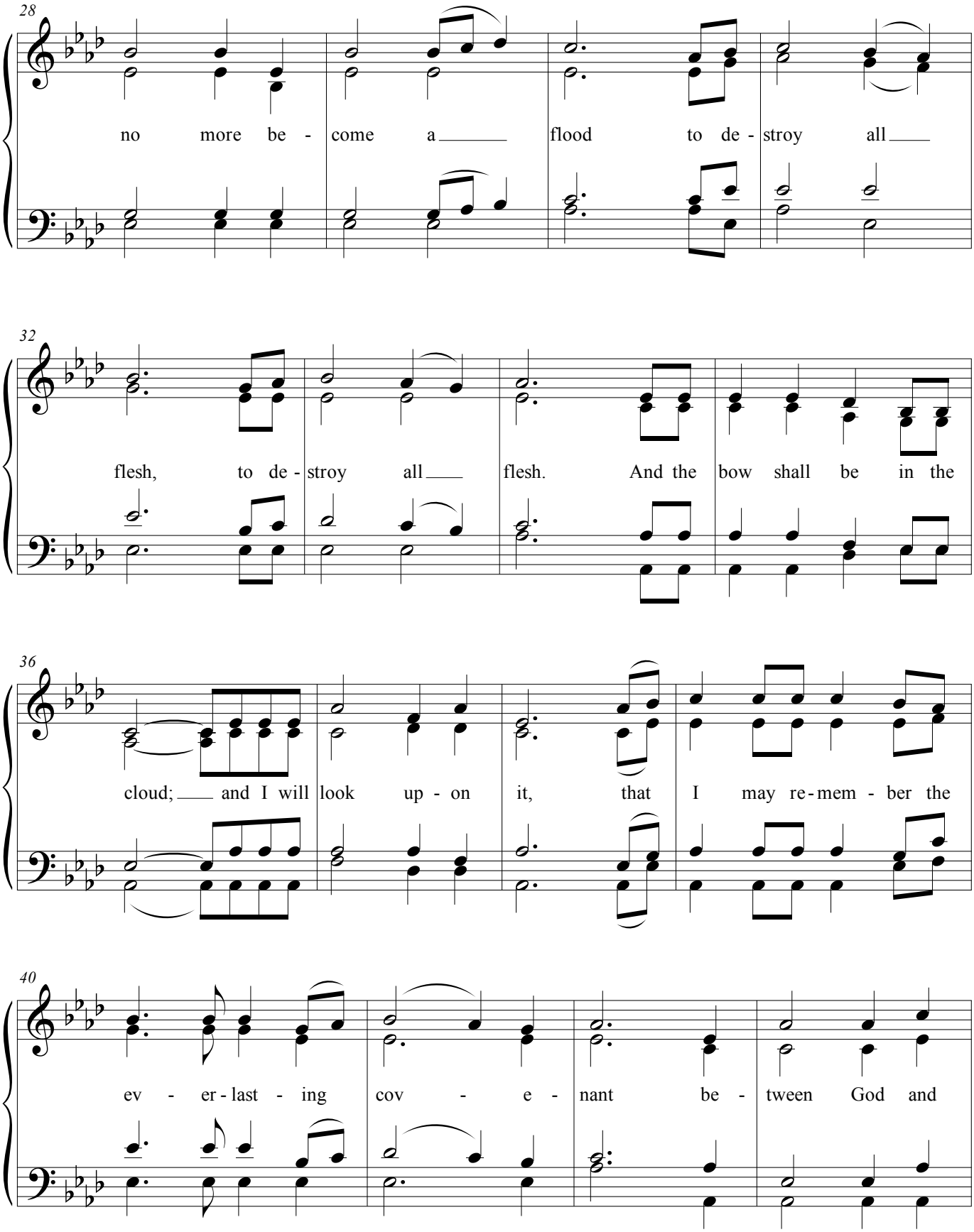
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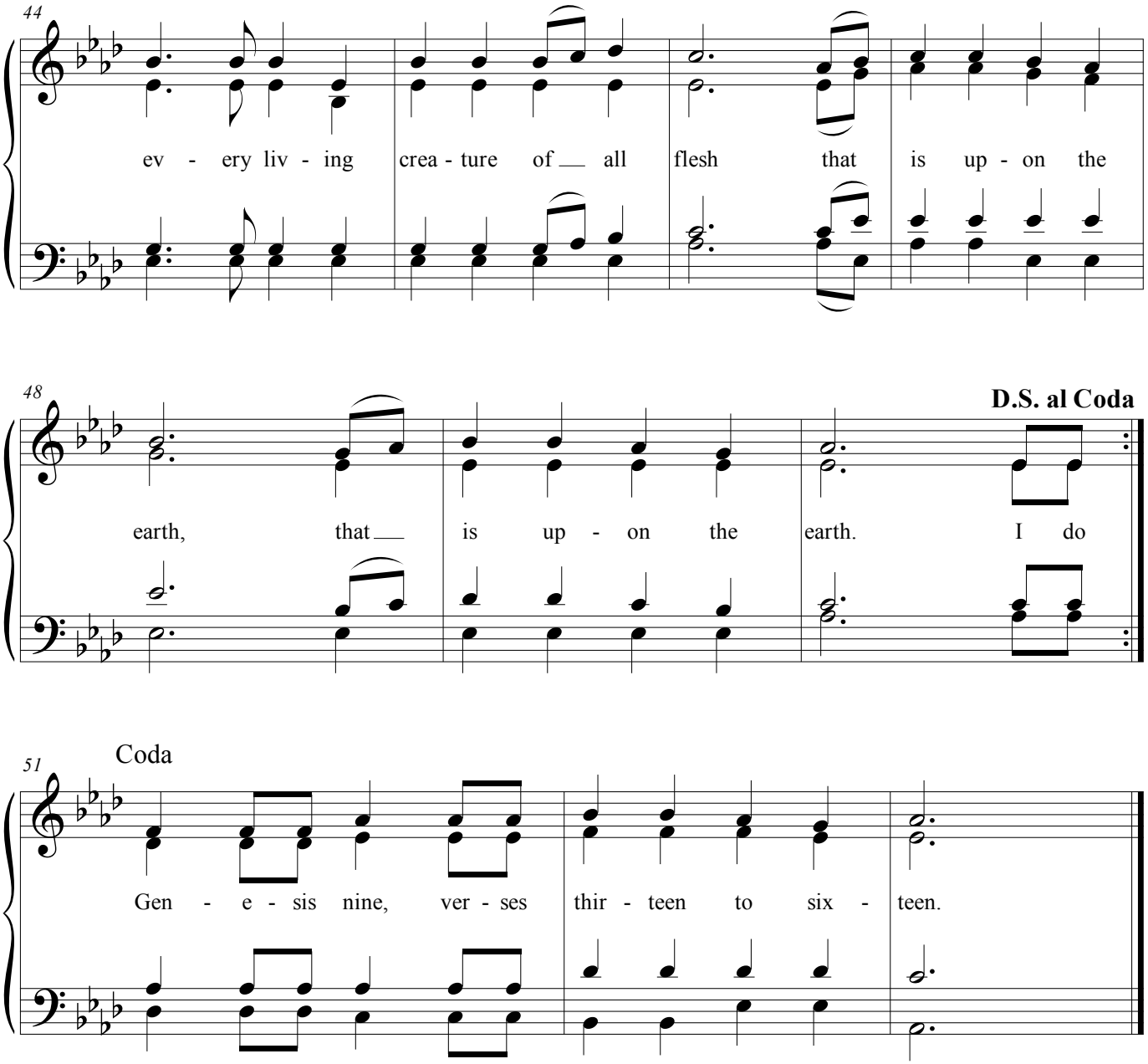
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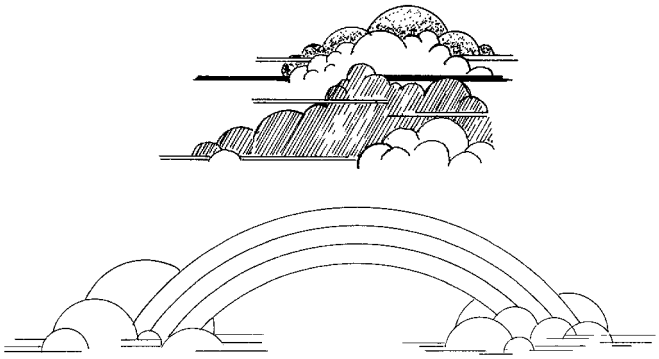
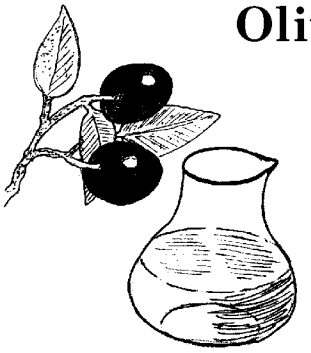
7 – After the Flood

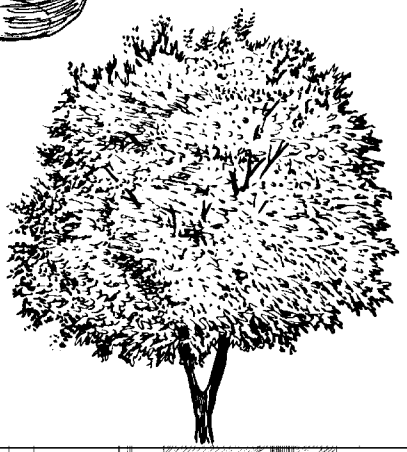


Bible – **Genesis 8; 9:1-17**

Song – **"Now Thank We All Our God"**

Nature – Trees in the Bible, Olive

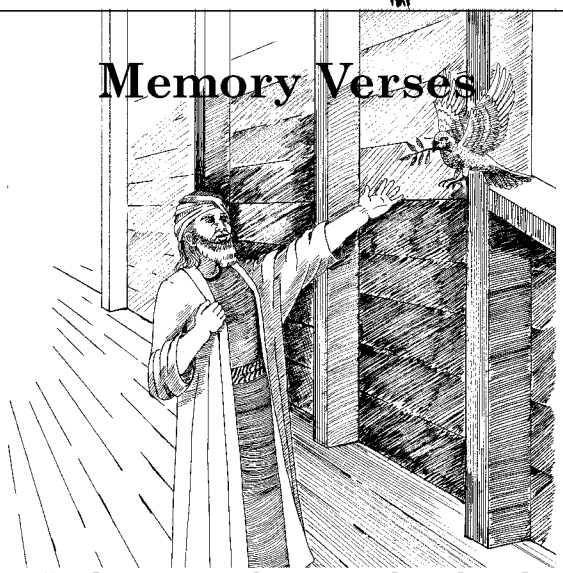




Character Quality

Thankfulness – Expression of gratitude; acknowledgment of a favor

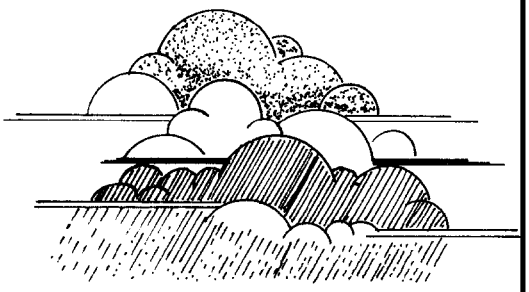
Memory Verses



"I do set my bow in the cloud,
and it shall be for a token
of a covenant
between me and the earth."
Genesis 9:13
(Include verses14-16
if the child is old enough
to learn it.)

After the Flood

The beautiful rainbow is God's token of His covenant with men!



Red

Orange

Yellow

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Indigo

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Color one part of the rainbow
for each time you study your lesson,
and say your memory verse.

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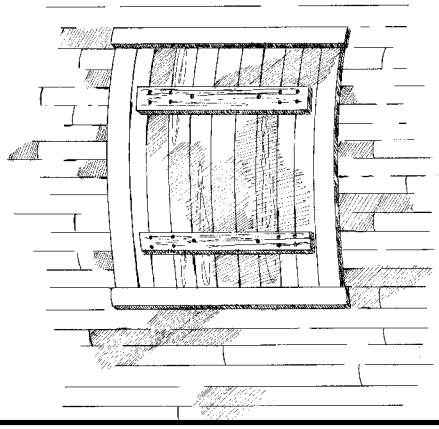
Lesson 7 — After the Flood



Bible

Genesis 7:17-24; 8, 9:1-17

Memory Verse

"I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth" (Genesis 9:13).

Parent Study

Patriarchs and Prophets, pages 105-110. Do more research about Cheerfulness and **Thankfulness**.

Character Quality

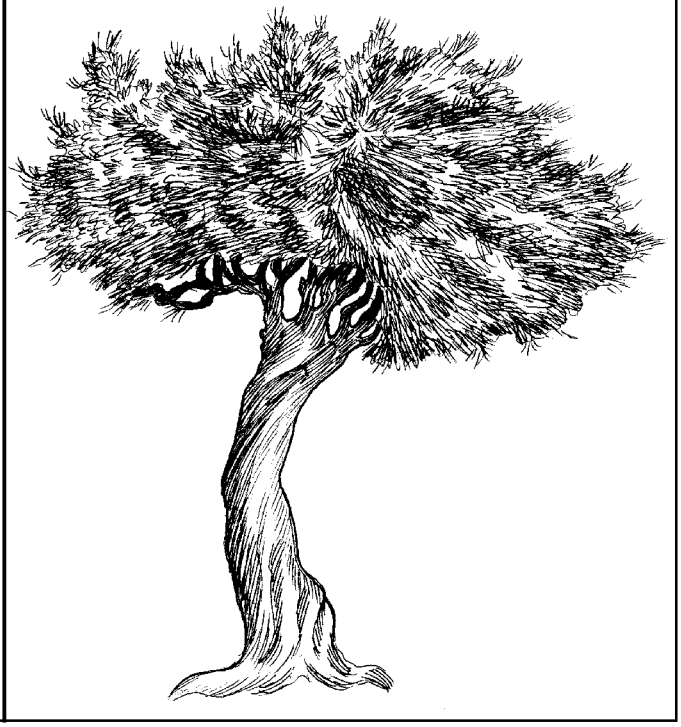
Thankfulness – Expression of gratitude; acknowledgment of a favor

*"Offer unto God **thanksgiving**; and pay thy vows unto the Most High"* (Psalm 50:14).

*Let us **thank** God up above*
For His great kindness and love.

Looking Through Nature

Trees in the Bible—Olive



Week 7

Research

Read Genesis 8:14-16; 9:13 to the child; then illustrate with the following poem. Repeat this process every day for at least one week!

Rainbow Poem

As you say the following do this: Shade eyes. Point. Point to self. Ripple fingers.

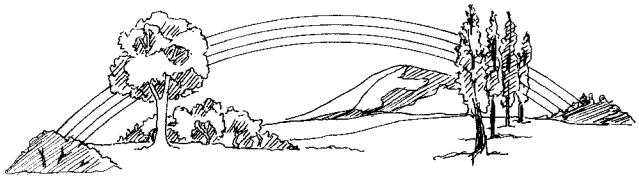
Noah and family saw in the sky,
A rainbow of bright color shining high.

This was a special promise made to men
That no great flood of rain would come again.

"I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth" (Genesis 9:13).

Sing the hymn,
"Now **Thank** We All Our God."

Read the following verse from the Bible and have the child repeat after you: *"I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth"* (Genesis 9:13).



Nature Walk
Bible Trees—Olive

Look at pictures of olive trees before your walk. The olive tree's bark and leaves are a soft gray-green, and its trunk becomes gnarled (twisted) as it ages. Olive trees live longer than most other fruit trees. Some have lived more than 2,000 years. The olive tree produces precious fruit. God preserved the precious, righteous fruit from the earth and cared for them in the ark. After the Flood He made a special promise to them.

(Look for other fruit trees on your walk.)

Reinforce

1. Serve plain olives with a meal or make a special casserole.

2. Place olives on four fingers as you count by tens as you say, "Noah was in the ark while it rained for ten, twenty, thirty, forty days and forty nights.

3. Use a sprinkling can and let the child stand under it as you remind him of the long rain storm called Noah's Flood.

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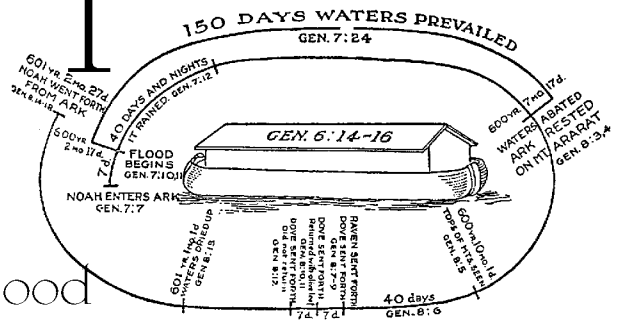

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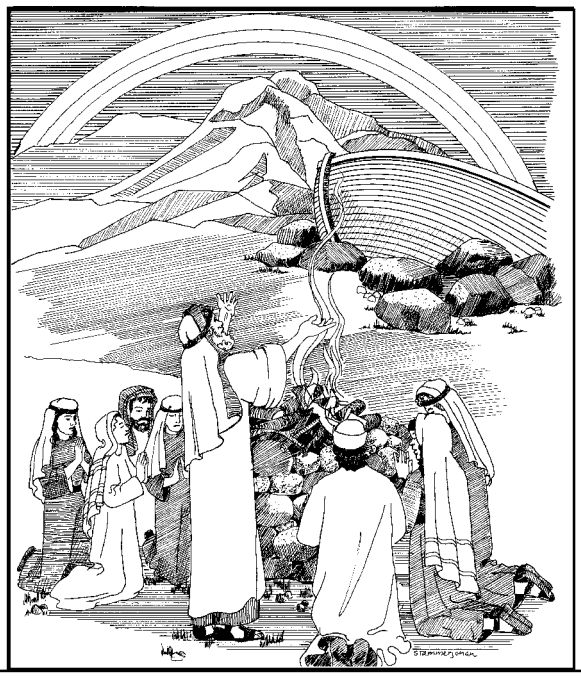

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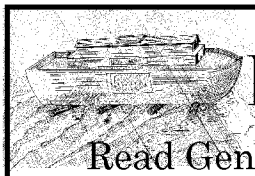
Looking Through Nature

Trees in the Bible

1. Olive Tree I
2. Olive Tree II
3. Olive Tree III
4. Olive Tree IV
5. Olive Tree V
6. Olive Tree VI

"The Lord sitteth upon the flood; yea, the Lord sitteth King forever."
Psalm 29:10



Day 1

Read Genesis 7:17-24; 8:1-5
Patriarchs and Prophets 105

Research

Rest

"And the flood was forty days upon the earth...And the waters prevailed upon the earth an hundred and fifty days" (Genesis 7:17, 24). "The waters rose fifteen cubits above the highest mountains. It often seemed to the family within the ark that they must perish, as for five long months their boat was tossed about, apparently at the mercy of wind and wave. It was a trying ordeal; but Noah's faith did not waver, for he had the assurance that the divine hand was upon the helm.

[*"And God remembered Noah, and every living thing, and all the cattle that was with him in the ark: and God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the water asswaged"* (Genesis 8:1). God made the wind. When God blows, the enemies of His truth (symbolized by "waters") shall pass away. *"He shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall slay the wicked"* (Isaiah 11:4). How **thankful** we can be for our powerful God! The parallel for the remnant is Jeremiah 51:1-2. *"Behold, I will raise up against Babylon, and against them that dwell in the midst of them that rise up against me, a destroying wind; And will send unto Babylon fanners, that shall fan her, and shall empty her land."*]

"As the waters began to subside, the Lord caused the ark to drift into a spot protected by a group of mountains that had been preserved by His power. These mountains were but a little distance apart, and the ark moved about in this quiet haven, and was no longer driven upon the boundless ocean. This gave great relief to the weary, tempest-tossed voyagers." (*Patriarchs and Prophets* 105)

"And the ark rested in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, upon the mountains of Ararat" (Genesis 8:4).

How **thankful** they were not to be tossed anymore upon the boundless ocean.

"The foundations of the world were discovered at...the blast of the breath of thy nostrils."
Psalm 18:15

40 days = Period of trial
4 x 40 relates to enlarged dominion or rule
4 = Creation
(10 perfection of divine order)

15 cubits 15 = 3 x 5;
refers to acts wrought by the energy of Divine (3) grace (5).

5 months 150 days 3 x 10 x 5;
denotes a higher degree of the perfection of Divine order as marking the right moment of grace

God gives rest to His afflicted people in the mountains. This rest Noah's family had in the seventh month is a type of the Sabbath rest of the remnant. God will guide them to mountain refuges when iniquity once again floods the earth. They shall be delivered from the *"floods of ungodly men"* (II Samuel 22:5). *"There shall be an handful of corn in the earth upon the top of the mountains"* (Psalm 72:16). *"But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it"* (Micah 4:1). The ark rested in the mountains of Ararat almost a quarter of a year before any ground was seen by Noah. This is an example of saving faith. It does not make outward observation a ground or foundation for faith, but Christ the Rock, who as far as sense goes, is out of sight. Therefore the hope of the godly is compared to the anchor of a ship, which rests on, or takes hold of the rock that is invisible under the water. (See Hebrews 6:19.) *"Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed* [as it seemed to Noah] *and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; though the waters thereof roar and be troubled..." "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble"* (Psalm 46:2-3, 1).

Review

1. Describe how God gave the ark a quiet haven. (*Patriarchs and Prophets* 105)

2. What mountains did the ark rest in? (Genesis 8:4)

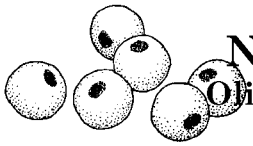
3. How far had the waters risen above the highest mountain? (*Patriarchs and Prophets* 105)

Noah completed
the antediluvian age in the
10th generation from God.

Ark Rested in the Seventh Month
7 = To have enough of;
to be full, satisfied.
When God rested on the 7th day
from the work of creation,
it was full, complete.

The water which destroyed
the rest of the inhabitants of earth
saved Noah's family. Water is also
a symbol of the word which will be
the destroying agency in the end.

The resting of the ark on
the mountain symbolizes
our trusting on Christ—
the sure foundation.



Nature
Olive Tree I

Olive trees grow in subtropical areas. They are cultivated mainly for their fruit. The fruit is eaten whole after processing or the oil is extracted from the berry. God took the righteous fruit from the earth and placed them into the ark to preserve them. In the seventh month the ark containing the righteous rested. In later times olive branches were used in

making booths *"in the feast of the seventh month"* (Nehemiah 8:14-15). Thus the olive tree is a symbol of peace, rest, and rejoicing. The olive tree's bark and leaves are a soft gray-green, and its trunk becomes gnarled with age. Olive trees live longer than most other fruit trees. Some olive trees in Palestine are more than 2,000 years old. When olive trees are cut down, suckers will grow up, so in a few years what appears to be a ruined olive orchard becomes productive once again. The suckers growing around the base of the tree are pictured as children in Psalm 128:3. *"Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine by the sides of thine house; thy children like olive plants round about thy table."* The "suckers" of Noah's wife, Shem, Japeth, and Ham, would multiply and fill the earth.

A mature olive tree may have as many as 500,000 small flowers on it. Most of the flowers are imperfect, and fruit cannot grow from them. They give off pollen, which is carried from flower to flower by the wind. Most olive trees will bear a large crop one year and a small crop the next. The beautiful, little white flowers are so plentiful that when they fall they look just like "snow in summer." *"He...shall cast off his flower as the olive"* (Job 15:33).

The purpose of the olive tree is to yield *"fatness"* (Judges 9:9). The abundant flowers and the rich fruit of the olive that satisfy the appetite have a spiritual parallel, *"Thou crownest* [as with flowers on the olive tree's crown] *the year with thy goodness; and thy paths drop fatness"* (Psalm 65:11).

The fruit is either oval or oblong. As it ripens, it turns from green to yellow to red to purple-black. The skin is smooth, and it has flesh surrounding a hard pit. Both the seed and the flesh contain oil. The ripe olive contains 10 to 40 percent of its weight in oil. Fresh olives contain a substance that makes them taste bitter. During processing this substance is mostly or entirely removed. As the olive is filled with oil so God is **thankful** when His children are filled with the Holy Spirit. Noah was such a person.

From one tree you get two crops a year, as a rule, and you can easily pick enough olives to produce twenty gallons of oil. God wants to pour the Holy Spirit into us abundantly! The people in Palestine and Spain use olive oil instead of butter. King Solomon once sent olive oil instead of butter to the foresters of King Hiram for their use.

In Zechariah's vision of chapter four he saw trees. He asked the angel, *"What be these two olive branches which through the two golden pipes empty the golden oil out of themselves?...then he said, These are the two anointed ones, that stand by the Lord of the whole earth"* (Zechariah 4:1-14).

"From the two olive trees the golden oil was emptied through the golden pipes into the bowl of the candlestick, and thence into the golden lamps that gave light to the sanctuary. So from the holy ones that stand in God's presence His Spirit is imparted to the human instrumentalities [like Noah] who are consecrated to His service. The mission of the two anointed ones is to communicate to God's people that heavenly grace [oil] which alone can make His word a lamp to the feet and a light to the path. *'Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts'* (Zechariah 4:6)." (*Christ's Object Lessons* 408)

Remind

1. As you work together as a family, let your chores remind you of your lesson.

2. When eating olives, think about how they are full of natural oil. You too can be filled with the oil of the Spirit.

3. When hiking in the mountains, think about where God guided Noah's ark and placed it.

4. When you are covered with water while taking a bath, think about how the earth was also covered with water.

5. When using olive oil on dry skin, be reminded of how God wants to anoint us with the oil of His grace.

Safety is only
in the ark with Noah
or in the church with Christ.

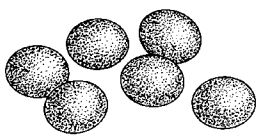
Reinforce

1. Look for trees! Use your tree guide book to identify them.

2. Serve olives at a meal.

3. Take a drive to the highest mountain in your area. Discuss the Flood.

4. For individual activities, stories, and poems, use the booklet entitled, *Children's Bible Activity Book* for this quarter.
Say your memory verse!



Remarkable Parent Food

"The beautiful trees and shrubbery bearing flowers were destroyed, yet Noah preserved seed and took it with him in the ark, and God by His miraculous power preserved a few of the different kinds of trees and shrubs alive for future generations. Soon after the Flood trees and plants seemed to spring out of the very rocks. In God's providence seeds were scattered and driven into the crevices of the rocks and there securely hid for the future use of man." (*1 Bible Commentary* 1091)

"In the flood we see the completeness of God's work of purification. Is His work completed in us? Has all evil been destroyed and is the soul completely washed? Often we feel reluctant to surrender our sinful habits to so final a destruction as is implied in being one with Christ. The expense at which holiness is to be bought seems almost too great. So much that has given us pleasure must be parted with; so many old ties sundered; a condition of holiness presents an aspect of dreariness and hopelessness; like the world after the flood, not a moving thing upon the surface of the earth, here mighty forest timber swept prone like the rushes on the banks of a flooded stream, and...everything dark, dismal, and repellant. But this is only one aspect of the work; the beginning, necessary work is to be thorough. If any part of the sinful life remain it will spring up to mar what God means to introduce us to. Only that is to be preserved which we can take with us into our ark.

"This event then gives us some measure by which we can know how much God will do to maintain holiness upon earth. In this catastrophe every one who

FIVE LONG MONTHS

FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS TO FIND OUT HOW
NOAH RESPONDED TO THIS TRYING ORDEAL.

Place letters on the lines in order.
They are circled from the words on the left.

F i v e	Circle the first letter.
B o a t	Circle the third letter.
F i f t e e n	Circle the second and fourth letters.
H i g h e s t	Circle the first letter.
O r d e a l	Circle the third letter.
D r i f t	Circle the third and first letters.
M o u n t a i n s	Circle the fourth, second, and fifth letters.
W a t e r	Circle the first and second letters.
W a v e	Circle the third and fourth letters.
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Noah's _ _ _ _ _

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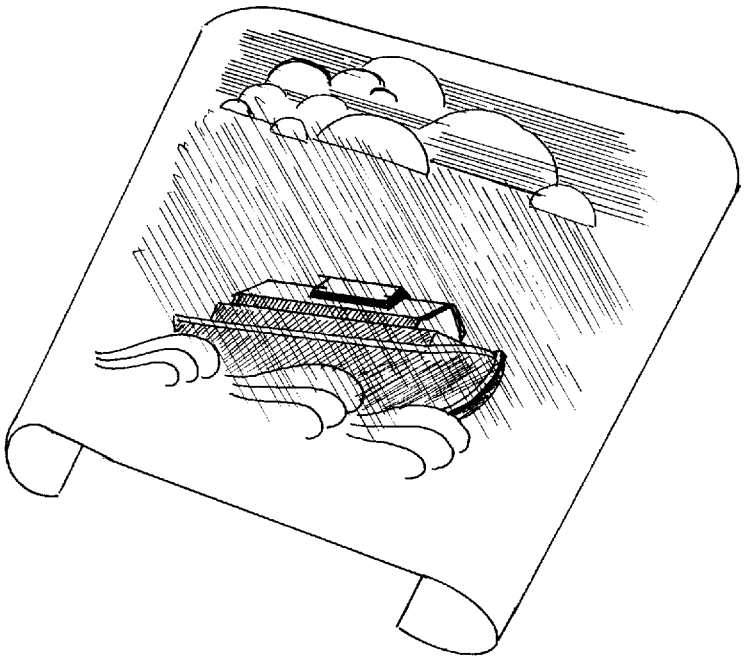

(Day 1)

Olive Oil

From one olive tree you can easily pick enough olives to produce twenty gallons of oil.
The olive oil is used to symbolize the Holy Spirit.

1. What was the oil used for in the tabernacle (Exodus 27:20) _____

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2. Another use of oil was? (Deuteronomy 8:8) _____

_____

3. Even the tree was used for what? (I Kings 6:23, 31) _____

_____

The Holy Spirit Filled Noah.

(Day 1)

strives after godliness may find encouragement seeing in it the Divine earnestness of God for good and against evil. There is only one other event in history that so conspicuously shows that holiness among men is the object for which God will sacrifice everything else."

—P.M. Dods

"Wash me thoroughly
from mine iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin."
Psalm 51:2

"He that believeth
shall not make haste."
Isaiah 28:16

"And, so,
after he had
patiently
endured,
he obtained
the promise."
Hebrews 6:15

"Teach me:
for thou art the God
of my salvation;
on thee do I wait
all the day."
Psalm 25:5

"Though
it tarry,
wait
for it."
Habakkuk
2:3

"Appoint me a set time,
and remember me."
Job 14:13

"The steps of a good man
are ordered by the Lord."
Psalm 37:23

Day 2

Read Genesis 8:6-12
Patriarchs and Prophets 105

Research

Waiting

"Noah and his family anxiously waited for the decrease of the waters, for they longed to go forth again upon the earth. Forty days after the tops of the mountains became visible, they sent out a raven, a bird of quick scent, to discover whether the earth had become dry. This bird, finding nothing but water, continued to fly to and from the ark. Seven days later a dove was sent forth, which, finding no footing returned to the ark. Noah waited seven days longer, and again sent forth the dove. When she returned at evening with an olive leaf in her mouth, there was great rejoicing. [Noah had to wait patiently. All day he did not see his dove. Surely she could not fly all day. Perhaps he wondered if she drowned or got lost. Samuel the prophet stayed away long before he came to Saul. But Saul could not wait as Noah did. Therefore, he did not get the benefit of the mercy promised. May God help us be patient all day like Noah. *"On thee do I wait all the day"* (Psalm 25:5).] Later *'Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and, behold, the face of the ground was dry.'* Still he waited patiently within the ark. As he had entered at God's command, he waited for special directions to depart." (*Patriarchs and Prophets* 105)

How **thankful** Noah and his family were when the dove returned carrying

the olive leaf. The dove did not stay at the olive tree but it came back to Noah. Noah must have loved his good little dove. She brought him a special message from God. God has many interesting ways of communicating with us.

Besides this being a charming way of sending a message to Noah's family there is deep symbolism in the dove bringing the olive leaf.

Because of the wickedness of men, God brought the earth back to its primeval condition much like when it was *"without form* [means desolation of surface] *and void"* (Genesis 1:2). No form of the earth's mountains and valleys could be seen when the waters were at their height. The earth looked like a huge lake void of anything to break up the view. The variety of the landscape was submerged by the world-wide flood. When the flood waters began to go down, the original work of creation was, therefore, representatively, enacted over again in the trees, such as the olive, which still remained alive through a special miracle of God. And in the animals coming forth from the ark we see a flashback of the creation week in which God made all the different kinds of creatures.

At the first creation *"the Spirit of God moved* [literally, "fluttered"] *upon the face of the waters"* (Genesis 1:2). The Holy Spirit has been compared to a dove (Matthew 3:16). Like a dove with expanded wings the Holy Spirit prepared the world to be the home of vegetable, animal and human life. At the "second creation" the dove's wings hovered over the waters of the flood, announcing the end of the divine judgment. The baptism of the world had been accomplished and, as at Jesus' baptism, a dove descended, but this time to Noah, as a token of God's blessing and gracious favor.

8th Chapter of Genesis tells
of new beginnings
8 = Resurrection; regeneration;
beginning of a new order

"Eight souls were saved by water.
The like figure whereunto even
baptism doth also now save us
(not the putting away of the filth
of the flesh, but the answer of a
good conscience toward God,)
by the resurrection of Jesus Christ."
I Peter 3:20-21

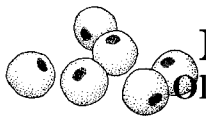
"And Jesus, when he was baptized,
went up straightway out of the water:
and, lo, the heavens were opened
unto him, and he saw
the Spirit of God descending
like a dove, and lighting upon him."
Matthew 3:16

Review

1. What did Noah send forth first? What did it do? (Genesis 8:7)

2. What bird did Noah send forth next? (Genesis 8:8-9)

3. How long did he then wait to send forth the dove again? What did it bring back? (Genesis 8:10-11)



Nature
Olive Tree II

"And the dove came in to him in the evening, and, lo, in her mouth was an olive leaf plucked off: so Noah knew that the waters were abated from off the earth" (Genesis 8:11).

The dove and the olive leaf have both become an emblem of peace throughout the world. Doves love to build their nests in the olive trees in Palestine, even today. The dove is a harmless bird. It is said to mourn for communion with her companion. And the dove is content if she has her nest in the sides of the rock (Christ). *"O my dove, that art in the clefts of the rock"* (Song of Solomon 2:14). Noah's harmless family, the church of the new world, was like the dove. They "nested" in the rocky mountains while the waters went down.

In ancient times a stranger entering a village or city usually carried an olive branch in his hand in the sacred character of a supplicant. Doing this act assured him of greater safety than if he entered without this token of peace.

How appropriate that the first object of the "new world" that was about to emerge from the flood was a green leaf. First of all, the green leaf is the great purifier of nature. Leaves keep the air fit for human breathing. Without them poisonous gases would soon accumulate to such an extent that animal life would be impossible. The olive leaf was a symbol that through God's grace the world would be purified from the pollution of those unnatural sins which had brought death and destruction upon it, and would once more be fitted to be the home of *"a peculiar people zealous of good works"* (Titus 2:14). What the green leaf is in nature, the leaves of the tree of life are in the spiritual realm. The gospel of Jesus Christ which the Heavenly Dove carries to the homes and hearts of men is the great purifier of the world.

"And into whatsoever house ye enter, first say, peace be to this house."
Luke 10:5

The olive tree will grow on the mountain side where there is not much soil or grass, yet it will produce much fruit. Olive wood is useful because it is finely grained and turns to rich amber color after being cut and planted. The choice olive wood was used for posts, doors, and cherubim in the temple Solomon built. Olive wood being used in the sanctuary brings to mind Psalm 52:8. *"I am like a green olive tree in the house of God."*

Parts cut off the olive tree may take root and grow into a new tree. The tree can grow in a variety of soils but needs good drainage. If the grower wants large fruit, he must irrigate and prune the trees, and thin the fruit. The care of the fruit brings to mind how God cared for Noah during the Flood. The soil needs nitrogen to increase yields. The olive tree likes a hot, dry climate, but only needs a moderate supply of water. The fruit is ready for harvest from October to January. The fruit needs much heat when mature. The air must be dry when the flowers blossom, and when the fruit begins to grow.

The olive tree loaded with berries is a picture of the overflowing goodness of

the Lord to whom belong the earth and the fullness thereof. The twisted and distorted passion of its trunks and branches symbolize the labor and the groaning, and travailing together in pain of the earth, through which its abundant harvests are produced. It is a symbol of Christ. *"He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities"* (Isaiah 53:11).

Olive Branch

Reinforce

1. Look for trees! Use your tree guide book to identify them.

2. Find pictures of olive trees to put on your bulletin board.

3. Check at a nursery to see if they have any olive trees you could look at. Notice the leaves.

4. Make a special casserole dish that includes olives.

5. For individual activities, stories, and poems, use the booklet entitled, *Children's Bible Activity Book* for this quarter.
Say your memory verse!

Remind

1. As you work together as a family, let your chores remind you of your lesson.

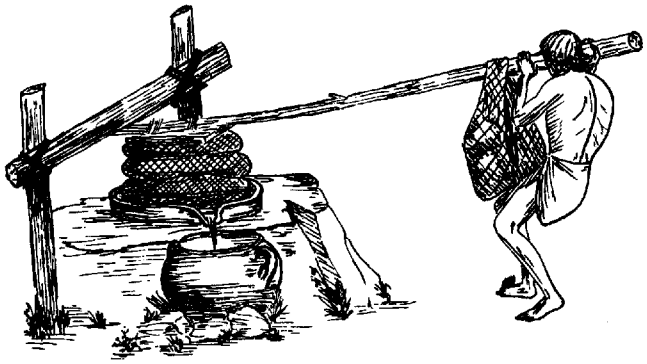
2. If you should see an olive tree, you can remember the offering of peace the dove brought.

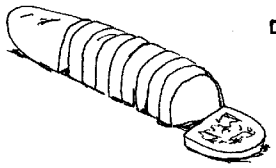
3. When you are wondering if God is going to work out something for you, be patient. Remember Noah's example, and do not make hasty conclusions that something must happen now or never. It may be that the "seven days" are not up yet.

4. When attending a baptism, be reminded of the baptism of the world at the Flood.

5. When seeing a dove, think of how God used one once as a messenger to Noah.

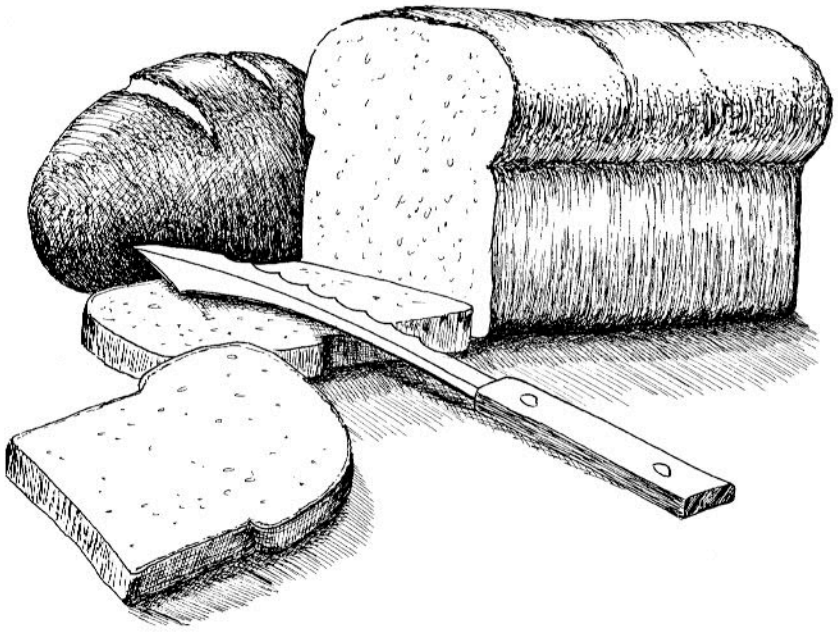
6. When seeing tame birds, be reminded of how Noah could handle his dove.





The Little Loaf

In a time of famine, a rich man sent for the poorest children in the town, and said to them: "There is a basket of bread; you may come each day and take a loaf until it pleases God to send better times." The children attacked the basket, and disputed as to which should have the largest loaf, and then went away without once **thanking** their benefactor. Only Frances, a very poor but cleanly dressed girl, modestly remained behind and had the smallest loaf which was left in the basket. She gratefully returned **thanks**, and went home quietly. One day the children behaved very badly, and poor Frances received a loaf very much smaller than the rest; but when she took it home, and her Mother cut it open, a number of silver pieces fell on the floor. The poor woman was astonished, and said, "Go and return this money immediately; it must have been put in the bread by mistake." Frances went directly to the gentleman, who said: "My dear child, it was no mistake. I had the money put into the loaf to reward you." Remain always peaceable and contented. Those who are satisfied with a little always bring blessings upon themselves and family, and will pass happier through the world.



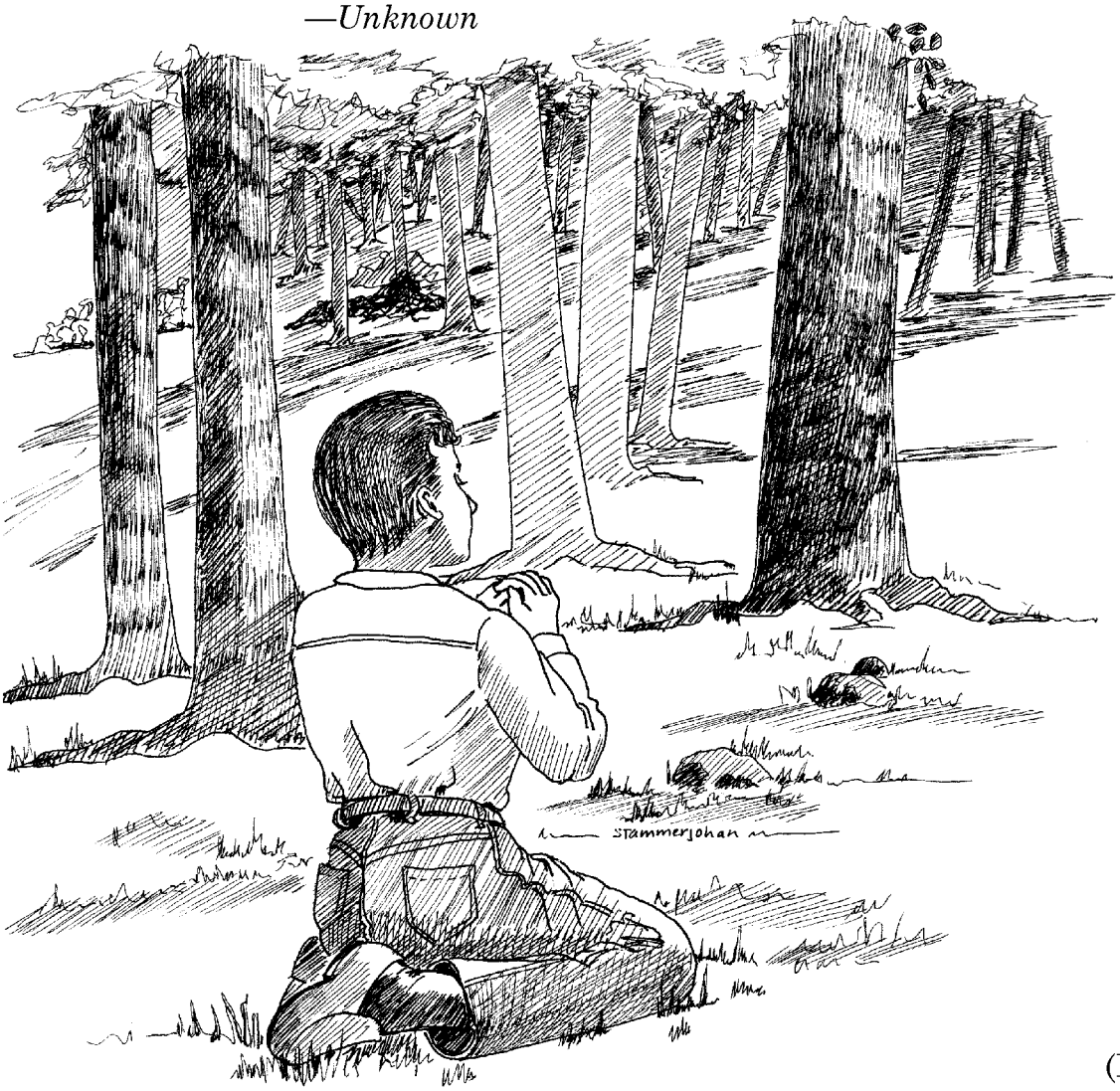
(Day 2)

Thankful

"Father, whate'er of earthly bliss
Thy sovereign will desires,
Accepted at Thy throne of grace,
Let this petition rise:

Give me a calm, a **thankful** heart,
From every murmur free;
The blessings of thy grace impart,
And let me live to Thee."

—Unknown

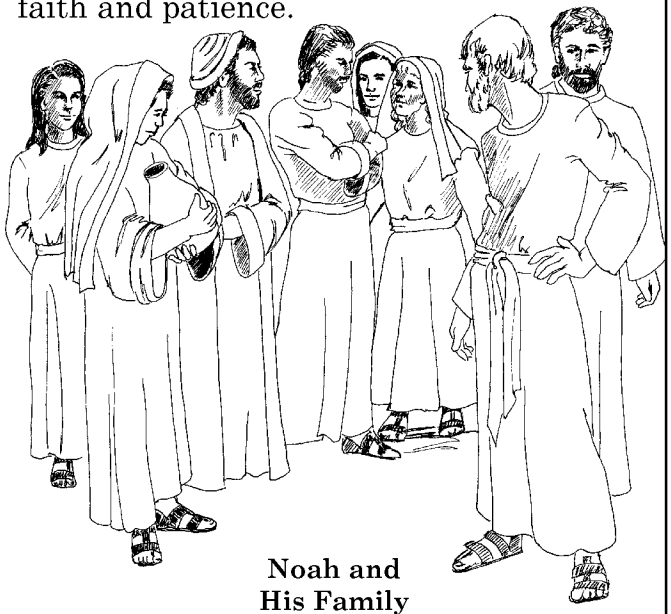


(Day 2)

Remarkable Parent Food

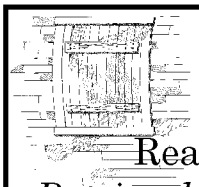
(At Christ's baptism) "Never before have the angels listened to such a prayer. They are eager to bear to their loved Commander a message of assurance and comfort. But no; the Father Himself will answer the petition of His Son. Direct from the throne issue the beams of His glory. The heavens are opened and upon the Saviour's head descends a dove-like form of purest light—fit emblem of Him, the meek and lowly One." (*The Desire of Ages* 112)

Though God told Noah particularly when the Flood would come, even to a day, (Genesis 7:4), yet He did not tell him specifically at what time and by what steps it should go away. The knowledge of the former was necessary to his preparing the ark; but the knowledge of the latter would merely serve to gratify his curiosity. Concealing it from him would exercise his faith and patience.



Noah and His Family

"The word of the Lord tried him."
Psalm 105:19



Day 3

Read Genesis 8:13-22
Patriarchs and Prophets 105-106

Research

Coming Out of the Ark

"And in the second month, on the seven and twentieth day of the month, was the earth dried" (Genesis 8:14). Still Noah waited patiently within the ark. What an example to us. Providence seemed to smile in that the earth was dry. If Noah had trusted to human reason alone as a source of guidance he would have concluded that the time had come for him to go out of the ark. But Noah knew what we must learn—that seeming providence might be the tests to try our dependence on the word of the Lord. Therefore, though he saw the dry ground, because he had no "thus saith the Lord" he did not take the opportunity.

It is dangerous to make the most smiling providence the rule to act by. (If David had done it he would have killed Saul before his time, but David respected God's word.) It would be well for us to follow the example of the children of Israel in such matters. *"At the commandment of the Lord the children of Israel journeyed, and at the commandment of the Lord they pitched; as long as the cloud abode upon the tabernacle they rested in their tents"* (Numbers 9:18).

"At last an angel descended from heaven, opened the massive door, and bade the patriarch and his household go forth upon the earth and take with them every living thing." *"And God spake unto Noah, saying, Go forth of the ark, thou,*

and thy wife and thy sons and thy sons' wives with thee. Bring forth with thee every living thing that is with thee, of all flesh, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth....And Noah went forth, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him: Every beast, ever creeping thing, and every fowl, and whatsoever creepeth upon the earth, after their kinds, went forth out of the ark" (Genesis 8:15-19).

This gives us a good picture of Noah's obedience. At the command of God Noah carefully searched out every little creeping thing that God had brought into the ark. Obedience in the little things is a test. We are often tempted to overlook the little things because, though commanded, they are but little. But Noah had a different spirit in him. *"He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much"* (Luke 16:10).

"In the joy of their release Noah did not forget Him by whose gracious care they had been preserved. His first act after leaving the ark was to build an altar and offer from every kind of clean beast and fowl a sacrifice, thus manifesting his gratitude to God for deliverance and his faith in Christ, the great sacrifice. This offering was pleasing to the Lord; and a blessing resulted, not only to the patriarch and his family, but to all who should live upon the earth. *'The Lord smelled a sweet savor; and the Lord said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake...While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.'* Here was a lesson for all succeeding generations. Noah had come forth upon a desolate earth, but before preparing a house for himself he built an altar to God. His stock of cattle was small, and had been preserved at great expense; yet he cheerfully gave a part to the Lord as an acknowledgment that all was His. In like manner it should be our first care to render our freewill offerings to God. Every manifestation of His mercy and love toward us should be gratefully acknowledged, both by acts of devotion and by gifts to His cause." (*Patriarchs and Prophets* 105-106)

When you are **thankful** to God for a blessing, you like to give an offering to His work. Serving God with our little is the way to make it more. (God commanded the animals to multiply after Noah had sacrificed some of the precious remaining few.)

"He...shutteth, and no man openeth."
Revelation 3:7

"Sometimes God would have men
exact to a word,
sometimes exact to a tache,
or pin or loop (Exodus 36:12-13)."
—John Bunyan

"He sent from above, he took me,
he drew me out of many waters."
Psalm 18:16

Man's fall dragged down with him
the whole creation.
"God's perfect works were marred
by man's sin, as the
altogether lovely visage of His Son,
wounded by our transgressions,
was marred more than any man's."
—H. Macmillan

Review

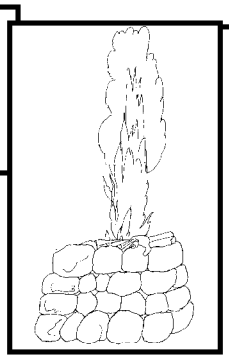
1. What did Noah do next? (Genesis 8:13)

2. Who came and opened the door of the ark? (*Patriarchs and Prophets* 105)

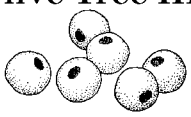
3. How did Noah **thank** God for His protection? (Genesis 8:20)

The first thing done in the "new world" was an act of worship.

Read Ephesians 5:2, and Joshua 24:14.



Nature
Olive Tree III



Hosea 14:6 says, *"his beauty shall be as the olive tree."* The outward appearance of the olive tree does not appear beautiful. Its trunk may be twisted, its leaves small, its branches uneven, and the berries are not a beautiful color. The beauty of the olive is in its fruit and in its wood—what it produces.

The beauty of Noah and his family was their faith, in the midst of a world of faithless people. *"Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness"* (I Chronicles 16:29).

The olive also provides shade to protect from the heat of the noonday sun. Many a traveller or farm laborer have **thankfully** found refuge from the hot sun in the middle of the day under the branches of the olive tree.

Remind

1. As you work together as a family, let your chores remind you of your lesson.

2. As you stand or sit under a tree to get out of the weather, it can remind you of the olive and the dove.

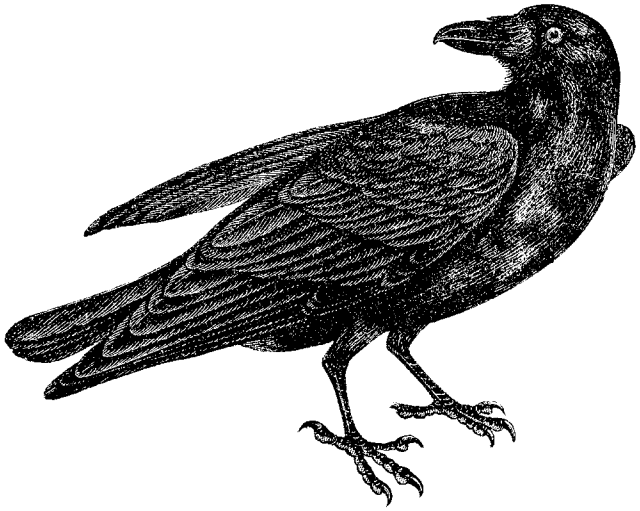
3. When you see animals associating together with those of their own kind (like two dogs), remember how the animals came out of the ark by kinds together.

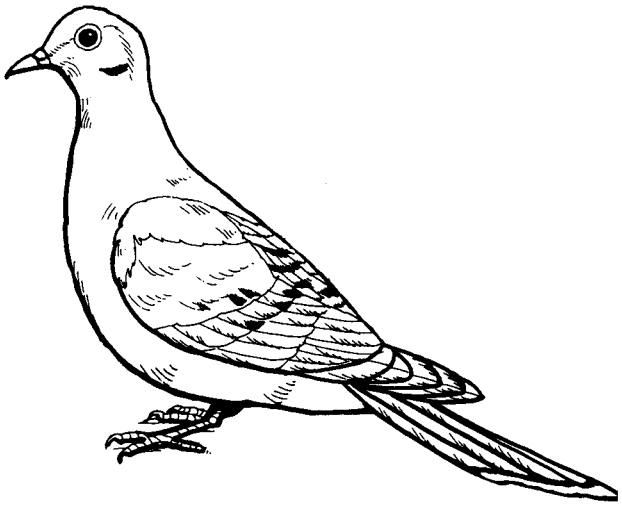
4. When you get out of the car after a long trip, it can remind you how everyone was happy for the freedom of getting out of the ark.

5. When you go through an automatically opened door, it can bring to mind how an angel opened the ark door.

6. When Mother asks you to clean up your room, be reminded of how faithful Noah was in the little things like "cleaning out" the ark of all the creeping things.

A Raven and a Dove





The numbers below symbolize each flight made by a bird
that Noah sent out to test the earth. Place the correct flight number,
for the correct bird that made that flight,
underneath its picture above.

Flight #1	Flight #2	Flight #3	Flight #4

"And the dove came in to him in the evening;
and, lo, in her mouth was an olive leaf pluckt off:
so Noah knew
that the waters were abated
from off the earth."

Genesis 8:11

(Day 3)

THANK YOU

What did Noah do after he left the ark?
Fill in the blanks.

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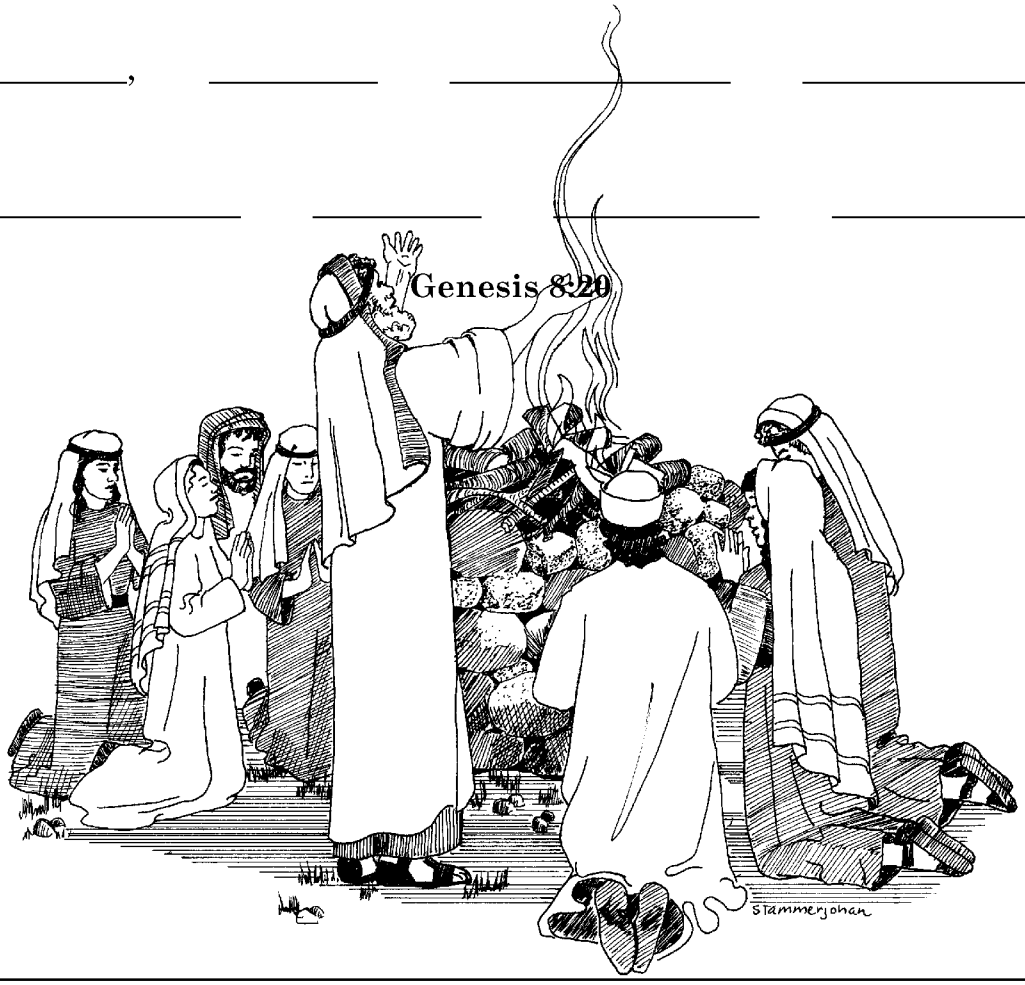
Genesis 8:20



(Day 3)

Beauty

"His branches shall spread, and his beauty shall be as the olive tree, and his smell as Lebanon."
Hosea 14:6

Describe the olive tree.

Now describe the beauty of the Olive Tree.

What was Noah's beauty?

(See the Family Bible Lesson.)

(Day 3)

Reinforce

1. Look for trees! Use your tree guide book to identify them.

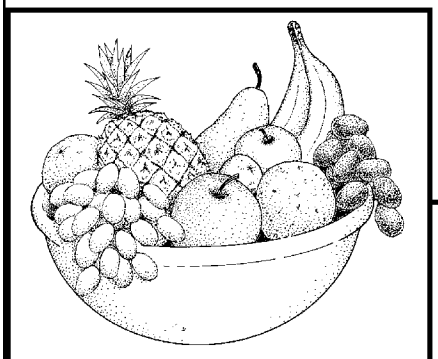
2. Go for a nature walk and notice the structure of trees.

3. Study more about olive trees from the Bible.

4. For individual activities, stories, and poems, use the booklet entitled, *Children's Bible Activity Book* for this quarter.
Say your memory verse!

Remarkable Parent Food

"It is not because of inherent power that year by year the earth produces her bounties and continues her motion round the sun. The hand of God guides the planets and keeps them in position in their orderly march through the heavens. It is through His power that summer and winter, seedtime and harvest, day and night follow each other in their regular succession. It is by His word that vegetation flourishes, that the leaves appear and the flowers bloom. Every good thing we have, each ray of sunshine and shower of rain, every morsel of food, every moment of life, is a gift of love." (*Thoughts from the Mount of Blessings* 74-75)



See Genesis 1:28-30 for a parallel

Day 4

Read Genesis 9:1-7
1 Bible Commentary 1092

Research

Man's Diet

"And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth.

"And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth, and upon every fowl of the air, upon all that moveth upon the earth, and upon all the fishes of the sea; into your hand are they delivered. [How **thankful** Noah was to hear this. He had been afraid that his family would be destroyed by the powerful beasts of prey that came forth with him from the ark.]

"Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you; even as the green herb have I given you all things.

"But flesh with the life thereof, which is the blood thereof, shall ye not eat.

"And surely your blood of your lives will I require: at the hand of every beast will I require it, and at the hand of man; at the hand of every man's brother will I require the life of man.

"Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man" (Genesis 9:1-6).

How **thankful** we are for life, and because of that we will carefully preserve

our own and others'. One way to preserve life is to eat a diet as our Creator designed of fruits, nuts, grains and vegetables.

And God said: *"And you, be ye fruitful, and multiply; bring forth abundantly in the earth, and multiply therein"* (Genesis 9:7).

Just as Noah and his family were to multiply themselves in the earth, so God would have His church today do likewise. *"The remnant that is escaped of the house of Judah, shall again take root downward, and bear fruit upward: For out of Jerusalem shall go forth a remnant"* that will replenish the earth with new converts (Isaiah 37:31-32).

"Abstain from...blood."
Acts 15:29

Review

1. What blessing did God give Noah? (Genesis 9:1)

2. What does Genesis 9:4 mean?

3. Explain Genesis 9:6.

Provision for accidental murder:
Numbers 35:11; Proverbs 28:17

Provision for wilful murder
to be punished by civil government.
Romans 13:4

"He that killeth with the sword
must be killed with the sword."
Revelation 13:10

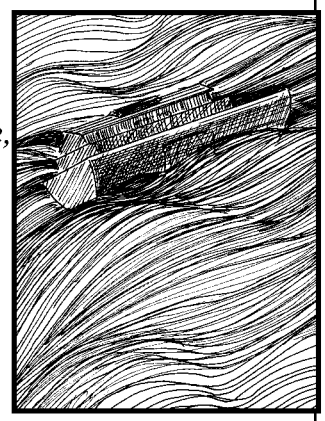
Nature
Olive Tree IV

Because the olive tree grows in rocky land we are told that *"oil out of the flinty rock"* flows (Deuteronomy 32:13). Moses may also have been referring to the circular troughs into which the gathered olives were placed, so that they could be rolled by those exceedingly heavy stone wheels. The results of this crushing is referred to in Job 29:6 as we read of *"rivers of oil."*

Most olive-producing nations grow the fruit mainly for its oil. In the United States, the olive industry is based on preparing the fruit for eating and oil is only a sideline. It is more healthful to eat the berry and not use the oil, or use it very sparingly.

Harvesting olives requires careful handling. Olives grown for their oil may be mechanically harvested. Olives grown for eating must be picked by hand. Workers place the fruit in small boxes and then it is taken to the processing plant. Fruit that must be shipped over long distances may be placed in barrels of brine.

The Bible tells us of the olive tree being shaken. *"Yet gleaning grapes shall be left in it, as the shaking of an olive tree, two or three berries in the top of the uppermost bough, four or five in the outmost fruitful branches thereof, saith the Lord God of Israel"* (Isaiah 17:6).



(The ark was shaken upon the sea of water.)

When the olives are ripe it is sufficient to shake the branches to bring down the fruit. Some even use long poles to beat the uppermost branches because it is difficult to shake a branch that is so high up. The harvesting of the olives is done at a particular time, and the work will continue from early in the morning until late at night.

In Bible times, because the olives were planted on the sides of the mountain, the gathered fruit often had to be carried a long distance to the farm. The groves are not enclosed and the trees are next to one another. This makes it important to do the harvesting about the same time. Many groves are found along the Mediterranean coast, for the olive trees like the sea air. Israel was instructed, *"Thou shalt have olive trees throughout all thy coasts, but thou shalt not anoint thyself with the oil; for thine olive shall cast his fruit"* (Deuteronomy 28:40).

How **thankful** we are for the fruit of the olive tree, and for the story of the Flood. It reminds us of the time of the end.

"When thus it shall be in the midst of the land among the people, there shall be as the shaking of an olive tree, and as the gleaning grapes when the vintage is done."
Isaiah 24:13

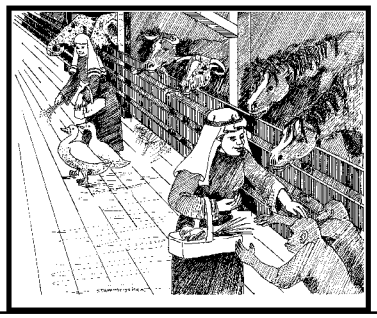
Remind

1. As you work together as a family, let your chores remind you of your lesson.

2. When eating an olive or corn, always remember it is better to eat the whole fruit than to divide it to get the oil.

3. When visiting a zoo, think of how the ark was something like a zoo.

4. When studying animal life in school, think of how Noah's family had a whole year of living lessons on all of God's animals. It must have made living in the ark quite interesting.



Reinforce

1. Look for trees! Use your tree guide book to identify them.

2. Find pictures of the harvesting of the olive trees.

3. Study to understand what Genesis 9:5 means.

4. For individual activities, stories, and poems, use the booklet entitled, *Children's Bible Activity Book* for this quarter.
Say your memory verse!

"When thou beatest thine olive tree, thou shalt not go over the boughs again: it shall be for the stranger, for the fatherless, and for the widow."
Deuteronomy 24:20

Have I No Father?

"I was once in an awful storm at sea. We were for many hours tossed about in sight of dangerous rocks; the steam engines would work no longer; the wind raged violently, and around were heard the terrific roar of the breakers and the dash of the waves as they broke over the deck.

"At this dreary and trying time, while we lay, as might be said, at the mercy of the waves, I found great comfort and support from an apparently trifling circumstance; it was, that the captain's child, a little girl of about twelve years old, was in the cabin with us. He had come two or three times, in the midst of his cares and toils, to see how his child went on, and it is well known how cheering is the sight of a captain in such a time of danger. As our situation grew worse, I saw the little girl rising on her elbow, and bending her eyes anxiously to the door, as if anxious for her Father's reappearance. He came at last. He was a large, bluff, sailor-like man; an immense coat, great sea-boots, and the oil-skin cap with flaps hanging down on his neck, were streaming with water. He fell on his knees on the floor beside the low berth of his child, and stretched his arms over her, but did not speak.

"After a little while, he asked if she was alarmed. 'Father,' the child answered, 'let me be with you, I shall not be afraid.'

" 'With me!' he cried, 'you could not stand it for an instant.'

" 'Father, let me be with you,' she repeated.

" 'My child, you would be more frightened then,' he replied as he kissed her, while the tears were on his rough cheeks.

" 'No, Father, I will not be afraid if you take me with you. O Father, let me be with you!' and she threw her arms around his neck, and clung fast to him. The strong man was overcome. He lifted his child in his arms, and carried her away with him.

"How much I felt her departure! As long as the captain's child was near, I felt her to be a sort of pledge for the return and care of the captain. I knew that in a moment of greatest danger the Father would run to his child. I was certain that, were the vessel about to be abandoned midst of the wild waves, I should know every movement; for

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the captain would not desert his child. Thus in the presence of that child, I had comforted myself, and when she went, I felt abandoned: and, for the first time, fearful I arose, and managed to get on deck. the sea and sky seemed one. It was a dreadful sight; and shuddering, I shrunk back, and threw myself again on my couch.

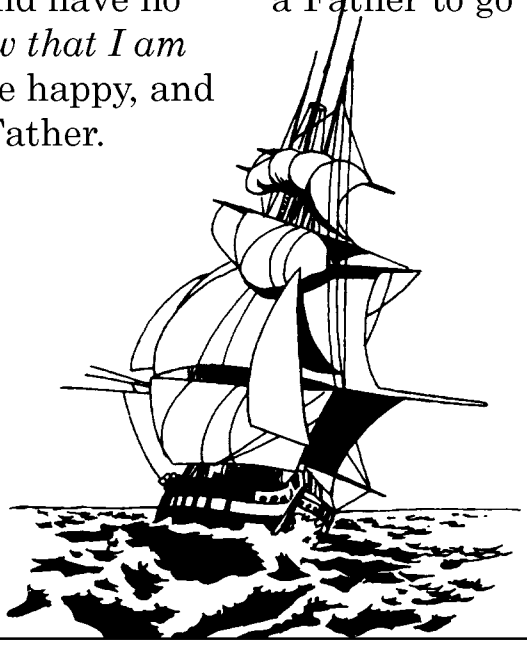
"Then came the thought: The child is content, she is with her Father: and have I no Father? O God, I **thank** Thee! in that moment I could answer, Yes. An unseen Father, it is true; and faith is not as sight, and nature is not as grace; but still I knew I had a Father—a Father whose love surpasseth knowledge. The thought calmed my mind. Reader, does it calm yours?

"Oh! cries the trembling soul, the storm is fearful; the sky is hid; we walk in darkness and have no light. *'Be still and know that I am God,'* saith the Lord. Be happy, and know that God is thy Father.

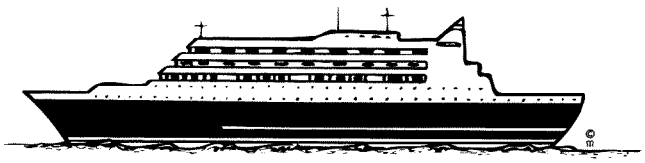
" *'Fear thou not, for I am with thee; be not dismayed, for I am thy God.'* All things are under the dominion of Christ, and all things, yea, even terrible things, shall work together for good to them that love God. Tempest-tossed soul, as the child clung to her Father's bosom, so cling thou to thy God. In the moment of thine extremity, He will appear to be with thee, and take thee to be with Him."

How many of you, young though you may be, feel that you, too, have a Father, an all-loving Heavenly Father, that you can lean upon, and trust in, as confidingly as did the captain's little daughter in the time of the terrible sea-storm?

Ah! there is a dreadful storm even now gathering, more terrible than the ocean tempest, when we all, old as well as young, shall want a Father to go to for protection.



Zion's Ship



What vessel is that sailing there,
That braves the surges so?
And will it stop and take me in,
For I would like to go?

It is called the good old "gospel ship,"
Here is a loving crew;
So not make haste and step on board,
There's room enough for you.

But I have nothing here to pay,
For I am very poor:
O never mind, your captain's kind,
He'll care for you the more.

But do you think she'll e'er get through,
And anchor in the vale?
O yes, for hope her anchor is,
And that can never fail.

What if some fearful storm should rise.
Amidst the gloom of night?
We'll trust our Pilot's skill, while faith
Strikes up a brilliant light.

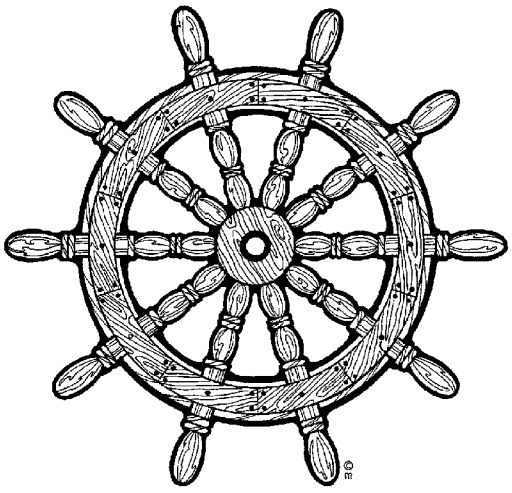
King Jesus is our captain's Lamb—
The conquering Son of God:
And all on board His soldiers are,
The purchase of His blood.

And should the thunders loudly roar,
And lightnings blaze around:
Yet still a soul can ne'er be lost,
Which in that ship is found.

And let the earthquakes rend the earth,
The hurricanes arise—
Unmoved amidst the wreck we'll stand
An upward lift our eyes.

O do you think she'll tarry long,
Where waves are dashing round?
O no, she'll anchor very soon—
That ship is homeward bound.

—Unknown



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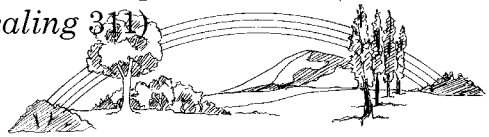
Remarkable Parent Food

"The diet appointed man in the beginning did not include animal food. Not till after the Flood, when every green thing on the earth had been destroyed, did man receive permission to eat flesh.

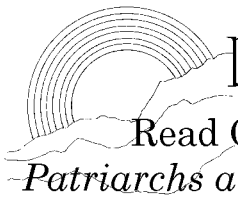
"In choosing man's food in Eden, the Lord showed what was the best diet; in the choice made for Israel He taught the same lesson. He brought the Israelites out of Egypt and undertook their training, that they might be a people for His own possession. Through them He desired to bless and teach the world. He provided them with the food best adapted for this purpose, not flesh, but manna, *'the bread of heaven.'* It was only because of their discontent and their murmuring for the fleshpots of Egypt that animal food was granted them, and this only for a short time. Its use brought disease and death to thousands. Yet the restriction to a non-flesh diet was never heartily accepted. It continued to be the cause of discontent and murmuring, open or secret, and it was not made permanent." (*The Ministry of Healing* 311)



Covenant = Compact or agreement

"He will ever be mindful of his covenant."
Psalm 111:5

The agreement is: "Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people."
Jeremiah 7:23



Day 5

Read Genesis 9:8-17
Patriarchs and Prophets 106-107

Research

Covenant

"Lest the gathering clouds and falling rain should fill men with constant terror, from fear of another flood, the Lord encouraged the family of Noah by a promise: *'I will establish my covenant with you...neither shall there any more be a flood to destroy the earth...I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth. And it shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow shall be seen in the cloud...And I will look upon it, that I may remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature.'*

"How great the condescension of God and His compassion for His erring creatures in thus placing the beautiful rainbow in the clouds as a token of His covenant with men! The Lord declares that when He looks upon the bow, He will remember His covenant. This does not imply that He would ever forget; but He speaks to us in our own language, that we may better understand Him. It was God's purpose that as the children of after generations should ask the meaning of the glorious arch which spans the heavens, their parents should repeat the story of the Flood, and tell them that the Most High had bended the bow and placed it in the clouds as an assurance that the waters should never again overflow the earth. Thus from generation to generation it would testify of divine love to man and would strengthen his confidence in God.

"In heaven the semblance of a rainbow encircles the throne and overarches the head of Christ. The prophet says, *'As the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud in the day of rain, so was the appearance of the brightness round about* [the throne]. *This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of Jehovah'* (Ezekiel 1:28). The revelator declares, *'Behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne...There was a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald'* (Revelation 4:2-3). When man by his great wickedness invites the divine judgments, the Saviour, interceding with the Father in his behalf, points to the bow in the clouds, to the rainbow around the throne and above His own head, as a token of the mercy of God toward the repentant sinner.

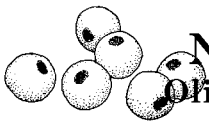
"With the assurance given to Noah concerning the Flood, God Himself has linked one of the most precious promises of His grace: *'As I have sworn that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth; so have I sworn that I would not be wroth with thee, nor rebuke thee. For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but my kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed, saith Jehovah that hath mercy on thee'* (Isaiah 54:9-10)." (*Patriarchs and Prophets* 106-107)

Review

1. What is a covenant?

2. How did God sign the covenant? (Genesis 9:13)

3. Was this covenant just for Noah? (Genesis 9:16)



Nature
Olive Tree V

God desires His people to be fruit bearers like the olive tree. *"Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples"* (John 15:8). The purpose of the tree is to bear fruit. Like the olive, His people are to endure, give shade to others; and to quietly bear fruit, even though they are not as beautiful as the tall cedar or as graceful as the date palm. They are to yield the peaceable fruits of righteousness. God's people are to have a glorious spiritual role in the world as described in Jeremiah 11:16. *"The Lord called thy name, A green olive tree, fair, and of goodly fruit."*

The family is to be the center of the glorious revelation in the end. This is described in Psalm 128:3. *"Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine by the sides of thine house: thy children like olive plants round about thy table."* This is a picture of the young olive trees growing on the base—usually some distance away—of the big parent olive tree. They bear the burden of the parent and even protect them from cold winds and winter snows. This shows how the children are taught to honor their parents not only when young, but as they grow old also. Finally they produce the same righteous fruits of the parents. *"But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be"* (Matthew 24:37). Will you bear the fruit of the ungodly or of the <u>family</u> of Noah?

"He that trusteth in the Lord, mercy shall compass him about."
Psalm 32:10

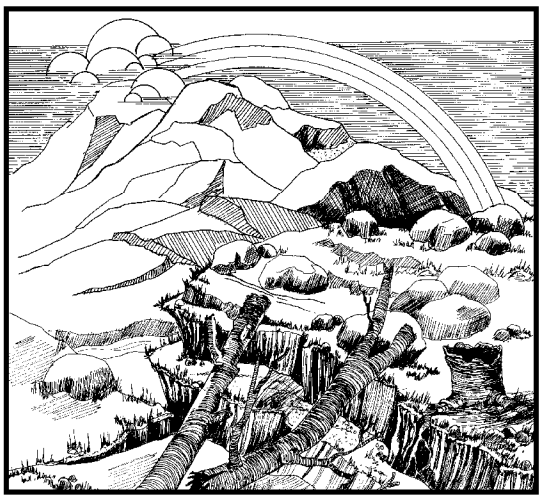
Remind

1. As you work together as a family, let your chores remind you of your lesson.

2. When seeing small trees around a parent tree, think of the olive tree and Noah and his family.

3. When seeing a rainbow, remember your covenant with God.

4. When you make an agreement to meet someone at a certain time and place, think of your covenant with God and how you must be ready to meet Him when He comes.



Reinforce

1. Look for trees! Use your tree guide book to identify them.

2. Children, learn to serve and care for your parents.

3. Read Matthew 24.

4. For individual activities, stories, and poems, use the booklet entitled, *Children's Bible Activity Book* for this quarter. Say your memory verse!

Remarkable Parent Food

"As we look upon this bow, the seal and sign of God's promise to man, that the tempest of His wrath should no more desolate our world by the waters of a flood, we contemplate that other than finite eyes are looking upon this glorious sight. Angels rejoice as they gaze upon this precious token of God's love to man. The world's Redeemer looks upon it; for it was through His instrumentality that this bow was made to appear in the heavens, as a token or covenant of promise to man. God Himself looks upon the bow in the clouds, and remembers His everlasting covenant between Himself and man." (*1 Bible Commentary* 1091)

The "profound dependence of the natural world upon the spiritual is implied in the inseparable connection in Scripture between the inward truth and its outward sign. The spiritual precept of Eden had its outward sacrament in the tree of knowledge; the spiritual covenant with Noah had its natural symbol in the rainbow; the giving of the law on Sinai had its outward sanctions in the convulsions of nature; the forgiveness of sin had its sensible expression in the healing of the palsy; the great (sacrifice and humiliation) on Calvary had physical sympathy in the darkness, the quaking of the earth, and the rending of the rocks; the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost was accompanied with the noise as of a mighty rushing wind; and the coming of the Lord is to be heralded by a combination of natural signs of the most sublime and startling kind."

—H. Macmillan

Rainbow

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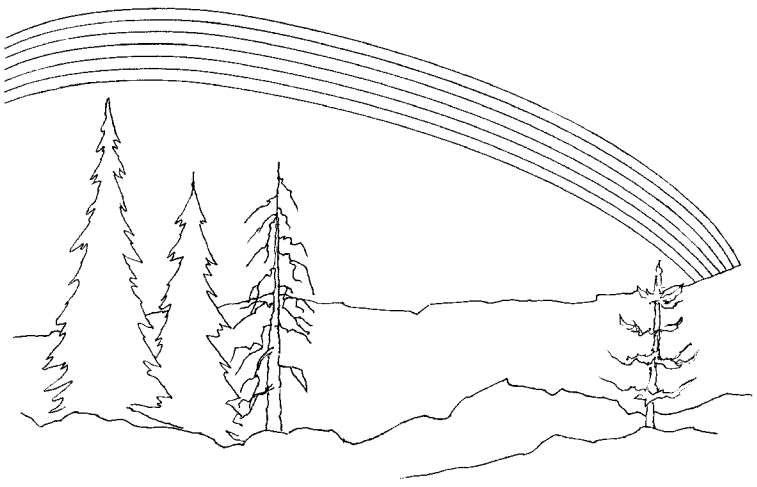

Color the Rainbow.

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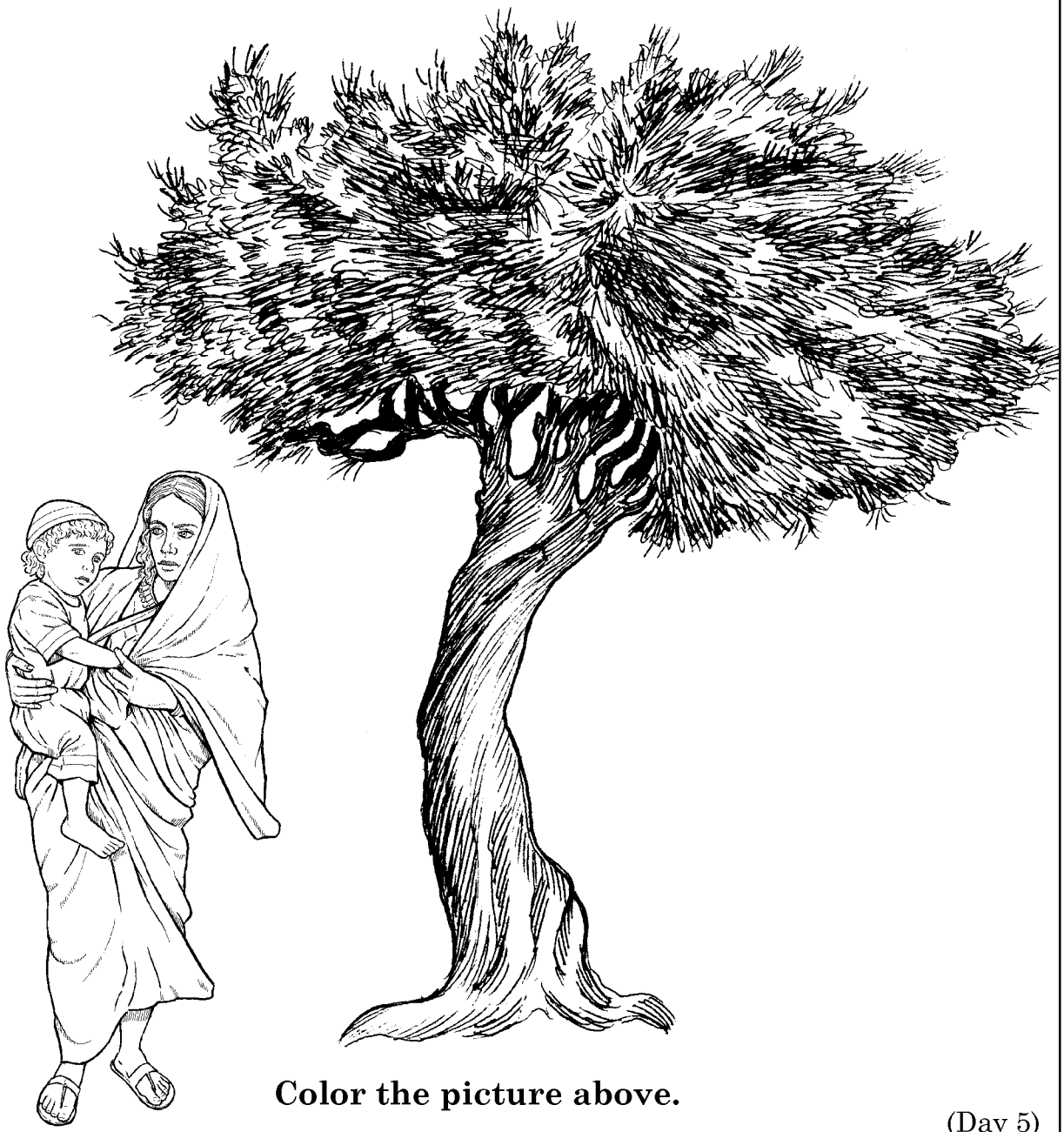
Fruit

"Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine
by the sides of thine house:
thy children like olive plants
round about thy table."
Psalm 128:3



Color the picture above.

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Day 6

Patriarchs and Prophets 107-110

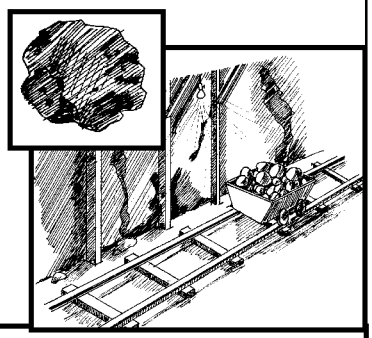
Research

Buried

"The entire surface of the earth was changed at the Flood. A third dreadful curse rested upon it in consequence of sin. As the water began to subside, the hills and mountains were surrounded by a vast, turbid sea. Everywhere were strewn the dead bodies of men and beasts. The Lord would not permit these to remain to decompose and pollute the air, therefore He made of the earth a vast burial ground. A violent wind which was caused to blow for the purpose of drying up the waters, moved them with great force, in some instances even carrying away the tops of the mountains and heaping up trees, rocks, and earth above the bodies of the dead. By the same means the silver and gold, the choice wood and precious stones, which had enriched and adorned the world before the Flood, and which the inhabitants idolized, were concealed from the sight and search of men, the violent action of the waters piling earth and rocks upon these treasures, and in some cases even forming mountains above them. God saw that the more He enriched and prospered sinful men, the more they would corrupt their ways before Him. The treasures that should have led them to glorify the bountiful Giver had been worshiped, while God had been dishonored and despised.

"The earth presented an appearance of confusion and desolation impossible to describe. The mountains, once so beautiful in their perfect symmetry, had become broken and irregular. Stones, ledges, and ragged rocks were now scattered upon the surface of the earth. In many places hills and mountains had disappeared, leaving no trace where they once stood; and plains had given place to mountain ranges. These changes were more marked in some places than in others. Where once had been earth's richest treasures of gold, silver, and precious stones, were seen the heaviest marks of the curse. And upon countries that were not inhabited, and those where there had been the least crime, the curse rested more lightly.

"At this time immense forests were buried. These have since been changed to coal, forming the extensive coal beds that now exist, and



"Give me neither poverty nor riches."
Proverbs 30:8

"Ye shall therefore keep my statues and my judgments, and shall not commit any of these abominations...(For all these abominations have the men of the land done, which were before you, and the land is defiled;) That the land spue not you out also, when ye defile it, as it spued out the nations that were before you."
Leviticus 18:26-28

also yielding large quantities of oil. The coal and oil frequently ignite and burn beneath the surface of the earth. Thus rocks are heated, limestone is burned, and iron ore melted. The action of the water upon the lime adds fury to the intense heat, and causes earthquakes, volcanoes, and fiery issues. As the fire and water come in contact with ledges of rock and ore, there are heavy explosions underground, which sound like muffled thunder. The air is hot and suffocating. Volcanic eruptions follow; and these often failing to give sufficient vent to the heated elements, the earth itself is convulsed, the ground heaves and swells like the waves of the sea, great fissures appear, and sometimes cities, villages, and burning mountains are swallowed up. These wonderful manifestations will be more and more frequent and terrible just before the second coming of Christ and the end of the world, as signs of its speedy destruction.

"The Lord cometh forth
out of his place,
and will come down,
and tread upon the high places
of the earth. And the mountains
shall be molten under him,
and the valleys shall be cleft,
as wax before the fire,
and as the waters that are poured
down a steep place.
For the transgression of Jacob
is all this, and for the sins
of the house of Israel."
Micah 1:3-5

"The depths of the earth are the Lord's arsenal, whence were drawn weapons to be employed in the destruction of the old world. Waters gushing from the earth united with the waters from heaven to accomplish the work of desolation. Since the Flood, fire as well as water has been God's agent to destroy very wicked cities. These judgments are sent that those who lightly regard God's law and trample upon His authority may be led to tremble before His power and to confess His just sovereignty. As men have beheld burning mountains pouring forth fire and flames and torrents of melted ore, drying up rivers, overwhelming populous cities, and everywhere spreading ruin and desolation, the stoutest heart has been filled with terror and infidels and blasphemers have been constrained to acknowledge the infinite power of God.

"Said the prophets of old, referring to scenes like these: *'Oh that thou wouldest rend the heavens, that thou wouldest come down, that the mountains might flow down at thy presence, as when the melting fire burneth, the fire causeth the waters to boil, to make thy name known to thine adversaries, that the nations may tremble at thy presence! When thou didst terrible things which we looked not for, thou camest down, the mountains flowed down at thy presence'* (Isaiah 64:1-3). *'The Lord hath his way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds are*

"Come behold the works
of the Lord, what desolations
he hath made in the earth."
Psalm 46:8

the dust of his feet. He rebuketh the sea, and maketh it dry, and drieth up all the rivers' (Nahum 1:3-4).

"More terrible manifestations than the world has ever yet beheld, will be witnessed at the second advent of Christ. *'The mountains quake at him, and the hills melt, and the earth is burned at his presence, yea, the world, and all that dwell therein. Who can stand before his indignation? and who can abide in the fierceness of his anger?'* (Nahum 1:5-6). *'Bow thy heavens, O Lord, and come down: touch the mountains, and they shall smoke. Cast forth lightning, and scatter them: shoot out thine arrows, and destroy them'* (Psalm 144:5-6).

" *'I will show wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke'* (Acts 2:19). *'And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great.' 'And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found. And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, every stone about the weight of a talent'* (Revelation 16:18, 20-21).

"As lightnings from heaven unite with the fire in the earth, the mountains will burn like a furnace, and will pour forth terrific streams of lava, overwhelming gardens and fields, villages and cities. Seething molten masses thrown into the rivers will cause the waters to boil, sending forth massive rocks with indescribable violence and scattering their broken fragments upon the land. Rivers will be dried up. The earth will be convulsed; everywhere there will be dreadful earthquakes and eruptions.

"Thus God will destroy the wicked from off the earth. But the righteous will be preserved in the midst of these commotions, as Noah was preserved in the ark. God will be their refuge, and under His wings shall they trust. Says the psalmist: *'Because thou hast made the Lord, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation; there shall no evil befall thee'* (Psalm 91:9-10). *'In the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me'* (Psalm 27:5). God's promise is, *'Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name'* (Psalm 91:14)." (*Patriarchs and Prophets* 107-110)

"He uttered his voice,
the earth melted."
Psalm 46:6

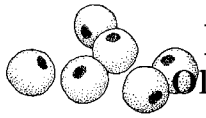
"God is in the midst of her;
she shall not be moved:
God shall help her."
Psalm 46:5

Review

1. Describe what the earth looked like after the Flood. (*Patriarchs and Prophets* 107-109)

2. What are the depths of the earth called? (*Patriarchs and Prophets* 109)

3. How will the earth be destroyed again at Christ's second coming? (*Patriarchs and Prophets* 110)



Nature
Olive Tree VI

The olive tree is one of the oldest known trees mentioned in the Bible. A large variety of olives are propagated by being grafted onto the seedlings of wild olive trees. One would think that a wild, useless variety could not be converted into a good fruit bearing tree just by grafting. God has power to do things that are contrary to nature. We, like wild trees can be grafted into the good Olive Tree, and bring forth fruit, leading to eternal life. God desires His people to graft as many people as they can into the good Stock before He comes to destroy the earth with fire as He did with water at the time of the Flood. Through unbelief and the rejection of heaven's purpose for them the antediluvians lost their connection with God. Some repented because of Noah's preaching. These were like branches that had been separated from the parent stock. God was able to reunite them with the true Stock of Israel—the remnant who remained true to God. They died in faith before the flood and will be saved. So it is today. Backsliding souls must be reached by the preaching of the remnant who are true to God. *"If they abide not still in unbelief,* [they] *shall be grafted in: for God is able to graft them in again"* (Romans 11:23).

When an olive branch is grafted onto the stock of another, the two cambium layers must be brought into contact in order that the life may go from one to the other. When souls are grafted into Christ they must maintain an active connection with His life in order that they may grow.

Olive oil was often used in Bible times in cases of sickness. The apostles anointed sick people with oil and prayed for them to be healed (Mark 6:13 or James 5:14). The poor traveller in the story of the Good Samaritan had oil poured into his wounds (Luke 10:34). Even today some use olive oil to help heal wounds. This can help us understand how God wanted to heal the people before the Flood, and how He also wants to heal the disorders of sin-sick people now so they will be ready for what is coming upon the earth. The rainbow can constantly remind us about this. *"By mercy and truth iniquity is purged; and by the fear of the Lord men depart from evil"* (Proverbs 16:6).

"And if some of the branches
be broken off, and thou,
being a wild olive tree,
were grafted in among them,
and with them partakest of the root
and fatness of the olive tree;

"Boast not against the branches.
But if thou boast,
thou bearest not the root,
but the root thee.

"For if thou wert cut out of the
olive tree which is wild by nature,
and wert grafted contrary to nature
into a good olive tree:
how much more shall these, which be
the natural branches, be grafted
into their own olive tree?"

Romans 11:17-18, 24

Remind

1. As you work together as a family, let your chores remind you of your lesson.

2. When you see a rainbow, recommit yourself to God.

Remedies:

Charcoal and olive oil tend to cleanse and heal
(2 Selected Messages 298)

Kidney diseases and constipation relieved
(Counsels on Diet and Foods 360)

Irritated stomach
(The Ministry of Healing 298)

Reinforce

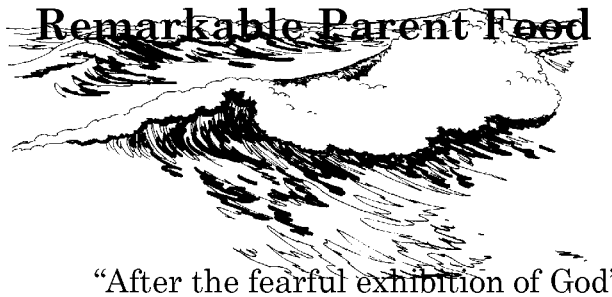
1. Look for trees! Use your guide book to identify them.

2. Make a color chart with the rainbow colors. Then study what each one means.

3. Next time someone has a cut, pour olive oil into it.

4. For individual activities, stories, and poems, use the booklet entitled, *Children's Bible Activity Book* for this quarter.
Say your memory verse!

Remarkable Parent Food



"After the fearful exhibition of God's avenging power, in the destruction of the Old world by a flood, had passed, He knew that those who had been saved from the general ruin would have their fears awakened whenever the clouds should gather, the thunders roll, and the lightnings flash; and that the sound of the tempest and the pouring out of the waters from the heavens would strike terror to their hearts, for fear that another flood was coming upon them. But behold the love of God in the promise: [Genesis 9:12-15 quoted].

"The family of Noah looked with admiration and reverential awe mingled with joy upon this sign of God's mercy, which spanned the heavens. The bow represents Christ's love which encircles the earth, and reaches unto the highest heavens, connecting men with God, and linking earth with heaven.

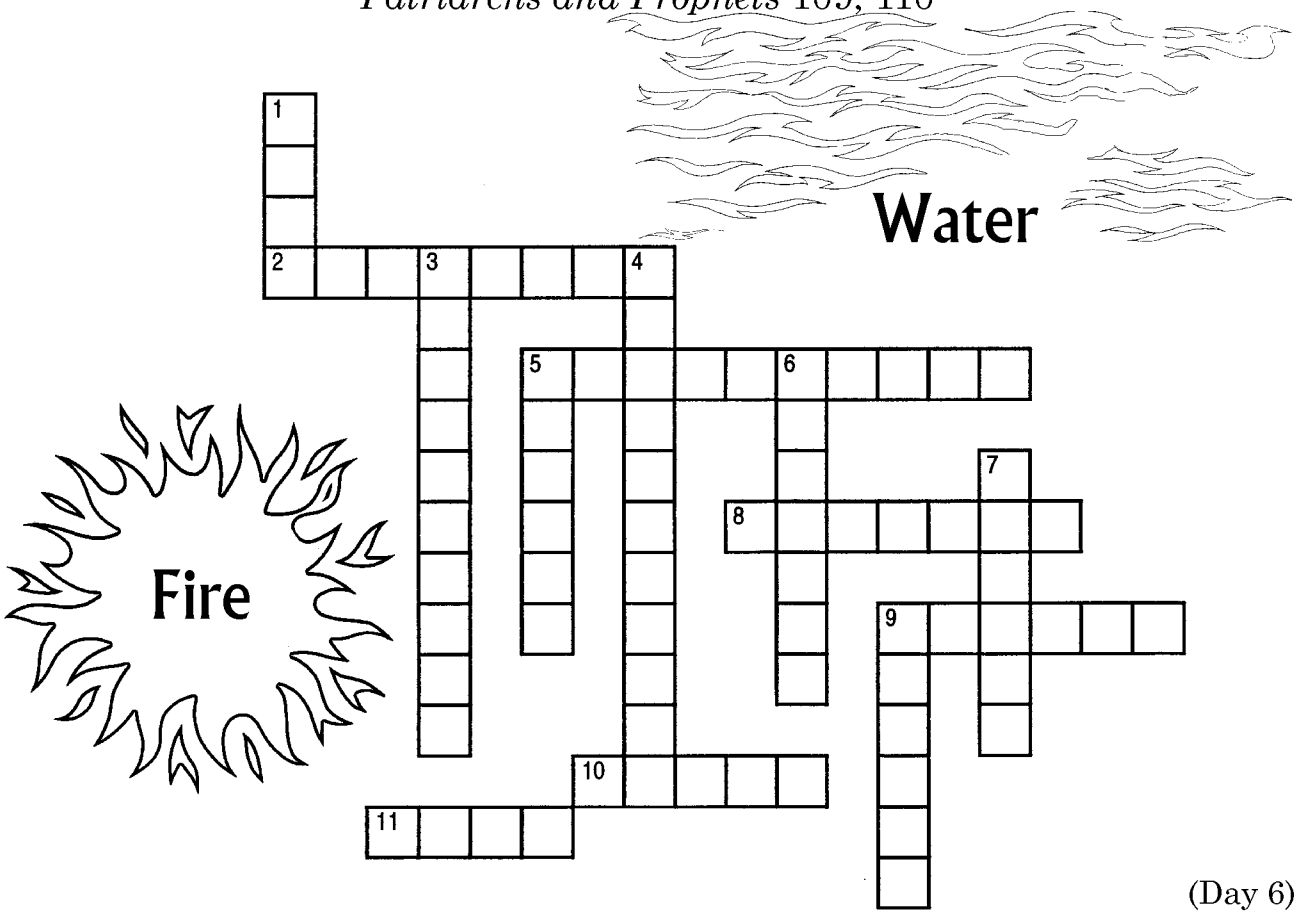
"As we gaze upon the beautiful sight, we may be joyful in God, assured that He Himself is looking upon this token of His covenant, and that as He looks upon it He remembers the children of earth, to whom it was given. Their afflictions, perils, and trials are not hidden from Him. We may rejoice in hope, for the bow of God's covenant is over us. He never will forget the children of His care. How difficult for the mind of finite man to take in the peculiar love and tenderness of God, and His matchless condescension when He said, *'I will look upon the bow in the cloud, and remember thee.'"* (*1 Bible Commentary* 1091)

First Water, Then Fire

"The _____ (5D) of the earth are the Lord's _____ (6D), whence were drawn _____ (8A) to be _____ (2A) in the _____ (4D) of the old world. _____ (9A) gushing from the earth _____ (7D) with the _____ (9D) from heaven to accomplish the _____ (11A) of _____ (5A)."

In the end "_____ (3D) from heaven _____ (10A) with the _____ (1D) in the earth," to destroy the earth.

Patriarchs and Prophets 109, 110



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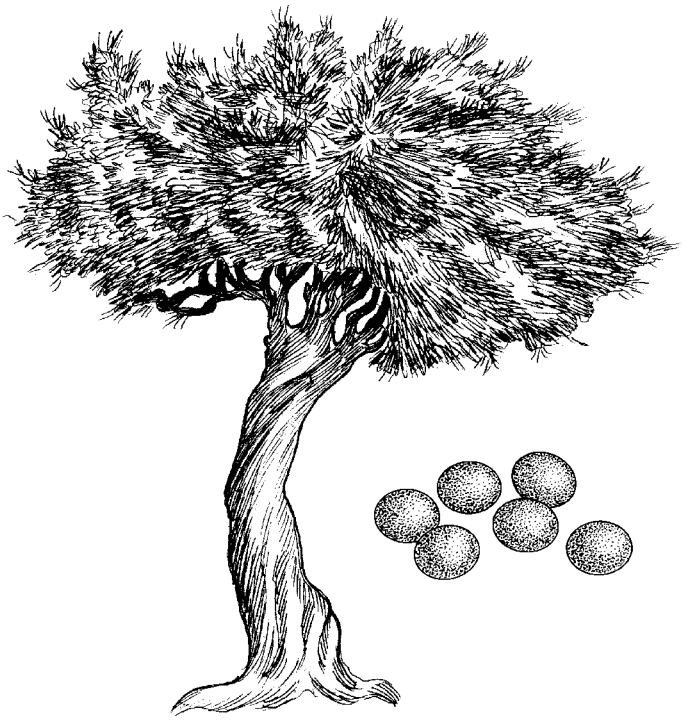
Grafting into the Wild Olive



Grafting means to insert a shoot from one plant into another plant so they are joined and grow together.

Explain the grafting of the shoot into the wild olive tree.

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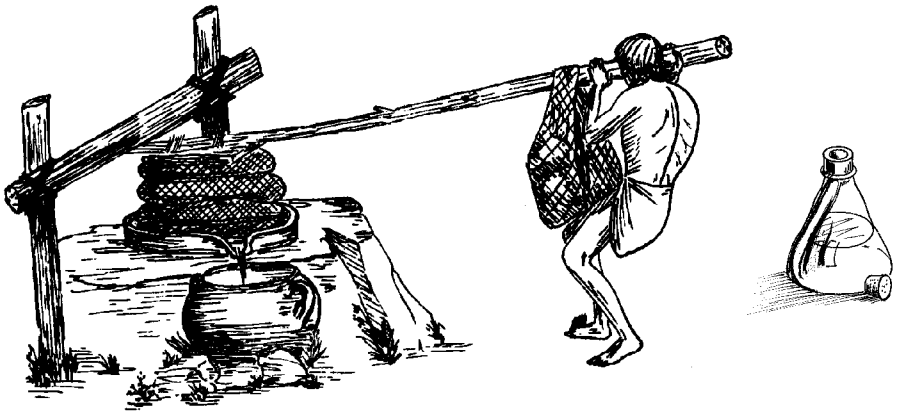
How was olive oil used in Bible times in cases of sickness? Read Luke 10:34 and James 5:14.



Making Olive Oil in Bible Times

(See the Family Bible Lesson.)

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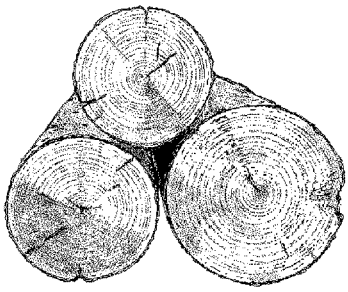
Question?



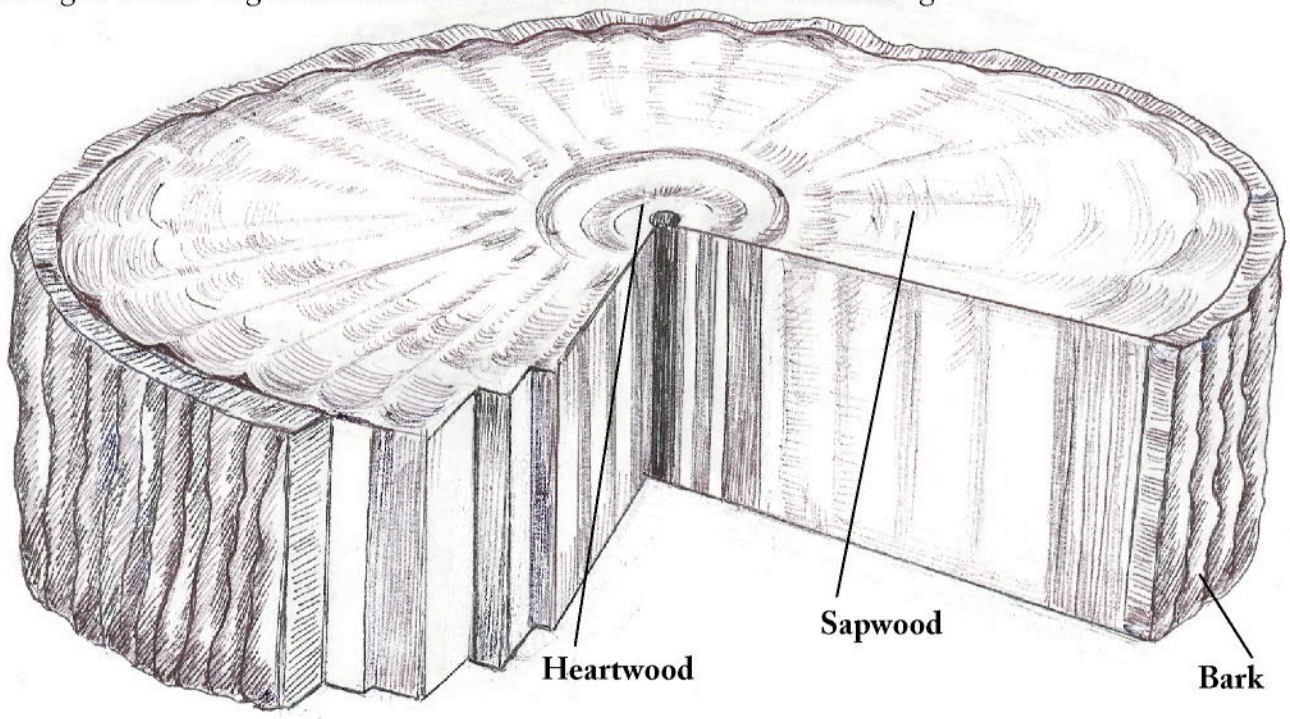
Is the whole tree alive?

A very small portion of a tree is actually alive. The whole woody trunk is dead wood except for the thin layer just inside the bark, called the cambium. Remember the little pipes that send up water from the roots and food down from the leaves? The leaves are living. The entire tree is a piece of strong, dead wood that supports a thin ring of living cells and tubes around the outside edge, where the water and food travel to and from the leaves. The bark, also, is dead.

A Tree's History

Most trees in temperate regions grow a layer of wood each year. After such a tree has been cut down the layers can be seen as rings in the trunk. These annual rings reveal the tree's life story.

Narrow center rings indicate that other trees shaded the young tree depriving it of moisture and sunlight. Wider rings indicate the tree received more moisture and sunlight.



Find a cut piece of wood and count the rings.

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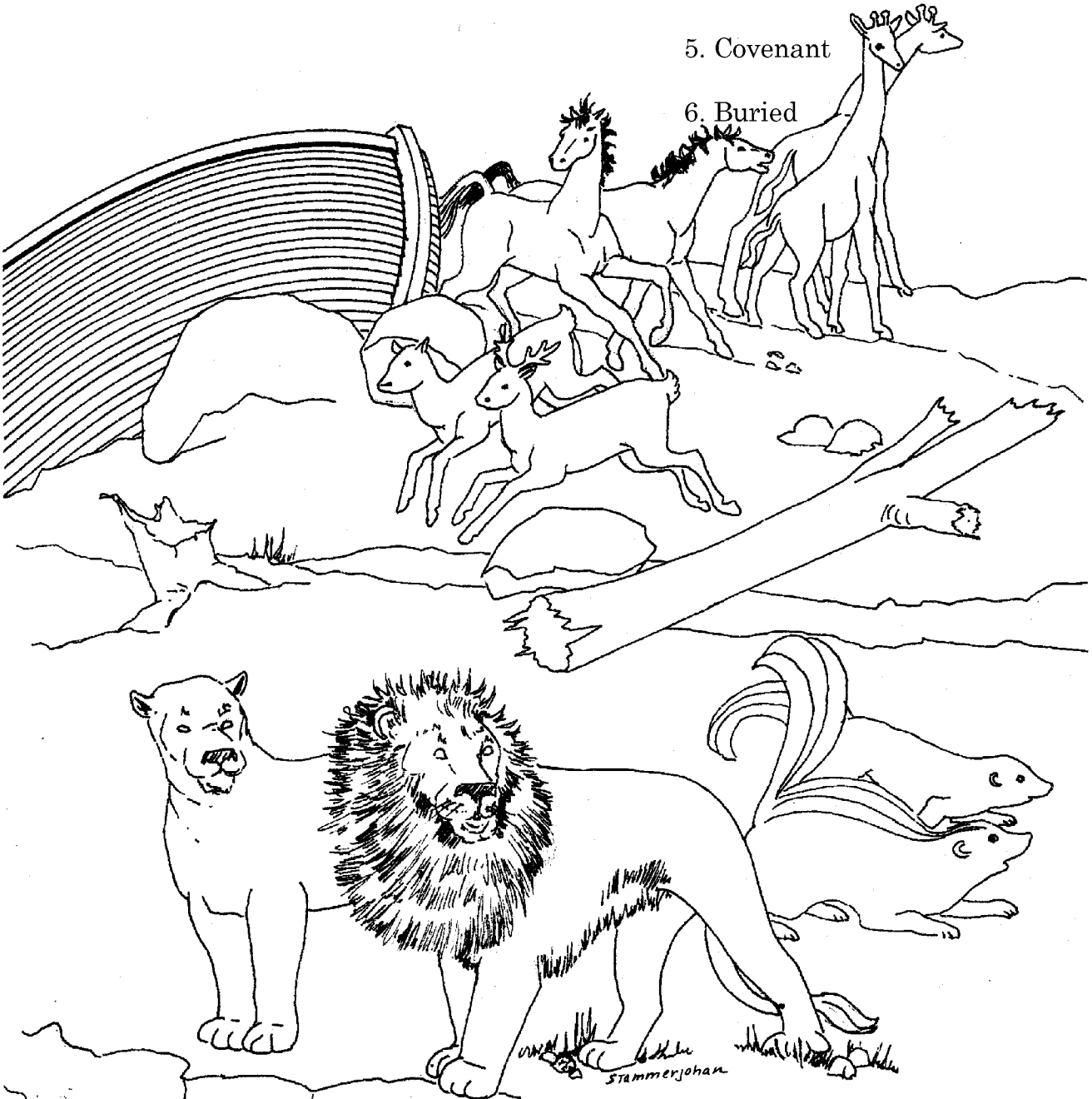
Noah's Family

Only eight people were left after the Flood.
List these eight people below.
Color this picture.

Day 7

Review—After the Flood

1. Rest
2. Waiting
3. Coming Out of the Ark
4. Man's Diet
5. Covenant
6. Buried



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Answer Key

Page 123
1-Raven
2-Dove
3-Dove
4-Dove

Page 124
"And Noah builded an altar unto the Lord; and took of every clean beast, and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt offerings on the altar."

Page 129
"I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth."
Genesis

Page 131
depths
arsenal
weapons
employed
destruction
Waters
united
waters
work
desolation
lightnings
unite
fire

Page 134
Noah and his wife
Shem and his wife
Ham and his wife
Japheth and his wife

Mark 4:29