

Pre-Lesson Downloads

#48 Fruit of the Spirit – Faithfulness

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Dear Families: Faithfulness brings several other words to mind: trustworthy, dependable, keeping our word, (promises), fulfilling responsibilities, steady and steadfast. The idea of God's faithfulness to us is awe-inspiring. "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases. His mercies never come to an end. They are new every morning. Great is Your faithfulness." Lamentations 3:22 And, God is always with us. "I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew 28:20. I pray that we learn and relearn all our lives about God's infinite Faithfulness toward us. God Bless and keep you all.

Bible Text: Genesis 6:9-9:17

... Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation. Noah walked with God. And Noah had three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth. Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight, and the earth was filled with violence. And God saw the earth was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted its ways upon the earth. And God said to Noah, "I have determined to make an end of all flesh, for the earth is filled with violence because of them. Now I am going to destroy them along with the earth. Make yourself an ark of cypress (gopher) wood. Make rooms in the ark. . .cover inside and out with pitch. . .length-300 cubits, width 50 cubits. . .Make a roof. . .put a door in the side. . .For My part, I am going to bring a flood of waters on the earth, to destroy from under heaven all flesh in which is the breath of life. . .Bring two of every kind of animal into the ark to keep them alive. . .Bring enough food to feed them and your family. . .Go into the ark, you and all your household. . .and Noah did all that God had commanded him. . .and the Lord shut him in. . .It rained for 40 days and 40 nights. . .The waters swelled and increased on the earth, , God blotted out every living thing that was on the face of the ground. . .And the waters swelled on the earth for 150 days. . .God remember Noah and his family. . .and made a wind blow over the earth and the waters subsided. . .At the end of 40 days Noah sent out a dove. . .and it came back because it found no place to set its foot. . .In seven days Noah sent out another dove, but it returned also. . .Noah waited another seven days (and the third time the dove did not return) . . .(They waited longer and then saw that the waters were drying up). . .(God told Noah to go out of the ark with his family and all of the animals). . .Noah built an altar to God (to thank Him). . .Then God said He would establish a covenant (make a promise) that He would never again (destroy the earth by water). . .I will set a rainbow in the sky as a sign (of My promise.)

Verse: Hebrews 10:23b

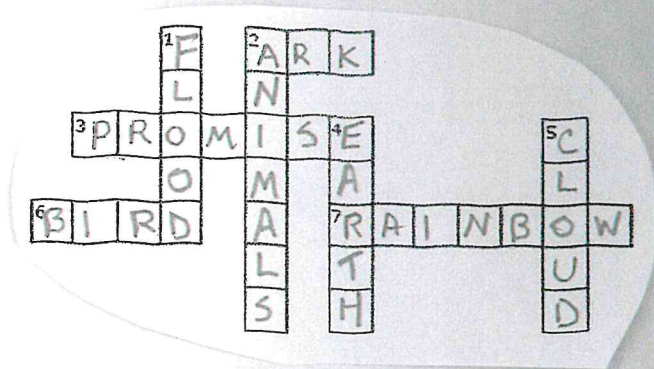
He who has promised is faithful.

Or paraphrased for children:

God keeps His promises.

Activities: *Faithfulness page *The Rainbow of Promise crossword *Word Tiles page-Cut and work like a puzzle or glue to a paper *Rainbow page, paint with a Q-tip--Review of color mixing
*Fruit Loop necklace – "Bind (faithfulness) around your neck. . ." Proverbs 3:3 As you eat each loop, remember God's promises – rainbow, to love us always, etc. . .Look up online—God's promises

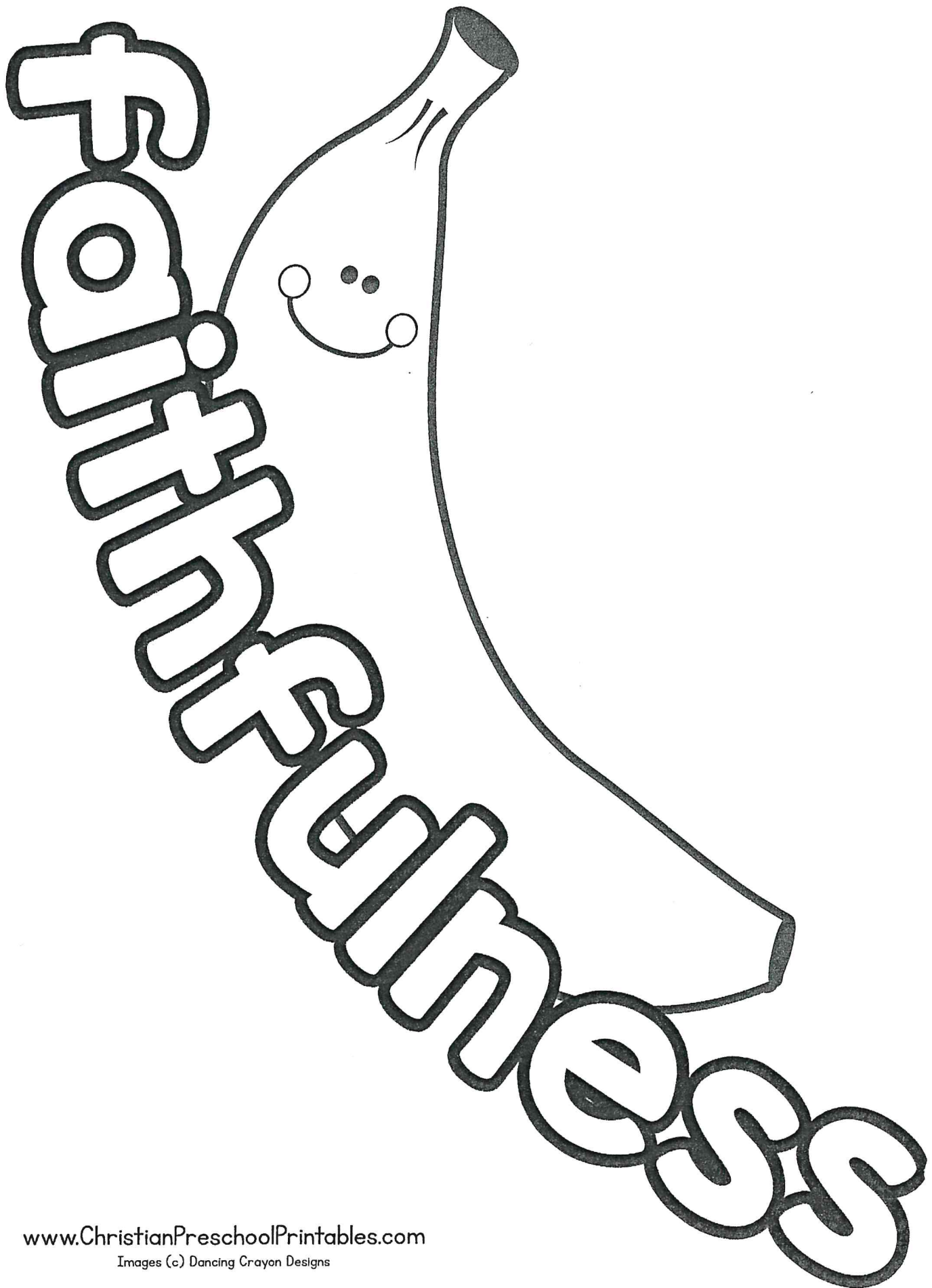
Answers to puzzles/Activities:



Fruit Loop
Necklace

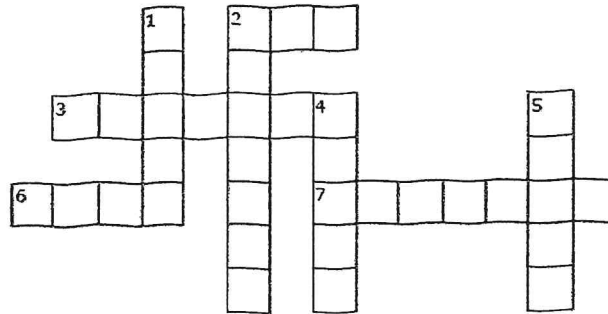
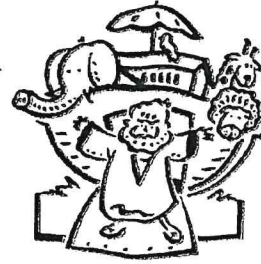


Q-tip painting



The Rainbow of Promise

"Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth." Genesis 9:16
Puzzle is based on Genesis 9:8-17



ACROSS

2. A large boat in which Noah and his family were saved from the Flood
3. An agreement between two people do do (or not do) something
6. A winged animal covered with feathers
7. A colored arc of light that appears in the sky after it rains

DOWN

1. A great amount of water that rises and spreads over the land
2. Dogs, cats, lions, and tigers for example.
4. The planet where you and I live
5. A light puffy mass of water vapor floating in the sky

BIRD	RAINBOW	EARTH	PROMISE
ARK	CLOUD	ANIMALS	FLOOD

Cut the tiles along the dotted lines, shuffle the tiles, and have the student reassemble them to make the phrase.

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ANSWER: GOD WILL ALWAYS BE WITH ME AND
HELP ME DO WHAT IS RIGHT.

God always keeps His promises

