

## God's sign in the sky

After more than a year on the ark, the day finally came that Noah and his family and all the animals could leave the ark.

The sun was shining brighter than ever, and stretching across the sky was something no one had seen before. It was a huge bow of soft colors that almost seemed to shine.

When Noah got off the ark and stepped onto dry land, the first thing he did was to gather some rocks and put them on a pile.

Then he made a fire on top of the rocks and burnt the animals and birds he had kept for a special offering to God. God was pleased with Noah's sacrifice and made a promise that He would never again destroy all living things with a flood.

God said, "I have set My rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between Me and the earth" (Genesis 9:13).

The promise God made was an everlasting covenant. That means that God will keep His special promise as long as the world exists.

Whenever there is a rainbow, it reminds **us** of God's faithfulness and kindness. It also reminds **God** of the covenant He made with the earth (see Genesis 9:16).

