

# More Than Hearing Worksheet

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Text: Genesis 9:8-17

8 Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 9 “As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, 10 and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. 11 I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.”

12 God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: 13 I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. 14 When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, 15 I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. 16 When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” 17 God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

Word - B, Eye - B, Body - B, Music - B

Smarts	Images in the text/ interesting exegesis	Illustrations	SFX
<p>Word - Verbal/Linguistic</p> <p>D2</p>	<p>Vs. 9 - “as for me”</p> <p>This phrase re-appears in other OT text for Lent and derives from the Hebrew word <i>hinni</i> - or behold. God is making a point, so God wants the listener to pay attention.</p>	<p>A former president often began explanations by saying “look”. It was almost a verbal tic.</p>	<p>Do the thing with different cued responses for different repeated words and phrases, like:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Covenant <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ “I do!”</li> </ul> </li> <li>● In the clouds <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Wave hands</li> </ul> </li> <li>● All flesh <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Thump chest</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Between me and you <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ High five</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Sign <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ “STOP!”</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Remember <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ “Oh, yeah....”</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p>Eye - Visual/Spatial</p>		<p><a href="#">Double rainbow all the way</a></p>	<p><a href="#">Images</a> of flooding</p>

MWD		<a href="#">arks from movie "2012"</a>	Shine a bright flashlight through a slit into a prism to produce a spectrum (a linear rainbow, if you will), like <a href="#">this</a> or <a href="#">this</a> .
Math - Logical/Mathematical	Covenant (berit) is repeated <b>seven times</b> in vv.8-17 so we cannot escape the focus of the passage.	Prisms Refracted light	
Body - Kinesthetic D2	“My bow” - archery, hunting, warfare  <i>In body because these activities use a lot of physical energy</i>	The symbolism of the bow has been reversed from its usual use as a weapon of war, which now in God's hands is used as a sign of God's eternal promises.	All flesh - not just human beings but all critters. Bring a variety of stuffed animals of various sorts (including humans) and present them as those with whom God has made the covenant: Birds, bears, dogs, cats, fish, bugs, polar bears, wolves, horses, monkeys, etc. Including some endangered animals might be interesting -- God made a covenant with them, so should we care for them?
Musical MWD		“ <a href="#">Flood</a> ” Jars of Clay	Could you rewrite this to fit “ <a href="#">Handlebars</a> ” except the hook is “Covenant”? Yes, you can. See below. <a href="#">Karaoke version</a>
Natural		<a href="#">How a rainbow really works</a> > Is it more ironic that God's bow is made from light and water?	See also <b>EYE</b> above, with the spectrum thing.
People - Interpersonal	Vs 11 - the promise not to destroy with flood  “There's a reason that flood stories are so universal in human culture. Since our beginnings as a species, we've feared wiping ourselves out through	The rainbow acts like a wedding ring; it is a sign of a covenant.  Other symbols of community?  <a href="#">A pin</a> (My Promise, My Faith, GSA) Greek <a href="#">paddles</a>	Read the passage using <a href="#">The Voice</a> ; God's relationship with creation is paramount in this version.

	<p>our own contagious violence.”  ~ <a href="#">Paul Nuechterlein</a>,  The Christian Century</p> <p>God seems to promise not to use extreme violence against us again.</p> <p>Has God (literally) washed God’s hands of violence? Is the violence in the world our making?</p>	<p>The rainbow reminds God not to kill today  (<a href="#">ST:TOS "A Taste of Armageddon"</a>)</p>	
<p>Self - Intrapersonal</p>	<p>Vs. 15 - I will remember</p> <p>“These creatures can't seem to keep the limits I set for them, God seems to decide, to not shed one another's blood, to not mar this world I entrusted into their hands. So I will put "limits" on myself: to never again destroy the earth. And instead of tying a string around my finger to help me remember this everlasting covenant, I will set my bow in the clouds to remind myself of the limits I have placed on myself.”  ~ <a href="#">Phyllis Kersten</a>, The Christian Century</p>		<p>God grieves that God made humanity and unleashed violence; yet, at the end of this story, God promises not to destroy creation through flood ever again.</p> <p>When you see a rainbow, do you see God’s promise to limit God’s own power?</p> <p>When you see a rainbow, do you remember God’s promise to allow humanity to make decisions and learn to live with them?</p> <p>When you see a rainbow, do you remember that you have the capacity - given by God at creation - to right what’s wrong in your life?</p>

# Genesis 9 Handlebars Covenant

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[Intro]

I will make with you my covenant  
My covenant, my covenant.  
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[Verse 1]

Look at me, look at me,  
Bow in the air, ain't it good to be  
Alive, and I will never ever  
Bring an end to all kinds of critters  
By bringing on another giant flood  
Even if life becomes all kinds of bitter  
This is my promise eternally good.  
And now everyday we will be together.  
I will put my bow in the clouds up there  
When I see my bow and the crowds down there  
I'll think of the words that I say today  
And remember not to sweep you away today  
We will be friends with the animals  
We will all be so compatible  
I hope eternity's understandable  
'Cause my promise is infallible, so look

[Outro]

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