



THE SABBATH CIRCLES HOME SCHOOL CURRICULUM

Unit Theme: Exploring the Stories of the Old Testament

Today's story: Noah's Dove (Genesis 8:6-12)

Key Verse: "Then he waited another seven days, and sent out the dove; and it did not return to him anymore." Genesis 8:12

Questions to go deeper into the story:

- The Noah story is much longer than the short text we are focusing on in worship. It starts back in Chapter 6 and continues on through Chapter 9:17. What part of the story is our focus? Why do you think that might be?
- How many birds did Noah send out from the ark? What was he hoping they would do?
- Why do you think Noah switched from a raven to a dove?
- The dove appears in more than one place in the Bible. Can you think of another story about Jesus that has a dove? What is it? How could it be connected to Noah's story?

Activity possibilities:

- Check out the coloring picture on the back of this insert.
- Make your own dove using a clothes pin, a round coffee filter, pipe cleaners and markers. Take the coffee filter and fold it in half. Then, use some markers or crayons to color the edges of the filter to look like feathers of a dove. Pinch the middle of the coffee filter together and then clip it with the clothes pin to make "wings" fan out from each half of the coffee filter. Use the markers to draw the face of the dove on the clothes pin. Use the pipe cleaner pieces to make a beak and two feet for your dove. You can hang him from a string in front of a window and he will fly!!



For some reason, this story has long been a favorite for little kids. Some fun kids' songs have even been written about it! Check this one out:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DSxd9JVE3r4>

Check out this clip from *The Simpsons* to see how Ned Flanders and family torment Homer with this same song:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JSi8vrJf7NU>

So, knowing the story as you do – God destroying the whole earth with a flood because all the people except for Noah and his family had become so sinful – why do some folks consider this a strange choice for a child's story? If this is a story about a God who destroys God's own Creation, what is its value??? Why do we read it and remember it? And what's the rainbow all about? Read Genesis 9:12-17 to find an answer.

Remember, Rev. Ruth is always available to answer your questions anytime! Call, text, or email her or stop by the Savoy any Thursday afternoon from 2-4pm!!