

Iglesia Episcopal Dominicana

The **5 Marks of Mis**sion

"Fifth Mark" To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth.

# DEVOTIONAL AT THE START OF THE DAY

Officiant:	Lord, show us your mercy;
Everyone:	and grant us your salvation.
Officiant:	Review your ministers of justice;
Everyone:	that your people sing with joy.
Officiant:	Establish, O Lord, peace in all the world;
Everyone:	because only in you can we live safely.
Officiant:	Protect, O Lord, this nation;
Everyone:	and guide us in the way of justice and peace.
Officiant:	That your ways may be known on the earth;
Everyone:	and your salvation among the people.
Officiant:	Lord, remember all those in need;
Everyone:	nor forget the hope of the needy.
Officiant:	Lord, create in us a clean heart;
Everyone:	and sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

#### Prayer

#### For the mission of the church (LOC #706)

Eternal God, whose will is that all come to you through your Son Jesus Christ: The Testimony of that we give, so that everyone is aware of the power of his forgiveness and the hope of his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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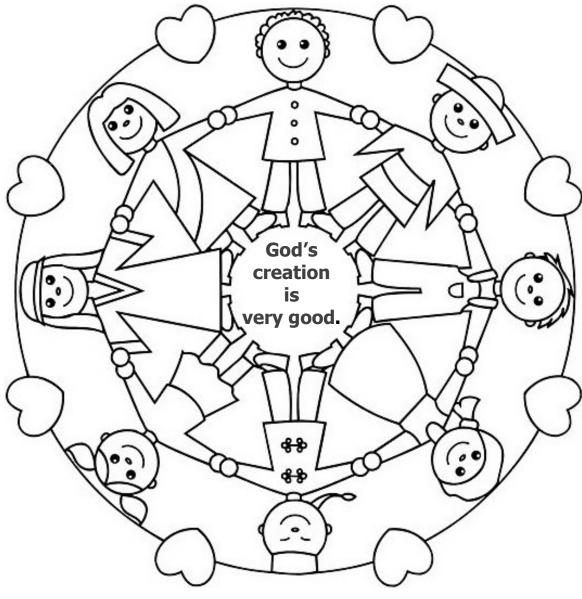
# DEVOTIONAL AT THE END OF THE DAY

Every prayer we are going to respond: "We will do so with God's help".

- Officiant: Will you tell others the good news about Jesus Christ? "We will do so with God's help".
- Officiant: Will you serve Jesus by being good, helping, and forgiving all who offend? "We will do so with God's help".
- Officiant: Will you remember that we are children of God and that we want to be? "We will do so with God's help".
- Officiant: Will you dance and celebrate your life in the beautiful land? "We will do so with God's help".
- Officiant: Will you tell God what you want every day in your prayers? "We will do so with God's help".

#### Prayer:

We thank you, Lord, for this wonderful day where we learned and we stayed with you. Please stay with us while we went to our homes and families, taking your word in our hearts. Amén. To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth.



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# Lesson #1

## GOD'S CREATION

Theme:	God's creation is very good.							
To Memorize:	God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day . Genesis $1:31$							

In the beginning there wasn't anything. Then God created the sky and land, but it was all covered with darkness, then God said "Let there be light" and there was light. God called the light day and the darkness night, and this was the first day and the first night.

In the following days, God separated the water and the dry land and this was the second day of creation.

Next God covered the land with beautiful plants and trees and God saw they were good. This was the third day.

He created the sun to shine in the day and the moon and stars to brighten the sky at night. This was the fourth day of creation.

Then God filled the seas with enormous whales and brilliant fish, dolphins that jump and wiggly jellyfish. He filled the sky with colored birds. This was the fifth day.

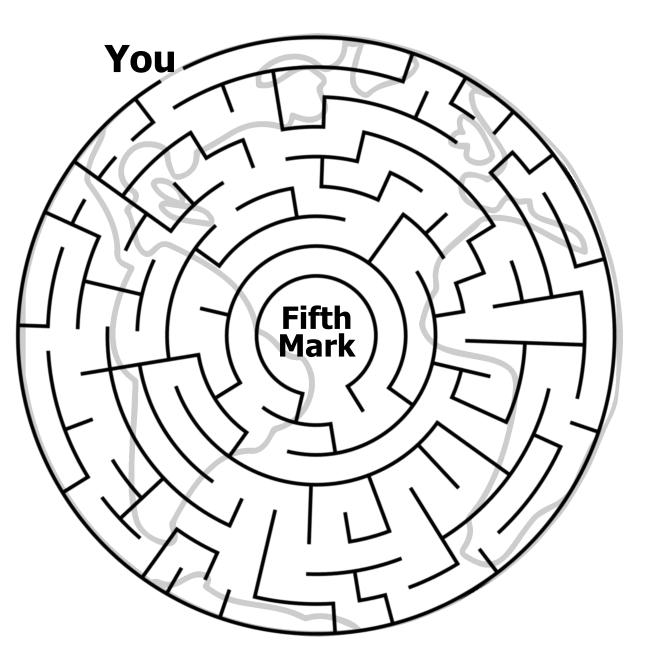
He created the animals of all forms and sizes, fast leopards, slow turtles, large elephants to the smallest insects and much more. All these were creatures equal in importance in God's eyes. God looked at his creation and say that all was good. Lastly, God created a human in his image and the man was named Adam and the woman Eve. He gave them a special place - Paradise. God said to them to take care of this marvelous world and all the creatures. This was the sixth day.

God was pleased with all that he had created and done, and finally on the seventh day he rested. This is the special day to rest and appreciate all.

### To reflect:

Example of Answers.

- 1) What happened on the 7th day? *God rested*. Descansó.
- 2) What happened after God created sky and land?
  God said "Let there be light" and there was light. (could include, God called the light day.
  Dios dijo, "Hagase la luz", y hubo luz. (Dios llamó la luz día)
- 3) What did God fill the sea with? Name 3 things. (There are *4 in the story) enormous whales, brilliant fish, dolphins that jump, wiggly jellyfish* ballenas enormes y peces brillantes, delfines que saltan y medusas inestables
- 4) All creatures are <u>equal</u> in importance to God's eyes Iguales
- 5) What are the names of the first man and woman? Adam and Eve Adán y Eva
- 6) What should you do on the seventh day? Why? *Rest, to appreciate all that God has created.* Descansó, y hizo que ese día sea especial para descansar y agradecer.





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From then, Lucia took every Saturday to visit her new friend in the Nursing Home, "Hope".

# Find the corresponding letter to the number and fill in below to find out what it says.

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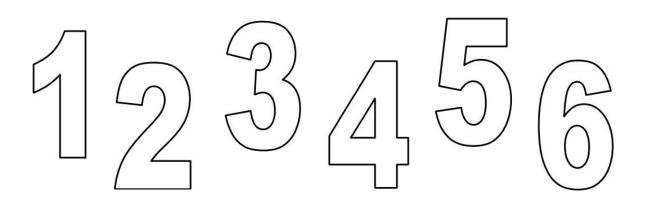
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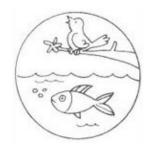
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TRANSLATION: God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

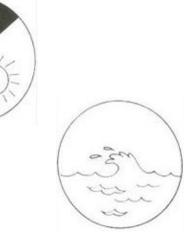
Genesis 1:31

## Draw a line to connect the number with the day of creation.









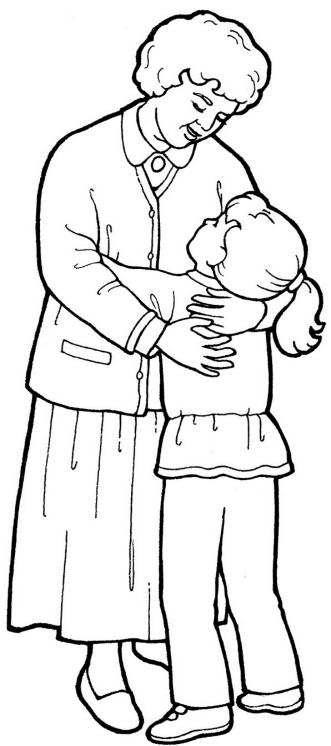




3) Are your grandparents alive?

What did they do when they were young?

4) What can we learn from the elderly?



Lucia was surprised by this extraordinary story and wanted to know more. She asked, " your spouse also was a dancer? Where is he?"

But the lady with tears in her eyes said to her, No, he sang while I danced and together we did acrobatics, but he isn't here anymore, he did years ago and now I am alone here; it's hard because I miss him so much."

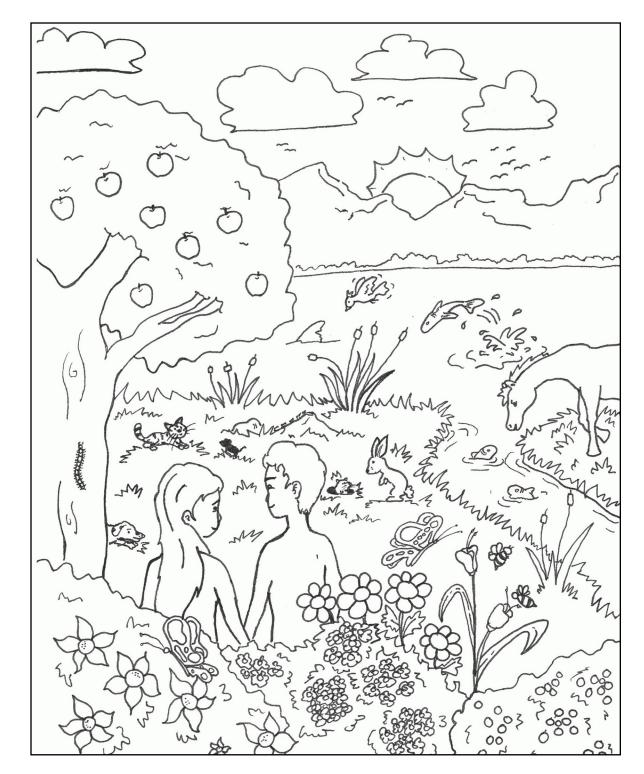
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#### To reflect:

1) What was the trip of the school class?

2) What was Sofía's past?



## Lesson #2

### HUMANKIND WAS GIVEN DOMINION OVER CREATION.

Theme:	We have a responsibility to care for and protect everything.
To Memorize:	"Now we will make man in our image. He will have power over the fish, the birds, the domestic animals and the wild beasts, and over all that he takes from the earth." Genesis 1:26
	Genesis 1.20

One sunny and beautiful day two best friends decided to go to the park to play baseball. That morning Santiago (James) and Tomas (Thomas) got up early, they wanted to play their favorite sport. They took gloves, a ball and their bats.

When they arrived at the park they were so excited that without losing a moment they took out their gear and began to play, but they didn't notice that not far from them there was a family of little dogs, with newborn puppies.

It was Santiago's turn at bat. In a blink of an eye the ball flew and hit the father of the dog family.

Everyone in the park could hear the cries of the dog. The boys thought that the best thing would be to pick up their things and leave the park running. But the barking of the dog was loud and so the boys thought, and made a new plan.

They shared the work. While Tomas took charge of taking the dog to the vet, Santiago brought the mother and puppies to his house to take care of them while the father was not with them.

# Lesson #5

## PEOPLE ARE PART OF THE CREATION OF GOD.

Tema:	We have a responsibility to care for those who cannot care for themselves, the widows and orphans.						
Para Memorizar:	This is pure and undefiled religion in the sigh Father: to care for orphans and widows in the keep oneself unstained by the world.						

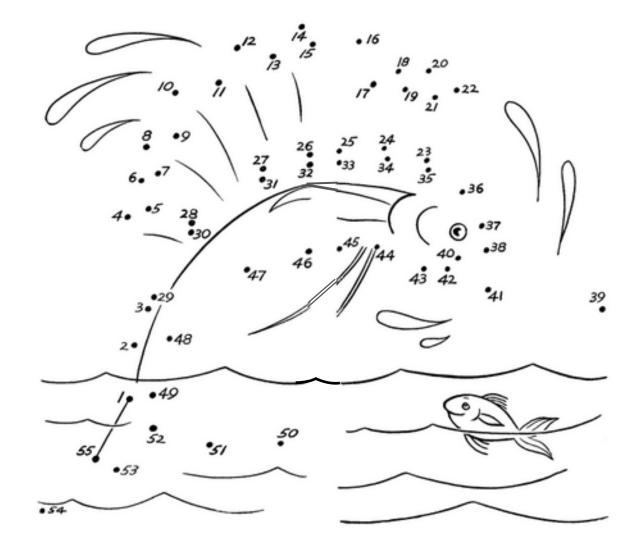
Everyone in the class was excited about the surprise excursion that the teacher had prepared for everyone. It would be to the zoo, the aquarium or an amusement park. All were waiting to see the unknown destination they would visit. They eagerly got on the bus and took off, when the teacher said they had arrived, their enthusiasm and joy changed as the read the sign: Nursing Home "Esperanza" (Hope).

The teacher asked each student to look for one of the elderly residents and converse with him or her, and added that they should be kind and caring because they rarely had visitors.

Lucia, who was super excited about the trip and quite disappointed since she thought they were going to a fantastic place, was willing to do what the teacher asked so she wouldn't get a bad grade

On entering the nursing home she could see a lady in a corner with a cane and dark glasses. She decided to approach her and said, "hi, my name is Lucia, I am in 6<sup>th</sup> grade and the teacher said..." but right away she was interrupted by the lady who said, " My name is Sofia, you see me here, I was a great dancer and worked in a circus next to my husband. We toured the world bringing our talent to the most needy. It was lovely; everyone applauded and was so happy to see us."

## Starting at 1, connect the dots and color your picture.



Both boys worked hard, taking responsibility for caring for the dogs. Thanks to their efforts the family of dogs continued to live their tranquil life in the park, but now the boys looked out for them carefully to be sure that they did not lack anything, and that no other ball would ever hurt them.

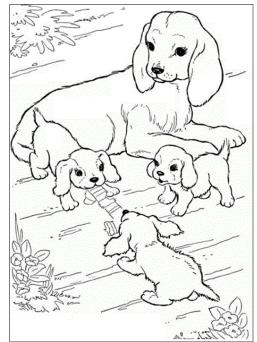
#### To reflect:

1) What was the favorite sport of Santiago and Tomas?

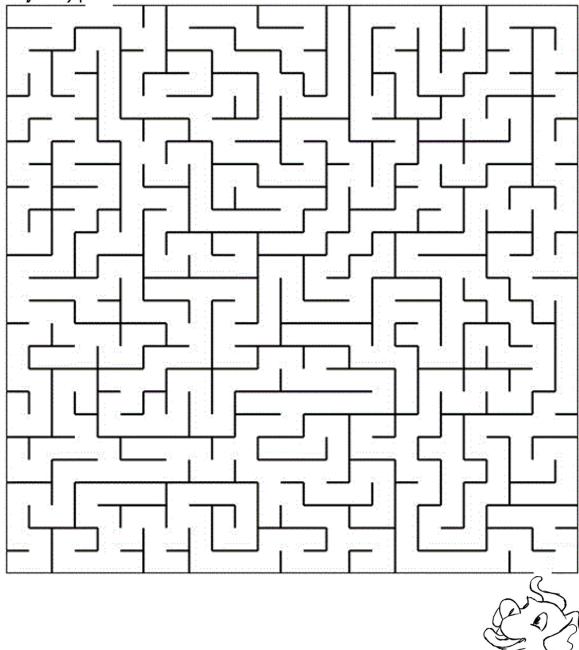
2) What happened when Santiago hit the ball?

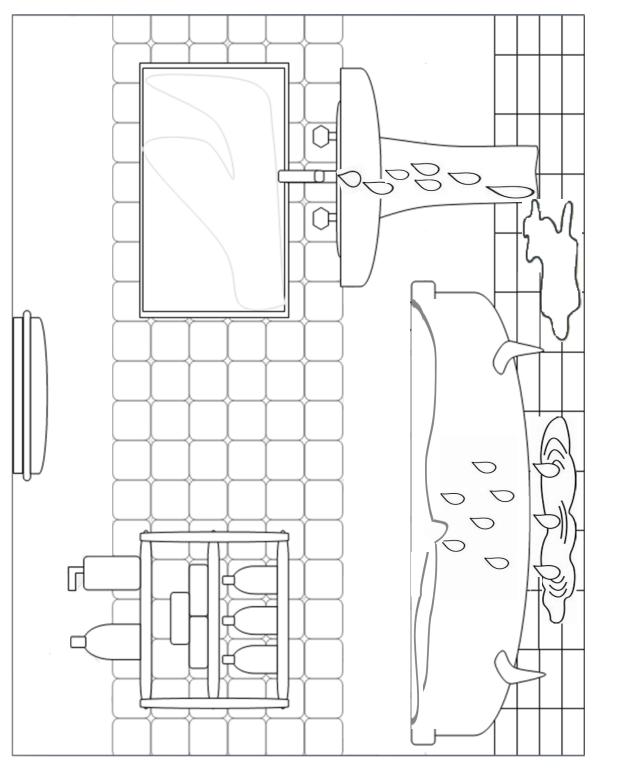
3) What did the boys do next?

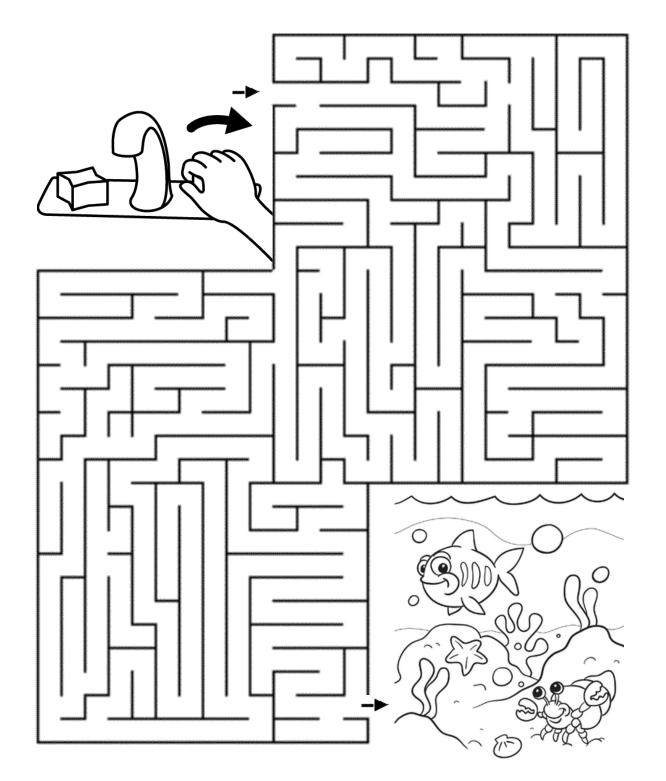
4) What is your responsibility to all of God's creation?













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Marcus was so surprised, so hot and thirsty, had not taken his bath, was sad for the dry plants, and the animals who had no water

He closed his eyes and cried out to the heavens, " I will never leave the tap open again, or waste even a drop of water!"

When Marcos opened his eyes he was in his bed. It seemed that it had all been a dream, but to be sure, he went to the bathroom to brush his teeth and thank God, there was water! But this time he remembered to turn off the tap.

From that day, Marcos understood the value of water and how necessary it is for life.

#### To reflect:

1) What did Marcos always forget to do?

2) Why was Marcos afraid?

3) What did he promise?

4) What would happen to you without water?

## Lesson #4

## WATER IS A PRECIOS GIFT FROM GOD.

Tema:

We have a responsibility to use it wisely.

Para Memorizar: You send the floodwaters to the rivers that run from the mountains. From this water the wild animals drink.

Psalm 104:10-11

"Did you turn off the tap after brushing your teeth?" was the question that Marcos heard every time he came out of the bathroom. He always forgot to turn it off. And not only in the bathroom, but he used to waste much water every day.

Marcos arrived home, took a long bath, then leaving both the sink and bathtub taps running, he went to bed.

The next morning was Saturday. Marcos did not have school and could sleep longer but it was so hot that he had to get out of bed quickly and take a bath. Then he realized there was no water. He went to the kitchen to take some from the refrigerator but there wasn't any there either. Marcos began to worry and ran to his neighbor to see if the same thing was happening to them.

It seemed that not only was the neighbor without water, but everyone! In the news the alarm went out that the world had been left without water

It seemed that people were not aware of the value of water and were wasting it uncontrollably.

Marcos could not believe what was happening. A WORLD WITHOUT WATER, this idea kept turning in his head. The heat was unbearable, and people went without bathing; plants began to dry up; rivers and lakes were empty, it was chaos!



# Lesson #3

# Before the great flood God instructed Noah to gather two of every living creature.

Tema:	We have a responsibility to protect all living creatures espe-
	cially those that are endangered.

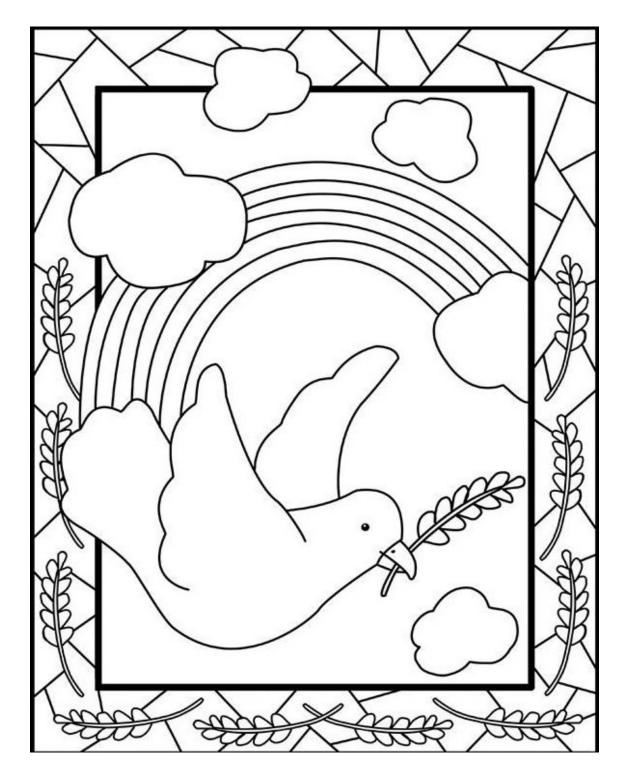
Para Memorizar: And of every living thing, of all flesh, you shall bring two of every kind into the ark, to keep them alive with you. Genesis 6:19a

One day God looked at all the people in the land and saw that each thought was full of sin.

The people of the land did not behave as God had shown them and to punish them he decided to make it rain without stopping for 40 days and 40 nights.

This was the Great Flood. Noah was a good man and God advised Noah to build an arc of wood where his family could stay and a pair of each animal of the sky and land. God made rain and filled water on every surface and killed all the creatures and all that lived with a storm so furious and terrible that never had seen anything like that in the world. Finally the rain stopped. Then the water was calmer and the sun shown in the sky, and finally you could see land. Noah sent a dove out and he brought a branch. This was a sign that the land was flowering. Then all left the arc, men and animals to populate again this place called Mesopotamia. The animals settled here and children of children were born and grandchildren, all forming distinct families and thus the human race propagated in the land. God promised to never flood the land and He put a rainbow in the sky as a sign of his promise.

We have a responsibility to protect all living creatures and especially those in danger.



## Did you memorize today's scripture? Try to fill in the blanks below.

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#### To reflect:

1) What was God's punishment to sinful people?

2) What did the storm do? How many days?

Who was protected?

3) What was the sign after the rain had stopped?

4) Where did the people settle?

Génesis 6:19

5) What was God's promise and his sign?

## **WORD SEARCH**

Noah, the Ark and the Rainbow

## Answer Key

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