



# Weekly Compass

## ISAIAH 54: 4-10 ESV

"Fear not, for you will not be ashamed; be not confounded, for you will not be disgraced; for you will forget the shame of your youth, and the reproach of your widowhood you will remember no more.

For your Maker is your husband, the Lord of hosts is his name; and the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer, the God of the whole earth he is called. For the Lord has called you like a wife deserted and grieved in spirit, like a wife of youth when she is cast off, says your God. For a brief moment I deserted you, but with great compassion I will gather you. In overflowing anger for a moment I hid my face from you, but with everlasting love I will have compassion on you," says the Lord, your Redeemer.

"This is like the days of Noah to me: as I swore that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth, so I have sworn that I will not be angry with you, and will not rebuke you. For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed," says the Lord, who has compassion on you.



Lesson Title: The Rainbow

Unifying Topic: Making a Promise

Scripture: Genesis 8:20-22; 9:8-17

Thought to Remember: Nothing is more certain than a promise from the God who cannot lie! (SLC)





# SIGNS OF GOD'S COVENANTS

AUGUST 28 - SEPTEMBER 3

Existing is to know hurt. If you have lived longer than the day you were born you may even be with remorse. Without any invitation guilt can accompany our lives like a long shadow on a hot summers day. But to rid yourself of such preconditions and consequences of sin, requires acknowledgment of someone greater than yourself. God is at hand!

The prophet spoke to a hopeless people preoccupied with the remorse, humiliation, and hurt that is so common in this life. Desperately seeking a way out, the people attended to his prophecy to hear the disclosure of the heart of God.

The one who created you has made a way back. The one who first loved you still looks at

you with loving eyes, and although we are deserving of separation, the Almighty God looks at you in earnest and he still sees his choice election. He remembered how the earth burst forth her chambers of water in the days of Noah, and how no longer He'll be angry with thee. He is a Redeemer!

## Talking Points

- What promises of God are you resting on?
- When did you realize that you are God's beloved?

## Prayer

Father, as the rainbow comforts us with your promise never again to destroy the earth by flood, may we also be moved to action by the coming destruction by fire. Amen! (SLC)