



CREATION FOR KIDS



A new start

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After the Flood, when Noah and his family came out of the Ark, God gave them a very special task. God blessed them and told them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth" (Genesis 9:1). This is similar to the task God had originally given Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, when he had said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it ...". God had gone on to say to Adam and Eve, "... and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky, and over every living thing that moves on the earth" (Genesis 1:28).



Now, since Noah and his family were the only people left alive, God was again issuing the command to spread out and fill the earth. However, this time there was one big difference.

God said to Noah and his sons, "And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be on every beast of the earth, on every bird of the air, on all that move on the earth, and on all the fish of the sea. They are given into your hand."

Why did God now make the animals afraid of man? Well, for one thing, the animals would now have had good cause to be wary. Before the Flood, God had said that people were to obtain their food from plants. Now God gave man permission to kill and eat animals.

God also said something else very important—against murder. He said to Noah, "Whoever sheds man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed, for in the image of God He made man." Did you notice the reason God gives? It is because man is made in the image of God. So the reason why murder is wrong, and deserves death, is because we are made in the image of God. Animals are not. We have not evolved from the animals.

The first thing that Noah and his family did after they came out of the Ark was to build an altar and offer a sacrifice to God for His goodness and mercy to them. Extra animals had been brought on board the Ark for this purpose. God now gave Noah a solemn promise that he would never again destroy the earth and all its living creatures with another worldwide Flood. God said the rainbow would now be a sign of this promise (Genesis 9:12–17), and He has kept it.





THE RAINBOW

Just as the fossils in the earth remind us that God once destroyed the earth with a worldwide Flood, the rainbow which we see after rain reminds us that He will never do so again.

Do you know where to see a rainbow?

To see a rainbow:

1. the sun must be shining,
2. you must have your back to the sun,
3. there must be rain (or mist) in front of you.

If the sun is not shining there will be no rainbow, and if it is too high in the sky the rainbow will be below the horizon. If you move towards a rainbow, it will appear to move away from you, so no two people see exactly the same rainbow at the same time!

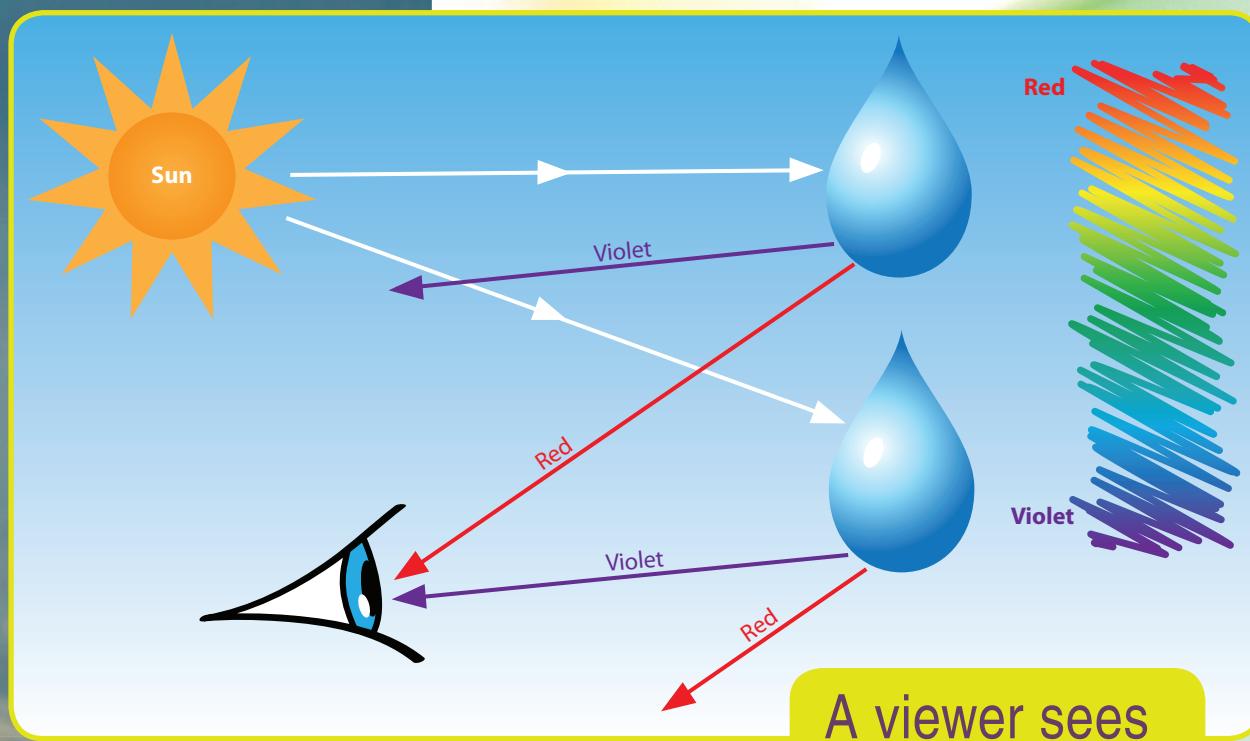
What causes a rainbow to appear?

When sunlight hits raindrops the white light is split up into a range of colours called a spectrum. This was discovered by the great creationist scientist Sir Isaac Newton. The light is bent (or refracted) as it passes through the raindrops and is reflected back. The different colours that make up sunlight are bent by different amounts, making them visible. The colours you see are often grouped as red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, and violet.

The Ark reminds us of Christ

The Flood was a judgment of God on the people of Noah's day because of their sin. God in His love gave them a way to be saved, if they had wanted to be. They just needed to heed Noah, who was "a preacher of righteousness" (2 Peter 2:5), and to go aboard the Ark. Sadly, Noah and his family were the only ones who did so.

God has told us in His Word, the Bible, that there is another judgment that everybody must face. After we die, we must give an account to God of the way we have lived and the things we have done in this life. God says that the sins we have done are serious and worthy of death. But because He



loves us, God has provided a way for people to be forgiven for all their sins, and so escape the consequences of this judgment. He sent His own dear Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to die on the cross to pay the penalty for our sins, and then to rise from the dead. God will give you His forgiveness, if you turn from your sin and ask Him for it.

Just as Noah and his family had to go through the door of the Ark to be saved, so we must put our faith and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ and what He has done. Jesus is like the door of the Ark for us. In fact, He said, "I am the door; if anyone enters through Me, he will be saved ..." (John 10:9).

A viewer sees the red part of a rainbow from one set of raindrops, and the violet part from a different set of raindrops, and so on. The violet part is bent more than the red part, which causes all the colours.