

and Eve, spread over the earth till there were a great many people in the world; and, sad to say, they nearly all were very wicked and disobedient to God. God was grieved and said, ch. 6:7.

*A Faithful Man*—There was one faithful man, "who walked with God." (v. 9.) Print NOAH.

*The Ark*—Draw outline. (A toy ark and animals may be used.)

*Golden Text*—Tell the story. Teach Golden Text.

*Noah's Obedience*—Picture Noah, with his family and the animals going up into the ark. (Name some of the animals.)

*The Flood*—In the springtime did you ever see the streets or the fields flooded with water? The story of some recent flood may be told. Describe the flood, ch. 7.

*The Dove*—Put on the board (or Book) a picture of a dove. Tell the story of the dove. Put a sprig of green in the dove's mouth as you tell the joyful news of the appearance of dry land. (New-Year's Day.) Tell the rest of the story (ch. 8). Draw outline of Mount Ararat, the ark resting on it.

*Noah's Thanks*—Tell a story of little Jack learning to swim, nearly drowning, Tom saving his life. Could he ever forget Tom's kindness? Would he not want to do something to show his gratitude? How did Noah thank God? Was God pleased with Noah? (Chap. 8:20, 22; 9:1-17.) How do we show our thanks?

*The Bow of Promise*—With different colored chalks draw a rainbow. Who ever saw a rainbow? Describe it. All stand and form a bow by touching finger tips over head. We say, "Oh, the rain is over, I see a rainbow." Tell of God's promise (covenant, bargain) with Noah. (Chap. 9:9-17.) (Some of God's other sweet promises may be repeated.)

*Jesus our Ark*—We have an ark of safety now, JESUS. Sing "Safe in the arms of Jesus." (No. 191, Book of Praise.)

*Story Book*—3rd page, "The First Covenant." A rainbow, below it the outline of Mount Ararat, the ark resting on it, some people and pairs of animals going from the ark, the dove with sprigs of green flying above. Below print "Jesus, our ark." "He is faithful that promised."

#### BLACKBOARD REVIEW

THE Awful wickedness of men.  
 Righteous Noah and his household Spared.  
 Kept by God's Grace and in God's way.

The Ark—with the story to which it belongs—stands for three very memorable facts: (1) The awful sinfulness of sin. It looked like a comparatively trivial thing, that first transgression in Eden—the mere eating of an apple. But, like the swiftly-multiplying plague germ, to what a terrible condition it has led—a world wallowing in wickedness, and so vile that only a deluge can cleanse it. (2) The worth of righteousness. See the full-length portrait of Noah in ch. 6:9. He "found grace in the eyes of the Lord" (v. 8), and so obtained life for himself and his household, and a new start for the human race. The righteous are the "salt of the earth" (Matt. 5:13). (3) The righteous are kept through all perils by God's almighty power. (John 10:28, 29; 1 Pet. 1:5; Rom. 8:29, 30.)