

Lesson 9: AFTER THE FLOOD

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Noah's Ark and the Lost World by John D. Morris

The Great Dinosaur Mystery and the Bible by Paul S. Taylor

When the rain finally stopped, all that was left to see on the earth was water. Looking down on the earth from a great distance, all you could see was water-water everywhere. Somewhere down there floated the Ark, all by itself on a the great sea. The Bible says that God remembered Noah, and every living thing on the Ark with him. He made a wind pass over the earth, and the water subsided. The foundations of the deep and the windows of heaven were stopped. Then the water began to return from off the earth continually.

God raised up high mountains, and lowered deep canyons so that the water had a place to go. Those deep canyons and basins are today's oceans, made by the waters from the flood. When you visit the Grand Canyon you can see layers upon layers of rock the were once mud. These rock layers were laid down by Noah's Flood. The deep canyon was cut as the waters raced off the land while layers were still relatively soft, just like mud or sand can be easily eroded.

In parts of the world whole forests had been ripped out of the ground by the Flood waters. Parts of them were later buried to form large beds of coal, while other organisms were buried in such a way they turned into oil and gas. These "fossil fuels" are the energy that we use today.

The floating logs and plants which didn't get buried under the ground, landed on top of the ground as the waters drained away. Insect eggs on the logs hatched and seed and sprigs began to sprout.

We read in the Bible, that as the water of the Flood went down, the Ark finally come to rest on top of the mountains of Ararat. The Ark landed after about five months of floating. Noah sent a raven out of the Ark. It flew back and forth, until the dates dried up. He also sent out a dove, but the dove could not find any place to rest because it was not a scavenger bird, so it came back to the Ark. After another seven days, Noah sent the dove again. In the evening she returned with an olive branch in her beak. Then Noah knew that the waters were abating. After another seven days he sent her out again, this time she did not return.

Six months after the Ark landed, Noah and his family were finally able to leave the Ark. After the Flood, the earth was a very different place from what it had been before the Flood. It must have looked desolate and empty when they first left the ark, with water everywhere, no trees and only small plants and grasses. All the old landmarks were gone, the Garden of Eden was destroyed forever. Mud and rock were everywhere. Cold, forbidding mountains stood where none had been before. Earthquakes and volcanoes continued to plague animals and man. Temperatures became extreme. Some parts of the world became much hotter after the Flood. This eventually dried up all the water and left great deserts. In other places, snow began to fall for the first time because of the freezing cold. A short "ice age" followed the Flood in some parts of the world.

Even though the world must have looked very frightening to Noah and his family when they left the ark, they praised God They knew that Lord had destroyed the earth and all that was in it for the rebellion against him. They knew that God had every right to do this, for He had made the earth, it was His to do so. Yet, God in his great mercy had spared Noah and his family, along with representatives of every kind of animal and creeping thing and bird.

Noah built an altar unto the Lord; he took of every clean animal and bird and offers it to the Lord as an offering. The Lord was pleased with Noah's worship. He said, "I will not again curse the ground for man's sake; for the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; nor will I again kill all life, as I have done. While earth remains, seed time and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, and night and day shall not cease."

God blessed Noah and his sons. He told them to be fruitful and have many children, and to refill the earth with people. He told them that from now on the animals would be afraid of man, but that man would have control of them, and they were for man to eat (before this man had only eaten plants for food) but man was never allowed to eat the blood of animals. God told Noah that anyone who murdered another person was to be put to death by the community. Because man is made in the image of God, and each life is precious.

Then God gave Noah and all mankind a wonderful promise. He said that he would never again send a flood to destroy the whole earth. God made this covenant with us and sealed it by giving a special sign. That sign is the rainbow. So every time that you see a rainbow, remember that God is also looking at it and remembering his promise to never again destroy the earth with a flood.

Learn:

“And the bow shall be in the cloud,
and I will look upon it,
that I may remember the everlasting covenant
between God and every living creature of all flesh
that is upon the earth.”

Genesis 9:16

Lesson 9 Craft: AFTER THE FLOOD

Supplies Needed:

2 sheets 8 1/2 by 11

Tape

Crayons or markers

Scissors

Paste

Pattern

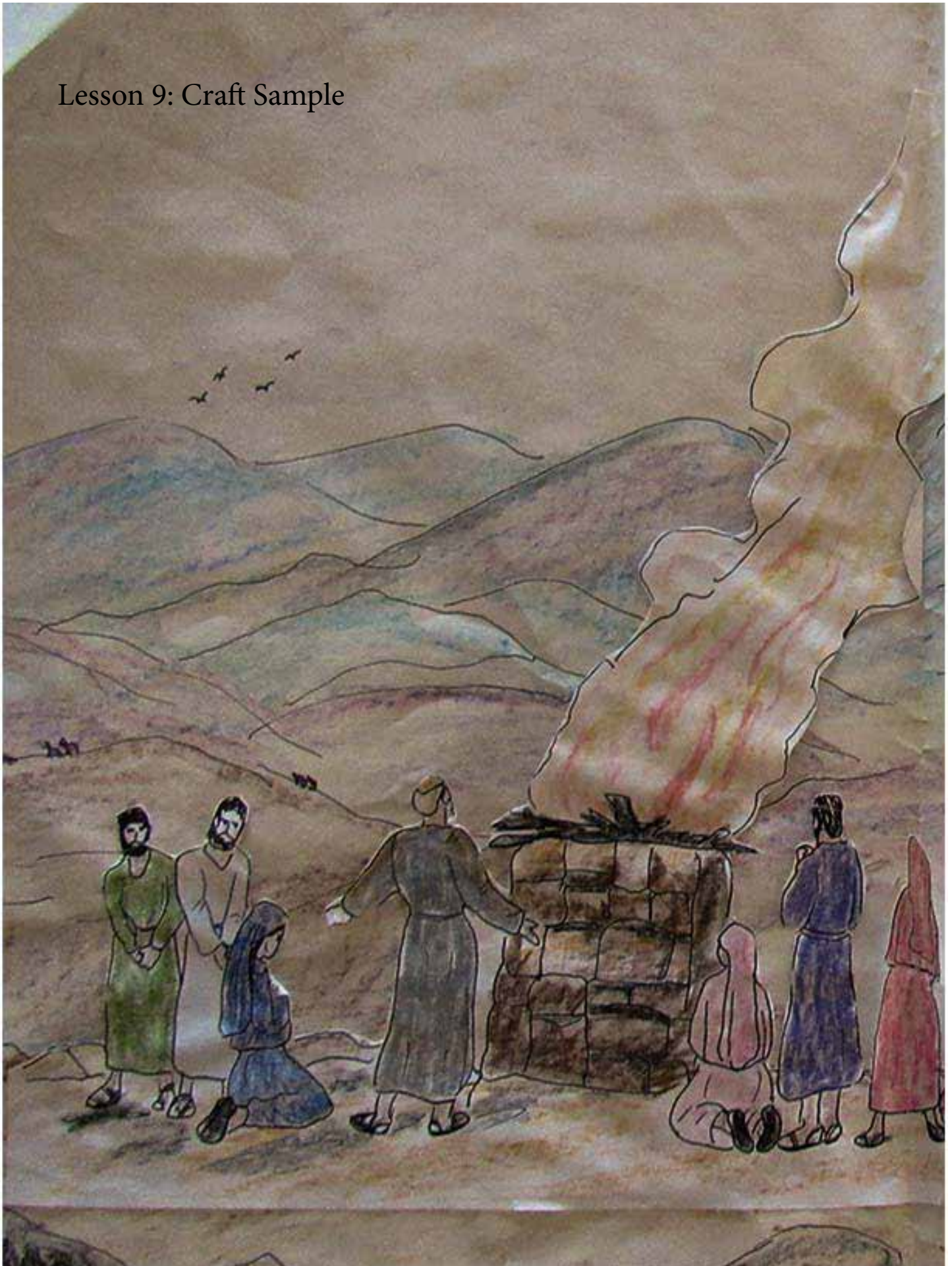
Instructions

1. Background sheet on paper. Use tape to but two 8 1/2 by 11 sheets of paper together.
2. Color pictures on sheet and cut them out.
 - Cut Noah, family, flame, and Altar as one piece.
3. Paste ark on mountain.
4. Paste rainbow.
5. Paste on background.

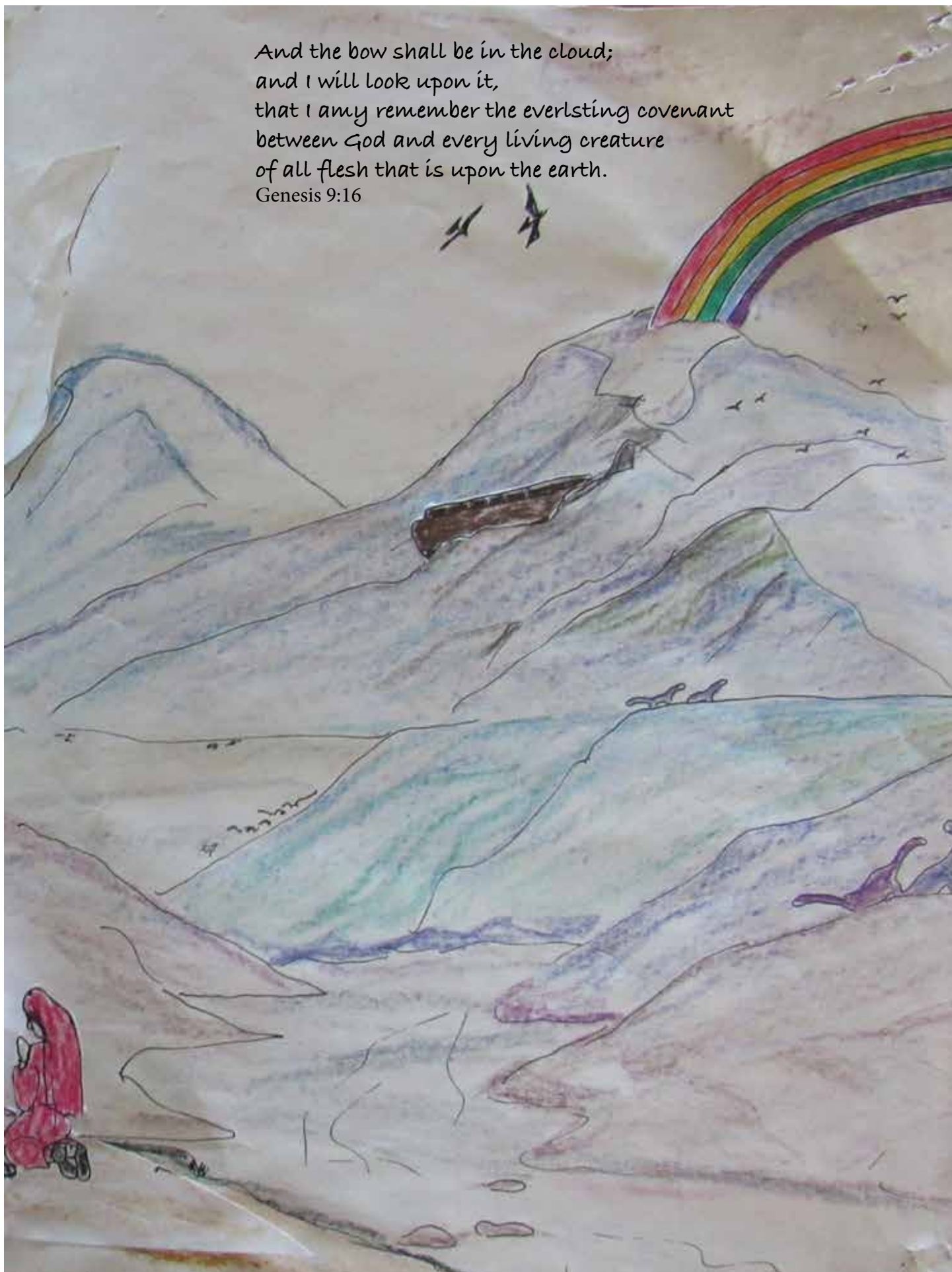
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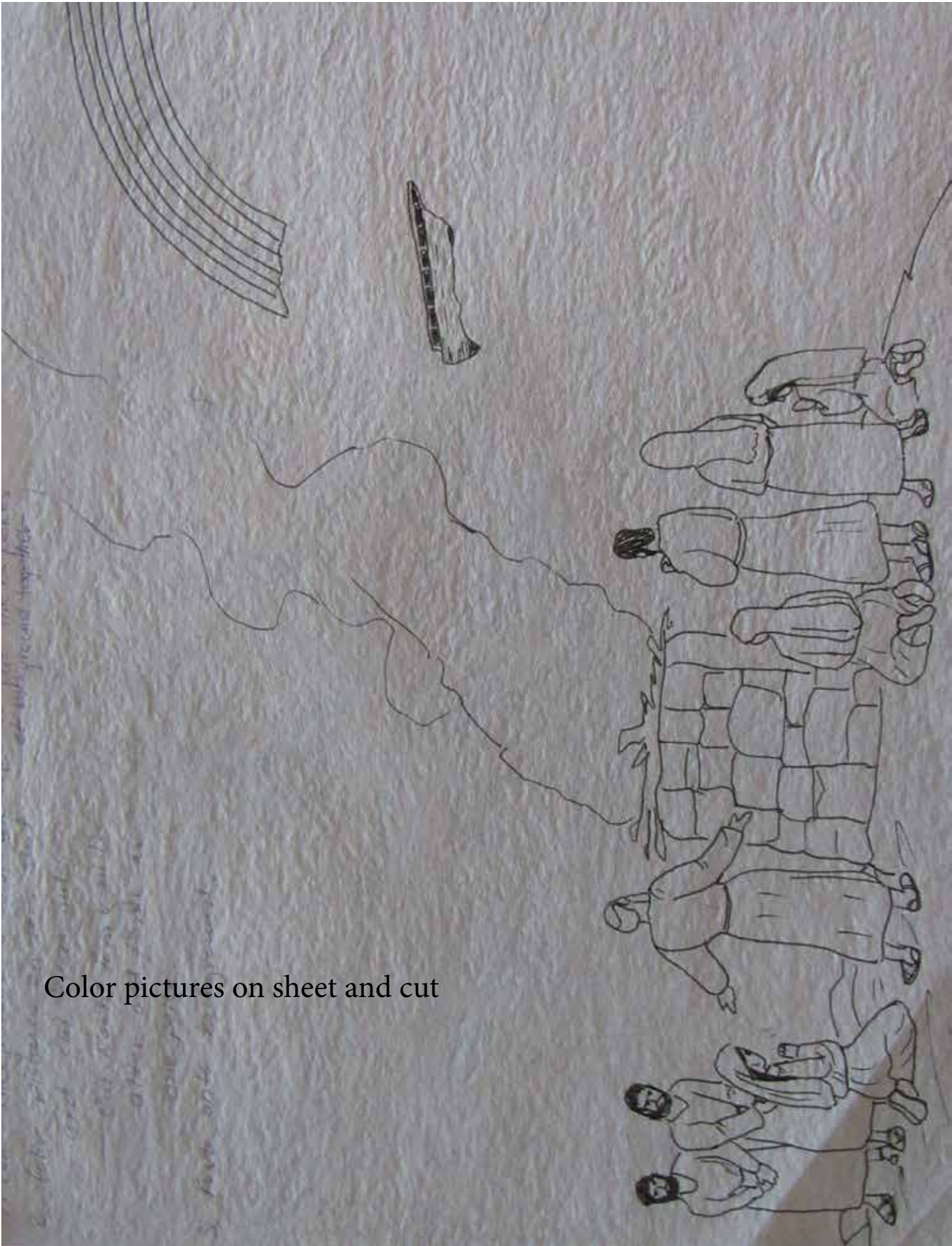
1. How do we know that there will always be a summer followed by a winter, and a night followed by a day?
2. What do we have to show us that God will never again send a flood to destroy the whole earth and all life on it?
3. Where did all the water go after the Flood?
4. How were coal, oil, and gas formed?
5. How were the deep canyons like the Grand Canyon formed?

Lesson 9: Craft Sample



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Color pictures on sheet and cut

