

# Create



## ✔ Prepare in Advance

- Facilitator: In advance of the session:
- Provide pens/pencils and paper for the writing option or keep an ongoing journal for participants to return to or take home each week.
  - Provide and keep a collection of art supplies for each week including but not limited to: crayons, chalk, color pencils, markers, glue, tissue paper, colored construction paper, paint brushes, watercolors, finger paints, scissors, and a variety of scrapbooking paper and old magazines.
  - Have the *Bible Background Video* ready to view.

## ✔ Breath of God

Ask someone to read Genesis 9:8-17. Then, show the *Bible Background Video*.

**Say:** In Genesis 9:8-17, brings us to the aftermath of the great flood. God makes a covenant with all of creation. Surely, our culture today is no less wicked than the one that was wiped out in the flood. Yet, God made a promise to not destroy the earth in that way ever again. Essentially, God seemed to change his mind and commit to a future relationship with a humanity that is far short of perfection.

Invite each participant to choose either the Writing or Visual approach and spend the next 20-25 minutes with that experience.

## ✔ Create- Writing

Invite participants to journal on the following questions: What does it mean to us if God can change? Is our world more secure or more unstable? How does the rainbow's reminder of God's covenant affect our lives today? Encourage writers to think of ways that humanity falls short of God's vision for creation. How does God respond to humanity's pitfalls? How can Christians respond?

## ✔ Create- Visual

Using the available art supplies, invite participants to create their own rainbows. For each color of the rainbow have participants write or draw ways that humanity falls short of God's design for creation. Then, have artists add God's responses to humanity onto their rainbows. Invite them to also write or draw ways that Christians can respond to humanity's wickedness in ways that lift up God's covenant instead of condemnation.

## ✔ Share

Call the group together. Invite participants to share their writings and creations with the large group.

**Ask:** How can we live up God's covenant with creation and reflect God's hope for humanity in today's world?

Close with prayer.

(After the session, consider finding a way to share the creations of the group- post pictures on Facebook, on a church website, or in a portfolio/frames kept either in a public place in the church or in your group's special gathering place).

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